

Financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2025

Professional Standards Council of Western Australia

To the Parliament of Western Australia

Report on the audit of the financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Professional Standards Council of Western Australia (Council) which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements are:

- based on proper accounts and present fairly, in all material respects, the operating results and cash flows of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2025 and the financial position as at the end of that period
- in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (applicable to Tier 2 Entities), the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Council for the financial statements

The Council is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (applicable to Tier 2 Entities), the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council is responsible for:

- assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Western Australian Government has made policy or funding decisions affecting the continued existence of the Council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors responsibilities/ar4.pdf

Report on the audit of controls

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the design and implementation of controls exercised by the Council. The controls exercised by the Council are those policies and procedures established to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with the State's financial reporting framework (the overall control objectives).

In my opinion, in all material respects, the controls exercised by the Council are sufficiently adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the controls within the system were suitably designed to achieve the overall control objectives identified as at 30 June 2025, and the controls were implemented as designed as at 30 June 2025.

The Council's responsibilities

The Council is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities are in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*, the Treasurer's Instructions and other relevant written law.

Auditor General's responsibilities

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of the controls as designed. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the overall control objectives and were implemented as designed.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the controls design to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of those controls. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including an assessment of the risks that controls are not suitably designed or implemented as designed. My procedures included testing the implementation of those controls that I consider necessary to achieve the overall control objectives.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Limitations of controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure, it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and implemented as designed, once in operation, the overall control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of the suitability of the design of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become unsuitable because of changes in conditions.

My independence and quality management relating to the report on financial statements and controls

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements,* the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Other information

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but not the financial statements and my auditor's report.

My opinions on the financial statements and controls do not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements and controls, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial statements

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements of the Professional Standards Council of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2025 included in the annual report on the Council's website. The Council's management is responsible for the integrity of the Council's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial statements and controls described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial statements are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the entity to confirm the information contained in the website version.

Mark Ambrose Senior Director Financial Audit Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia Perth, Western Australia 30 September 2025

Disclosures and legal compliance

Certification of financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2025

The accompanying financial statements of the Professional Standards Council of Western Australia have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the financial position as at 30 June 2025.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included within the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.

Mr John Vines OAM

Chair of the Professional Standards Council WA

30 September 2025

Ms Rachel Webber

R.Z. Weber

Council Member

30 September 2025

Mr Gerald Jayasinghe A/Chief Finance Officer

30 September 2025

Financial statements

The Professional Standards Council has pleasure in presenting its audited general purpose financial statements for the reporting period ended 30 June 2025 which provides users with the information about the Council's stewardship of resources entrusted to it. The financial information is presented in the following structure:

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Primary financial statements

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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	Notes		
COST OF SERVICES			
Expenses			
Supplies and services	2.1	245,175	215,589
Total cost of services		245,175	215,589
Income			
Scheme fees	3.2	163,700	139,400
Total income		163,700	139,400
Net cost of services		81,475	76,189
Income from State Government			
Resources received	3.1	94,165	91,027
Total income from State Government		94,165	91,027
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		12,690	14,838
Total comprehensive income for the period		12,690	14,838

The Statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Primary financial statements

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2025

	Neter	2025 \$	2024
	Notes		\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	337,591	365,126
Receivables	4.1	35,951	10,662
Total Current Assets		373,542	375,788
Total assets		373,542	375,788
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4.2	65,499	80,435
Total Current Liabilities		65,499	80,435
Total liabilities		65,499	80,435
Net assets		308,043	295,353
Equity			
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		308,043	295,353
Total equity		308,043	295,353

The Statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Primary financial statements

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Accumulated surplus \$	Total equity
		\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	280,515	280,515
Total comprehensive income for the period	14,838	14,838
Total	295,353	295,353
Balance at 30 June 2024	295,353	295,353
Balance at 1 July 2024	295,353	295,353
Total comprehensive income for the period	12,690	12,690
Total	308,043	308,043
Balance at 30 June 2025	308,043	308,043

The Statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Primary financial statements

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments			
Supplies and services		(164,588)	(94,270)
GST payments on purchases		(16,459)	(9,427)
Receipts			
Scheme fees		146,200	141,300
GST receipts from taxation authority		7,312	12,071
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		(27,535)	49,674
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(27,535)	49,674
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		365,126	315,451
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	5.1	337,591	365,126

The Statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Basis of preparation

The Professional Standards Council (the Council) is a Government not-for-profit entity controlled by the State of Western Australia, which is the ultimate parent.

