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The republished law

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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see [Legislation Act 2001](#), s 133).



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An Act to make provision for the reform of the financial sector, and for other purposes

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Financial Sector Reform (ACT) Act 1999*.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

4 Act binds all persons

This Act binds all persons so far as the legislative power of the Territory permits.

Part 2 Conferral of functions and powers on APRA and ASIC

5 Conferral of functions and powers on APRA

- (1) APRA has the functions and powers conferred or expressed to be conferred on it under this Act.
- (2) APRA has power to do acts in the ACT in the performance or exercise of a function or power conferred or expressed to be conferred on APRA by or under a law of another jurisdiction corresponding to this Act.

6 Conferral of functions and powers on ASIC

- (1) ASIC has the functions and powers conferred or expressed to be conferred on it under this Act.
- (2) ASIC has power to do acts in the ACT in the performance or exercise of a function or power conferred or expressed to be conferred on ASIC by or under a law of another jurisdiction corresponding to this Act.

Part 3 Authorised deposit-taking institutions—transfer of business

7 Words defined in FS (TR) Act

Words defined in the [FS \(TR\) Act](#) have the same respective meanings in this part.

8 Authorised APRA officer

- (1) APRA may, in writing, authorise a person who is an APRA board member, or an APRA staff member, to perform or exercise the functions or powers of an authorised APRA officer under a particular provision of this part.
- (2) The functions and powers necessary for this section are conferred on APRA.

9 Voluntary transfers

- (1) The purpose of this section is to facilitate voluntary transfers of business under the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), part 3 for regulated bodies.
- (2) This section applies when a certificate of transfer issued under the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), section 18 comes into force under that [Act](#), part 3, division 3.
- (3) The receiving body is taken to be the successor in law of the transferring body, to the extent of the transfer.
- (4) In particular—
 - (a) if the transfer is a total transfer—all the assets and liabilities of the transferring body become the assets and liabilities of the receiving body without any transfer, conveyance or assignment; and

- (b) if the transfer is a partial transfer—all the assets and liabilities of the transferring body included in the list of assets and liabilities specified in the statement of detail become assets and liabilities of the receiving body without any transfer, conveyance or assignment; and
 - (c) to the extent of the transfer, the duties, obligations, immunities, rights and privileges applying to the transferring body apply to the receiving body.
- (5) If there is an approved section 20 statement in relation to the transfer that specifies—
 - (a) that particular things are to happen or are taken to be the case, those things are taken to happen, or to be the case, in accordance with the statement; or
 - (b) a mechanism for deciding things that are to happen or are taken to be the case, things decided in accordance with that mechanism are taken to happen, or to be the case, as decided in accordance with that mechanism.

10 Compulsory transfers

- (1) The purpose of this section is to facilitate compulsory transfers of business under the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), part 4 for regulated bodies.
- (2) This section applies when a certificate of transfer issued under the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), section 33 comes into force under that [Act](#), part 4, division 3.
- (3) The receiving body is taken to be the successor in law of the transferring body, to the extent of the transfer.
- (4) In particular—
 - (a) if the transfer is a total transfer—all the assets and liabilities of the transferring body become assets and liabilities of the receiving body without any transfer, conveyance or assignment; and

- (b) if the transfer is a partial transfer, all the assets and liabilities of the transferring body that are included in the list, referred to in the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), section 33 (2) (c), included in, or attached to, the certificate of transfer become assets and liabilities of the receiving body without any transfer, conveyance or assignment; and
 - (c) to the extent of the transfer, the duties, obligations, immunities, rights and privileges applying to the transferring body apply to the receiving body.
- (5) If the certificate of transfer includes provisions of a kind referred to in the [FS \(TR\) Act](#), section 33 (3) specifying—
 - (a) that particular things are to happen or are taken to be the case, those things are taken to happen, or to be the case, in accordance with those provisions; or
 - (b) a mechanism for deciding things that are to happen or are taken to be the case, things decided in accordance with that mechanism are taken to happen, or to be the case, as decided in accordance with that mechanism.
- (6) If there is an approved section 30 statement in relation to the transfer that specifies—
 - (a) that particular things are to happen or are taken to be the case, those things are taken to happen, or to be the case, in accordance with the statement; or
 - (b) a mechanism for deciding things that are to happen or are taken to be the case, things decided in accordance with that mechanism are taken to happen, or to be the case, as decided in accordance with that mechanism.

