



Prudential Standard APS 330

Public Disclosure

Objectives and key requirements of this Prudential Standard

This Prudential Standard requires certain authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs) to publicly disclose key prudential information, to contribute to the transparency of financial markets and to enhance market discipline. This Prudential Standard applies to ADIs that are locally-incorporated significant financial institutions.

The key requirements of this Prudential Standard are that an ADI must:

- make clear, comprehensive, meaningful, consistent, and comparable public disclosures of prudential information;
- cover key prudential metrics and information relating to risk profile and financial resilience, as defined by the *Basel Committee on Banking Supervision* (BCBS) and adjusted by APRA for the Australian context; and
- have a formal policy approved by the Board, with effective internal controls and procedures, to ensure its disclosures are appropriate and accurate.

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Authority

1. This Prudential Standard is made under section 11AF of the *Banking Act 1959* (the **Banking Act**).

Application

2. This Prudential Standard applies to all **authorised deposit-taking institutions** (ADIs) with the exception of:
 - (a) **foreign ADIs**;
 - (b) **non-significant financial institutions (non-SFIs)**; and
 - (c) **purchased payment facility providers**.

Additionally, APRA may determine in a particular case that this Prudential Standard applies to a foreign ADI or non-SFI.

3. A reference to an ADI in this Prudential Standard, unless otherwise indicated, is a reference to:
 - (a) an ADI on a **Level 1** basis; and
 - (b) a **group** of which an ADI is a member on a **Level 2** basis.
4. If an ADI to which this Prudential Standard applies is:
 - (a) the holding company for a group, the ADI must ensure that the requirements in this Prudential Standard are met on a Level 2 basis, where applicable; or
 - (b) a **subsidiary** of an authorised **non-operating holding company (authorised NOHC)**, the authorised NOHC must ensure that the requirements in this Prudential Standard are met on a Level 2 basis, where applicable.
5. This Prudential Standard commences on 1 January 2024.

Interpretation

6. Terms that are defined in *Prudential Standard APS 001 Definitions* appear in bold the first time they are used in this Prudential Standard.
7. Where this Prudential Standard provides for APRA to exercise a power or discretion, this power or discretion will be exercised in writing.
8. In this Prudential Standard, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to an Act, Regulations, or Prudential Standard is a reference to the Act, Regulations or Prudential Standard as in force from time to time.

Adjustments and exclusions

9. APRA may adjust or exclude a specific prudential requirement in this Prudential standard in relation to one or more ADIs or authorised NOHCs.¹

Previous exercise of discretion

10. An ADI must contact APRA if it seeks to place reliance, for the purposes of complying with this Prudential Standard, on a previous exemption or other exercise of discretion by APRA under a previous version of this Prudential Standard.

Key principles

11. An ADI must make clear, comprehensive, meaningful, consistent, and comparable public disclosures of prudential information as required in this Prudential Standard, so as to contribute to the transparency of financial markets and to enhance market discipline.

Disclosures must be clear

12. Disclosures must be presented in a form that is understandable to key stakeholders, including investors, analysts, financial customers and others, and communicated through an accessible medium. Important messages must be highlighted and easy to find. Complex issues must be explained in a simple language with important terms defined. Related risk information must be presented together.

Disclosures must be comprehensive

13. Disclosures must describe an ADI's main activities and all significant risks, supported by relevant underlying data and information. Significant changes in risk exposures between reporting periods must be described, together with the appropriate response by management.
14. Disclosures must provide sufficient information in both qualitative and quantitative terms on an ADI's processes and procedures for identifying, measuring, and managing those risks. The level of detail of such disclosure must be proportionate to an ADI's complexity.
15. Disclosures must be consistent with the manner in which the ADI assesses and manages risks and strategy, helping users to understand its risk tolerance and appetite. Where the minimum requirements for prudential disclosures set out in this Prudential Standard do not adequately capture this, the ADI must disclose additional information.

¹ Refer to subsection 11AF(2) of the Banking Act.

Disclosures must be meaningful to intended users

16. Disclosures must highlight an ADI's most significant current and emerging risks and how those risks are managed, including information that is likely to receive market attention. Where meaningful, linkages must be provided to line items on the balance sheet or the income statement. Voluminous disclosures that do not add value to users' understanding or do not communicate useful information must be avoided. Furthermore, information which is no longer meaningful or relevant to users must be removed.

Disclosures must be consistent over time

17. Disclosures must be consistent over time to enable key stakeholders to identify trends in an ADI's risk profile across all significant aspects of its business. Additions, deletions and other important changes in disclosures from previous reports, including those arising from an ADI's specific, regulatory or market developments, must be highlighted and explained.