A description of the nature of its operations and its principal activities has been included in the 'Overview' which does not form part of these financial statements.

These annual financial statements were authorised for issue by the accountable authority of the Council on 30 September 2025.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, the Conceptual Framework and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) as modified by Treasurer's instructions. Some of these pronouncements are modified to vary their application and disclosure.

The Financial Management Act 2006 and Treasurer's instructions, which are legislative provisions governing the preparation of financial statements for agencies take precedence over AASB pronouncements. Where an AASB pronouncement is modified and has had a significant financial effect on the reported results, details of the modification and the resulting financial effect are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars applying the accrual basis of accounting and using the historical cost convention. Certain balances will apply a different measurement basis (such as the fair value basis). Where this is the case the different measurement basis is disclosed in the associated note. All values are rounded to the nearest dollar

Accounting for Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except that the:

- a) amount of GST incurred by the Council as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is recognised as part of an asset's cost of acquisition or as part of an item of expense; and
- b) receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of cash flows on a gross basis. However, the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Contributed equity

Interpretation 1038 Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities requires transfers in the nature of equity contributions, other than as a result of a restructure of administrative arrangements, as designated as contributions by owners (at the time of, or prior to, transfer) be recognised as equity contributions. Capital appropriations have been designated as contributions by owners by TI 8 – Requirement 8.1 (i) and have been credited directly to Contributed Equity.

Comparative information

Except when an Australian Accounting Standard permits or requires otherwise, comparative information is presented in respect of the previous period for all amounts reported in the financial statements.

Judgements and estimates

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about financial information being presented. The significant judgements and estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements are disclosed in the notes where amounts affected by those judgements and/or estimates are disclosed. Estimates and associated assumptions are based on professional judgements derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Notes to the financial statements

2. Use of our funding

Expenses incurred in the delivery of services

This section provides additional information about how the Council's funding is applied and the accounting policies that are relevant for an understanding of the items recognised in the financial statements. The primary expenses incurred by the Council in achieving its objectives and the relevant notes are:

		Notes
Supplies and Services		2.1
2.1 Supplies and Services	2025	2024
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Supplies and services		
Agency and support services ^(a)	151,010	124,562
Administrative expenses ^(b)	94,165	91,027
Total supplies and services expenses	245,175	215,589

⁽a) This expenditure is incurred by the NSW Department of Customer Service and is charged back to the Council pursuant to the Inter-Departmental Service Agreement and includes the Office of the Auditor General audit fee.

Supplies and services expenses are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are incurred. The carrying amounts of any materials held for distribution are expensed when the materials are distributed.

⁽b) This expenditure relates to resources received free of charge from the Department of Justice.

Notes to the financial statements

3. Our funding sources

How we obtain our funding

This section provides additional information about how the Council obtains its funding and the relevant accounting policy notes that govern the recognition and measurement of this funding. The primary income received by the Council and the relevant notes are:

		Notes
Income from State Government		3.1
Other Income		3.2
3.1 Income from State Government		
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Resources received from other public sector entities during the period:		
- Corporate Services received free of charge from the Department of Justice	94,165	91,027
Total income from State Government	94,165	91,027

Resources received from other public sector entities is recognised as income equivalent to the fair value of services received that can be reliably determined and which would have been purchased if not donated.

3.2 Other Income

	2025	2024 \$
	\$	
Scheme Fees	163,700	139,400
Total other income	163,700	139,400

Scheme Fees are pursuant to *Professional Standards Regulations 1998*. Application fees are recognised on receipt and annual fees are recognised on a straight-line basis over the annual scheme period, with accruals raised where regulated fees have not been received at 30 June. Where a scheme year is not equal to the fiscal year, a portion of the revenue is deferred until the next fiscal year. During the current year and the prior comparative year there were no schemes in operation that required revenue deferral consideration.