11 Certificates evidencing operation of pt 3

- (1) An authorised APRA officer may, by a written certificate signed by the officer, certify anything relating to the effect of this part, and, in particular may certify that—
 - (a) a particular asset of a transferring body has become a transferred asset of a receiving body; or
 - (b) a particular liability of a transferring body has become a transferred liability of a receiving body.
- (2) For all purposes and in all proceedings, a certificate under subsection (1) is evidence of the matters certified.

12 Certificates about land and interests in land

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a receiving body becomes, under this part, the owner of land, or an interest in land, situated in the ACT; and
 - (b) there is lodged with the registrar-general a certificate that—
 - (i) is signed by an authorised APRA officer; and
 - (ii) identifies the land or interest; and
 - (iii) states the receiving body has, under this part, become the owner of that land or interest.
- (2) The registrar general may—
 - (a) register or record the matter in the same way as dealings in land or interests in land of that kind are registered or recorded; and
 - (b) deal with, and give effect to, the certificate.

13 Certificates about other assets

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) an asset, other than land or an interest in land, becomes, under this part, an asset of a receiving body; and
 - (b) there is lodged with the entity who has, under the law, responsibility for keeping a register or record relating to assets of that kind a certificate that—
 - (i) is signed by an authorised APRA officer; and
 - (ii) identifies the asset; and
 - (iii) states the asset has, under this part, become an asset of the receiving body.
- (2) The entity may—
 - (a) register or record the matter in the same way as transactions relating to assets of that kind are registered or recorded; and
 - (b) deal with, and give effect to, the certificate.
- (3) This section does not affect the operation of the [Corporations Act](#).

14 Documents purporting to be certificates

A document purporting to be a certificate mentioned in section 12 or 13 is taken to be a certificate of that type unless the contrary is established.

15 Relationship of pt 3 with other laws

- (1) This part has effect despite anything in a contract, deed, undertaking, agreement or other instrument.

- (2) Nothing done under this part—
 - (a) places a receiving body, a transferring body or another person in breach of contract or confidence or otherwise makes any of them guilty of a civil wrong; or
 - (b) places a receiving body, a transferring body or another person in breach of—
 - (i) a Territory law; or
 - (ii) a contractual provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the assignment or transfer of an asset or liability or the disclosure of information; or
 - (c) releases a surety, wholly or partly, from all or any of the surety's obligations.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (1), if, apart from this section, the advice or consent of a person would be necessary for a particular purpose, the advice is taken to have been obtained or the consent is taken to have been given.

Part 6 Miscellaneous

48 Consequential and transitional regulations

- (1) The Executive may make regulations amending the provisions of this Act (other than this section) or any other Act in relation to any matter arising from, connected with or consequential on the enactment of this Act.
- (2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may be expressed to have taken effect on a day earlier than the day on which they are notified in the Gazette, not being a day earlier than the transfer date.
- (3) If regulations made under subsection (1) are expressed to take effect on a day earlier than the day on which they are notified in the Gazette, they do not operate so as to—
 - (a) affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the Territory or a Territory authority), the rights of that person existing at the day of notification; or
 - (b) impose liabilities on any person (other than the Territory or a Territory authority) in respect of any act or omission before the day of notification.
- (4) The Executive may only make regulations under subsection (1) during the period of 12 months commencing on the transfer date.

Dictionary

(see s 3)

APRA means the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority established under the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998* (Cwlth), section 7.

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission under the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* (Cwlth).

authorised APRA officer, in a provision of part 3, means a person authorised under section 8 to perform or exercise the functions or powers of an authorised APRA officer under the provision.

FSR Act means the *Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act (No 1) 1999* (Cwlth).

FS (TR) Act means the *Financial Sector (Transfer and Restructure) Act 1999* (Cwlth).

transfer date means the date that, under the **FSR Act**, section 3 (16), is specified as the transfer date for that Act.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the [Legislation Act 2001](#), part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

3 Legislation history

Financial Sector Reform (ACT) Act 1999 A1999-33

notified 25 June 1999 (Gaz 1999 S34)
s 1, s 2 commenced 25 June 1999 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 1 July 1999 (s 2 (2) and see Cwlth Gaz 1999 No S283)

as repealed by

Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 A2002-30 pt 4.3

notified LR 16 September 2002
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 19 May 1997 (LA s 75 (2))
pt 4.3 commenced 17 September 2002 (s 2 (1))

as revived by

Statute Law Amendment Act 2011 (No 3) A2011-52 amdt 3.94

notified LR 28 November 2011
s 1, s 2 commenced 28 November 2011 (LA s 75 (1))
amdt 3.94 commenced 12 December 2011 (s 2)
Note The revival took effect from the beginning of 18 September 2002.