Disclosures must be comparable across ADIs

18. The level of detail and the format of presentation of disclosures must be sufficient to enable key stakeholders to perform meaningful comparisons of business activities, prudential metrics, risks, and risk management between ADIs and across jurisdictions.

General requirements

19. An ADI must make the prudential disclosures as set out in the Standard made by the *Basel Committee on Banking Supervision* (BCBS Standard) titled "Disclosure requirements", as the BCBS Standard exists from time to time, subject to the modifications specified in Attachment A of this Prudential Standard. However, an ADI is not required to comply with the BCBS Standard to the extent that compliance with the BCBS Standard would be inconsistent with another requirement in this Prudential Standard.
20. The BCBS Standard covers key prudential metrics and information relating to an ADI's risk profile and financial resilience, including risk management approach, regulatory capital, credit risk, counterparty credit risk, securitisation, market risk, operational risk, interest rate risk in the banking book, macroprudential indicators, leverage ratio and liquidity.
21. The BCBS Standard, including disclosure templates and tables that an ADI must complete and disclose, is available on the *Bank of International Settlements* website.²
22. An ADI may make additional voluntary risk disclosure to present information relevant to their business model, to enable market participants to better understand and analyse the ADI's risk profile and financial resilience. Such

² https://www.bis.org/basel_framework/standard/DIS.htm.

additional voluntary disclosure must meet the key principles outlined in this Prudential Standard.

23. If APRA is not satisfied that the adequacy or quality of an ADI's prudential disclosures is consistent with the requirements set out in this Prudential Standard, APRA may, in writing, require the ADI to rectify the disclosures or to disclose further information.
24. APRA may require an ADI to commission an independent audit of its prudential disclosures. This may include where APRA has reason to believe that the information being disclosed is incorrect or misleading.

Disclosure policy

25. An ADI must have a formal policy relating to its prudential disclosures approved by the **Board**. The key elements of the policy must be summarised in the ADI's year-end public disclosure. The disclosure policy must set out:
 - (a) the ADI's approach to determining the content of its prudential disclosures; and
 - (b) the ADI's internal controls and procedures for disclosures, including the review process and verification process.
26. An ADI must maintain effective internal controls and procedures for public disclosures, so as to produce appropriate and accurate disclosures. The information provided by an ADI in prudential disclosures must be subject, at a minimum, to the same level of internal controls and procedures as for the ADI's financial reporting.
27. In exceptional cases, disclosure of certain items of information may prejudice the position of an ADI or any other person, by making public information that is proprietary, confidential or personal in nature.³ In such circumstances, an ADI may elect not to disclose this information and to instead disclose more general information about the subject matter of the requirement, together with commentary as to why the specific items of information have not been disclosed.

Verification of disclosures

28. An ADI must ensure that prudential disclosures are appropriately verified and must take steps necessary to ensure their reliability.
29. An ADI must ensure that its prudential disclosures are consistent with information that has been subject to review by an external auditor, is lodged or published elsewhere or has been already supplied to APRA.

³ Proprietary information encompasses information that, if shared with competitors, would render an ADI's investment in its products/systems less valuable by undermining its competitive position. Confidential information is that which an ADI possesses about customers or other persons that is confidential, being provided under the terms of a legal agreement or counterparty relationship. Personal information is as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*.

30. An ADI must attest in writing that prudential disclosures have been prepared in accordance with the ADI's disclosure policy. This attestation must be made by an Accountable Person of the ADI, and included in the disclosure.⁴

Frequency and timing of disclosures

31. An ADI must publish their disclosures as indicated in the relevant BCBS disclosure templates and tables. These vary between quarterly, semi-annual and annual depending on the specific disclosure requirement.
32. The prudential disclosures must be published concurrently with the lodgement of the ADI's financial reports under the Corporations Act. If a disclosure is required to be published for a period when an ADI does not produce any financial report, the disclosure requirements must be published as soon as practicable.

Presentation of disclosures

33. An ADI must include a 'Regulatory Disclosures' section on its website that is easily identifiable to users. An ADI must publish all required prudential disclosures under this Prudential Standard in a standalone document in the Regulatory Disclosures section on the ADI's website.
34. In addition, an ADI must also disclose quantitative information in a machine-readable format to facilitate the use of the data, such as in the form of a Comma-separated values (CSV) file.
35. An ADI must make available an archive of prudential disclosures relating to prior reporting periods for at least the past 12 months period prior to the most recent publication. This archive must be included in the 'Regulatory Disclosures' section on the ADI's website.
36. An ADI must include information on the composition of regulatory capital, main features of regulatory capital instruments, leverage ratio, liquidity, and links between financial statements and regulatory exposures, as required under the BCBS Standard, in:
- (a) an ADI's financial report; or
 - (b) an ADI's directors' report; or
 - (c) other information accompanying an ADI's financial report; or
 - (d) the Regulatory Disclosures section on the ADI's website, provided that the financial report, directors' report or other information accompanying the financial report includes a link to these completed disclosures.
37. An ADI must present their disclosure requirements in the prescribed form; either template or table. Templates must be completed with quantitative data in accordance with the definitions provided. Tables generally relate to qualitative requirements, but quantitative information is also required in some instances. An

⁴ Accountable Person has the meaning given in subsection 37BA of the Banking Act.

