



CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Before sending your Expression of Interest, check that:

- All questions are answered
- The project addresses the selection criteria (available from the Councils' website)
- The declaration is signed
- Applicant retains a copy of the Expression of Interest

TIMELINES AND DEADLINES

Calls for Expressions of Interest
1 October 2010

Expressions of Interest Due
12 November 2010

Successful Expressions of Interest notified
December 2010

Call for detailed applications
Feb 2011

Applications Close
31 March 2011

Selection process
April/May 2011

Successful applicants notified
June 2011

Funds distributed
After 1 July 2011

CONTACTING THE COUNCILS

For further information about the Professional Standards Councils and the Star Initiative Grants Program, please contact the Office of the Professional Standards Councils on:

Phone: 1300 555 772
Fax: (02) 8688 9675
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Internet: www.psc.gov.au



Professional
Standards
Councils



**Star Initiative
Grants Program**

Expression of Interest 2010

**Professional Excellence –
Consumer Protection**

WHO ARE THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCILS?

The Professional Standards Councils operate in the eight States and Territories of Australia. The Councils are responsible for the promotion of consumer protection and excellence in professional standards by encouraging the self-regulation of occupational groups through the implementation of *Cover of Excellence*® Schemes.

Schemes entitle participating members of occupational associations who have appropriate professional indemnity insurance and/or business assets, and who implement robust risk management strategies, to limit civil liability. In turn, the Schemes allow members of the occupational association to enjoy the reputation of the *Cover of Excellence*® logo, while creating better risk management practices for the benefit of consumers.



WHAT IS THE STAR INITIATIVES GRANTS PROGRAM?

The Star Initiative Grants Program provides financial assistance to individual members of occupational associations participating in *Cover of Excellence*® Schemes for projects that focus on the improvements of occupational standards in the areas of:

- Codes of ethics
- Codes of practice
- Quality management
- Risk management
- Complaints resolution
- Voluntary mediation
- Membership requirements
- Discipline of members and
- Continuing Occupational Education

WHO MAY APPLY?

Members of occupational associations participating in a *Cover of Excellence*® Scheme may apply.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Stage 1 Expression of Interest
- Stage 2 Full Grant Applications

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Star Initiative Grants Committee as established by the Councils will review Expressions of Interest and subsequent Full Grant Applications, based on merit, against its criteria. More detailed eligibility and selection criteria can be found at www.psc.gov.au.

The Star Initiative Grants Committee provides advice to the Professional Standards Councils in administering the grants program.

SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

All Expressions of Interest are to be submitted by e-mail to pscinfo@psc.gov.au or through the Councils' website www.psc.gov.au. All Expressions of Interest will be acknowledged within 14 days of receipt.