Notes to the financial statements

4. Other assets and liabilities

This section sets out those assets and liabilities that arose from the Council's controlled operations and includes other assets utilised for economic benefits and liabilities incurred during normal operations:

		Notes
Receivables		4.1
Payables		4.2
4.1 Receivables		
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
Accrued revenue	20,850	3,350
GST receivable	15,101	7,312
Total receivables at end of the period	35,951	10,662

Receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectible amounts (i.e., impairment). The carrying amount of net receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

For receivables, the Council would recognise an allowance for expected credit loss (ECLs) on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment. However, the Council does not issue invoices as its receivables are paid in terms of statutory regulation. The Council has had no historical credit loss experience, so no expected credit loss is recognised by the Council with respect to these receivables.

4.2 Payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		····
Accrued expenses	65,499	80,435
Total payables at end of period	65,499	80,435

Payables are recognised at the amounts payable when the Council becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value as settlement for the Council is generally within 20 days.

Notes to the financial statements

5. Financing

This section sets out the material balances and disclosures associated with the financing and cash flows of the Council.

	Notes
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1

5.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	337,591	365,126
Balance at end of period	337,591	365,126

For the purpose of the Statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalent assets comprise cash on hand which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

6. Financial instruments and contingencies

This note sets out the key risk management policies and measurement techniques of the Council.

	Notes
Financial instruments	6.1
Contingent assets and liabilities	6.2

6.1 Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of each of the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	337,591	365,126
Financial assets at amortised cost ^(a)	20,850	3,350
Total financial assets	358,441	368,476
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost ^(b)	59,545	73,123
Total financial liability	59,545	73,123

⁽a) The amount of financial assets at amortised cost excludes GST recoverable from the ATO (statutory receivable).

Measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are carried without subsequent remeasurement.

6.2 Contingent assets and liabilities

There were no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

⁽b) The amount of financial liabilities at amortised cost excludes GST payable to the ATO (statutory payable).

Notes to the financial statements

7. Other disclosures

This section includes additional material disclosures required by accounting standards or other pronouncements, for the understanding of this financial report.

	Notes
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Key management personnel	7.2
Related party transactions	7.3
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7.1 Events occurring after the end of the reporting period.

There were no events occurring after the end of the reporting period.

7.2 Key management personnel

The Council has determined key management personnel to include cabinet ministers and members of the Council. The Council does not incur expenditures to compensate Ministers and those disclosures may be found in the *Annual Report on State Finances*.

The total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for members of the Council for the reporting period are presented within the following bands:

Compensation band (\$)	2025	2024
50,000 – 100,000	1	1
0 - 50,000	9	13
0 – 10,000	2	-
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Total compensation of senior officers	268,554	266,063

In accordance with the Professional Standards Agreement 2011, NSW sets the rates of remuneration payable to the members of the Council in accordance with the applicable guidelines for the remuneration of government boards. The NSW government manages payroll processing for the eight national Professional Standards Councils. The eight national Professional Standards Councils meet in unison. The above values represent total remuneration of the eight Professional Standards Councils. Per the Inter-Departmental Service Agreement, the Council is required to fund 3.28% (\$8,804) (2024: 2.62% (\$6,971)) of the Councils members' remuneration. Total compensation of 268,554 (2024: \$266,063) includes the superannuation expense incurred by the Council in respect of members.

Notes to the financial statements

7.3 Related party transactions

The Council is a wholly owned public sector entity that is controlled by of the State of Western Australia.

Related parties of the Council include:

- all cabinet ministers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- all members and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- other departments and statutory authorities, including related bodies, that are included in the whole of government consolidated financial statements (i.e. wholly-owned public sector entities); and
- associates and joint ventures of a wholly-owned public sector entity.
- The Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB).

Material transactions with related parties

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Council, there were no other related party transactions that involved key management personnel and/or their close family members and/or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

7.4 Related bodies

The Council had no related bodies during the financial year (2024: nil)

7.5 Affiliated bodies

The Council had no affiliated bodies during the financial year (2024: nil)

7.6 Remuneration of auditors

Remuneration paid or payable to the Auditor General in respect of the audit for the current reporting period is as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Auditing the accounts, financial statements, controls, and key		
performance indicators	15,369	14,100

7.7 Supplementary financial information

(a) Write-offs

There were no losses of public moneys or other public property through theft or default during the financial year (2024: nil).

(b) Losses through theft, defaults and other causes

There were no write offs of public money or other public property during the financial year (2024: nil).

(c) Gift of public property

There were no gifts of public property during the financial year (2024: nil).



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