ADI may choose the format they prefer when presenting the information requested in tables.

38. Information provided in templates and tables must be meaningful to users. Disclosure requirements in the BCBS Standard that necessitate an assessment from an ADI are specifically identified. When preparing these individual tables and templates, an ADI must consider how widely the disclosure requirement applies. If an ADI considers that the information requested in a template or table would not be meaningful to users, for example because the exposures and risk-weighted asset (RWA) amounts are deemed immaterial, it may choose not to disclose part or all of the information requested. In such circumstances, however, the ADI must explain in a narrative commentary why it considers such information not to be meaningful to users. It must also describe the portfolios excluded from the disclosure requirement and the aggregate total RWA those portfolios represent.
39. For templates, the format is designed as either:
 - (a) fixed – where the format of a template is described as fixed, an ADI must complete the fields in accordance with the instructions given. If a row or column is not considered to be relevant to an ADI's activities or the required information would not be meaningful to users, the ADI may delete the specific row or column from the template, but the numbering of the subsequent rows and columns must not be altered. An ADI may add extra rows and extra columns to fixed format templates if it wishes to provide additional detail to a disclosure requirement by adding sub-rows or columns, but the numbering of the prescribed rows and columns in the template must not be altered; or
 - (b) flexible – where the format of a template is described as flexible, an ADI may present the required information either in the format provided or in one that better suits the ADI. The format for the presentation of qualitative information in tables is not prescribed. However, if presentation restrictions are prescribed in a template, an ADI must comply with these restrictions. In addition, when a customised presentation of the information is used, an ADI must provide information comparable with that required in the disclosure requirement (at a similar level of granularity as if the template or table were completed as presented).
40. An ADI must supplement the quantitative information provided in both fixed and flexible templates with a narrative commentary to explain at least any significant changes between reporting periods and any other issues that management considers to be of interest to market participants. The form taken by this additional narrative is at the ADI's discretion.

Attachment A – Modifications to disclosure requirements in the BCBS Standard

General modifications

1. An ADI must convert all references in the BCBS Standard to Euros to Australian dollars by multiplying by a factor of 1.5.
2. An ADI should only complete templates and tables that are mandatory for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) if required by APRA.
3. ‘Multilateral development banks’ include entities listed in paragraph 3(c) in Attachment B of *Prudential Standard APS 112 Capital Adequacy: Standardised Approach to Credit Risk* (APS 112) instead of the definition provided under the BCBS framework.

Comparison of modelled and standardised RWA

4. An ADI must use the relevant asset class definitions set out in APS 112 and *Prudential Standard APS 113 Capital Adequacy: Internal Ratings-based Approach to Credit Risk* (APS 113) when disclosing credit RWA for each asset class.

Remuneration

5. An ADI is not required to make remuneration disclosures under the BCBS Standard. An ADI must instead meet the remuneration disclosures as set out in *Prudential Standard CPS 511 Remuneration*.

Credit risk

6. When disclosing credit risk exposures, an ADI also must separately disclose its New Zealand exposures.
7. An ADI must use the default rate consistent with that used to estimate probability of default under APS 113, rather than as defined under the BCBS Standard.
8. A reference to ‘specific provisions’ in the BCBS Standard means ‘provisions held against non-performing exposures, or performing exposures that represent identified losses’.
9. A reference to ‘general provisions’ in the BCBS Standard means ‘provisions held against performing exposures that represent a purely forward-looking amount for future losses that are presently unidentified’.
10. When completing templates and tables relating to credit risk, an ADI must use equivalent terminology relevant for the APRA framework, including:
 - (a) ‘non-performing exposures’ as defined in *Prudential Standard APS 220 Credit Risk Management* (APS 220) rather than ‘defaulted exposures’; and

- (b) 'restructured exposures' as defined in APS 220 rather than 'forborne exposures'.
- 11. An ADI must use the relevant asset class categories and definitions set out in APS 112 and APS 113 when disclosing credit RWA for each asset class. This includes not making disclosures for the asset class 'high-volatility commercial real estate lending'.