as amended by

Statute Law Amendment Act 2011 (No 3) A2011-52 amdt 3.95, amdt 3.96

notified LR 28 November 2011
s 1, s 2 commenced 28 November 2011 (LA s 75 (1))
amdt 3.95, amdt 3.96 commenced 12 December 2011 (s 2)

Statute Law Amendment Act 2012 A2012-21 sch 3 pt 3.20

notified LR 22 May 2012
s 1, s 2 commenced 22 May 2012 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.20 commenced 5 June 2012 (s 2 (1))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2019 A2019-42 sch 3 pt 3.10

notified LR 31 October 2019
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 October 2019 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.10 commenced 14 November 2019 (s 2 (1))

Endnotes

4 Amendment history

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Commencement

s 2 om R1 LA

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s 3 sub [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.75

Words defined in FS (TR) Act

s 7 hdg am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.14

s 7 am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.14

Voluntary transfers

s 9 am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.14

Compulsory transfers

s 10 am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.14

Transitional provisions

pt 4 hdg om [A2011-52](#) amd 3.95

Repeals

div 1 hdg om R1 LA

Repeals

s 16 om R1 LA

Provisions relating to AFIC

div 4.2 hdg (prev pt 4 div 2 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Continuation and preservation of civil proceedings involving AFIC

s 17 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Continuation of offence proceedings

s 18 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Provisions relating to registrar of financial institutions

div 4.3 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Preliminary

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om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Meaning of *registrar* for div 4.3

s 19 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Office of registrar to continue

sdiv 4.3.2 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 sdiv 2 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Continuation of office of registrar for certain purposes

s 20 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Registrar's final report and financial statementss 21 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Abolition of office or registrar**

s 22 om R1 LA

Provisions about particular fundssdiv 4.3.3 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 sdiv 3 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Continuation and abolition of particular funds**s 23 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Payments out of credit unions contingency fund**s 24 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Winding-up of supervision fund**s 25 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Financial statements for credit unions contingency fund**s 26 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Auditor-general to report on fund**s 27 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Information may be given to APRA or ASIC**sdiv 4.3.4 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 sdiv 4 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Giving of information**s 28 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Transfer of registrar's assets and liabilities**sdiv 4.3.5 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 sdiv 5 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Transfer of assets and liabilities**s 29 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Proceedings involving registrar**sdiv 4.3.6 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 sdiv 6 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Continuation and preservation of civil proceedings involving the registrar**s 30 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**Continuation of certain offence proceedings**s 31 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95**APRA's and ASIC's functions and powers under codes**div 4.4 hdg (prev pt 4 div 4 hdg) renum R1 LA
om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Endnotes

4 Amendment history

Conferral of functions and powers relating to financial institutions

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AFIC code provisions

s 33 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Financial institutions code provisions

s 34 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Provisions for financial institutions code as applied under AFIC code s 40

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Only appropriately qualified person may be authorised etc

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Conferral of functions and powers

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Matters relating to deregistered societies

div 4.5 hdg (prev pt 4 div 5 hdg) renum R1 LA
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Meaning of *society* in div 4.5

s 38 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Application of div 4.5

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Society's property vested in ASIC s 29

s 40 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

ASIC may act for society

s 41 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Recovery from society's insurer

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Conferral of functions and powers

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Miscellaneous

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om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Dormant accounts

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Mergers and transfers of engagements started under financial institutions (ACT) code

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Australian financial institutions appeals tribunal

s 46 om [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.95

Consequential amendments

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Consequential amendments of other Acts

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Dictionary

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def **AFIC** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **AFIC (ACT) code** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **AFIC (ACT) regulations** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **AFIC code** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **AFIC regulations** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **appropriately qualified** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.76

def **APRA** sub [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.77

def **ASIC** sub [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.78

def **credit unions contingency fund** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **employee** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **enforcement power** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **financial institutions (ACT) code** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **financial institutions (ACT) regulations** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **financial institutions code** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **financial institutions legislation** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

def **FS(TB) Act** sub [A2011-52](#) amdt 3.96

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def **registrar** om [A2012-21](#) amdt 3.79

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Endnotes

5 Earlier republishing

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Some earlier republishing were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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Republishing No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republishing for
R1 25 Feb 2002	1 July 1999– 17 Sept 2002	not amended	new Act
R2 12 Dec 2011	18 Sept 2002– 11 Dec 2011	not amended	revival of Act by A2011-52 amdt 3.94
R3 12 Dec 2011	12 Dec 2011– 4 June 2012	A2011-52	amendments by A2011-52
R4 5 June 2012	5 June 2012– 13 Nov 2019	A2012-21	amendments by A2012-21

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