Counterparty credit risk

- 12. An ADI is not required to make counterparty credit risk disclosures relating to the Internal Model Method or value-at-risk for securities financing transactions.

Securitisation

- 13. A reference to 'originator' or 'sponsor' means an 'originating ADI' as defined in paragraph 10(o) of *Prudential Standard APS 120 Securitisation* (APS 120).
- 14. An ADI is not required to complete disclosure requirements related to the BCBS's internal assessment approach, the 'simple, transparent and comparable' framework or the IRB securitisation framework.
- 15. An ADI must treat references to 1250 per cent risk weights as deductions from **Common Equity Tier 1 Capital** (CET1).
- 16. An ADI must treat references to the Standardised Approach (SEC-SA) as the Supervisory Formula Approach as set out in Attachment C to APS 120.

Market risk

- 17. An ADI is not required to comply with the market risk disclosures requirements set out in the BCBS Standard. An ADI must instead disclose the items set out in Table 1 and Table 2 to the extent applicable.

Table 1: Market risk – disclosures for ADIs using the standard method

Qualitative disclosures	(a)	<p>An ADI must describe its market risk management objectives and policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strategies and processes; • the structure and organisation of the relevant risk management function; • the scope and nature of risk reporting and/or measurement systems; • policies for hedging and/or mitigating risk and strategies and processes for monitoring the continuing effectiveness of hedges/mitigants; and • portfolios covered by the standard method.
Quantitative disclosures	(b)	<p>The capital requirements (in terms of risk-weighted assets) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interest rate risk; • equity position risk; • foreign exchange risk; and • commodity risk.

Table 2: Market risk – disclosures for ADIs using the internal models approach (IMA) for trading portfolios

Qualitative disclosures	(a)	<p>An ADI must describe its market risk management objectives and policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strategies and processes; • the structure and organisation of the relevant risk management function; • the scope and nature of risk reporting and/or measurement systems; • policies for hedging and/or mitigating risk and strategies and processes for monitoring the continuing effectiveness of hedges/mitigants; and • portfolios covered by the IMA. <p>In addition, a discussion of the extent of, and methodologies for, compliance with the prudential requirements for prudent valuation practices for positions held in the trading book contained in Attachment A of <i>Prudential Standard APS 111 Capital Adequacy: Measurement of Capital</i>.</p>
	(b)	The discussion must include an articulation of the soundness standards on which the ADI's internal capital adequacy assessment is based. It should also include a description of the methodologies used to achieve a capital adequacy assessment that is consistent with the soundness standards.
	(c)	<p>For each portfolio covered by the IMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the characteristics of the models used; • a description of stress testing applied to the portfolio; and • a description of the approach used for back-testing/validating the accuracy and consistency of the internal models and modelling processes.
	(d)	The scope of acceptance by APRA.
	(e)	<p>For the incremental risk capital charge and the comprehensive risk capital charge the methodologies used and the risks measured through the use of internal models. Included in the qualitative description must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the approach used by the ADI to determine liquidity horizons; • the methodologies used to achieve a capital assessment that is consistent with the required soundness standard; and • the approaches used in the validation of the models.
Quantitative disclosures	(f)	For trading portfolios under the IMA:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the high, mean and low value-at-risk (VaR) values over the reporting period and period end; • the high, mean and low stressed VaR values over the reporting period and period-end; • the high, mean and low incremental and comprehensive risk capital charges over the reporting period and period-end; and • a comparison of VaR estimates with actual gains/losses experienced by the ADI, with analysis of important ‘outliers’ identified in back-test results.
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Credit valuation adjustment risk

18. An ADI must only complete the credit valuation adjustment (CVA) risk qualitative disclosure requirements set out in the BCBS Standard, and publish its total CVA risk capital charge at quarter end.

Interest rate risk in the banking book

19. A reference to ‘non-maturity deposits’ under the BCBS disclosure templates means ‘core deposits’ within the meaning of *Prudential Standard APS 117 Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book*.

Leverage ratio

20. An ADI is not required to publish its leverage ratio buffers, unless specifically required by APRA.
21. An ADI must disclose the amounts of adjusted gross securities financing transaction assets based on quarter-end values and on an average of daily values over the quarter. The average of daily values over the quarter may be calculated as a best estimate, provided that this is undertaken on a consistent and prudent basis, with appropriate supporting governance and procedures.

Liquidity

22. Under the Liquidity disclosure requirements, an ADI is required to disclose its total High Quality Liquid Assets and Alternative Liquid Assets. As part of this disclosure, an ADI must also disclose its total liquid assets that are Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) eligible securities, which are securities that the RBNZ will accept in its domestic market operations.