



Australian Institute of Building
Surveyors

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AIBS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME

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AIBS Professional Standards Scheme

Introducing the AIBS Professional Standards Scheme

AIBS produced 3 professional videos soon after the scheme commenced.

All 3 can be found on the Professional Standards Page on the [AIBS website](#).

[The video](#) I would like to share with you today in introducing the scheme is the one specifically directed to the Local Government sector.

AIBS Professional Standards Scheme

What is a Professional Standards Scheme

A Professional Standards Scheme is a legislative instrument that obliges AIBS to monitor, enforce and improve the professional standards of its members under the Scheme, thereby reducing risk for consumers of professional services.

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Why a Professional Standards Scheme for Building Surveyors

To address the very public criticism of building surveyors in the aftermath of several high profile building failures and raise the level of professionalism.

To also address the availability and affordability of Professional Indemnity (PI) Insurance.

To secure the long term viability of the profession and provide a rewarding and sustainable career path for the future.

About the AIBS Professional Standards Scheme

The AIBS Scheme was announced in the NSW Government Gazette on 21 May 2021, pursuant to section 13 of the Professional Standards Act 1994. It was then approved via mutual recognition by the WA Government signed off by the Attorney General.

The Scheme then commenced on 1 July 2021 across all States and Territories.

The AIBS Scheme has been approved for five (5) years.

The Scheme ensures that clients have access to appropriately qualified and skilled building surveyor practitioners for representation and advice, are insured appropriately, participate in continuing professional development, adopt appropriate risk management strategies and processes and are subject to a complaints and disciplinary structure.

The key objective of the Scheme is to change the professional culture and reduce the currently high level of liability of the profession

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Three Key Challenges for The Scheme

- A lack of understanding of Professional Standards Schemes generally leading to misconceptions.
- Perception of duplication in regulation.
- Considerably lower level of professional accountability in WA registration requirements than the Scheme

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The Benefits of the Scheme for Local Government & Next Steps

A one-stop 'cradle to the grave' professional network for building surveyors in both the public and private sector.

A concerted focus on career pathways for new entrants and allied professionals.

Promoting a greater understanding in the crucial role building surveyors play especially in life safety and protecting the public.

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Identifying Scheme Members

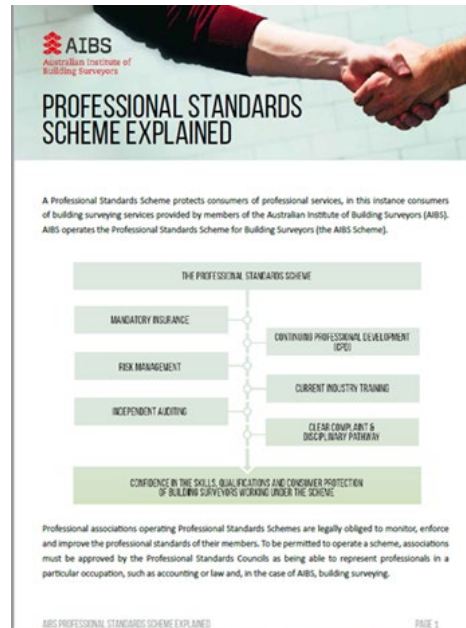
AIBS want to ensure that all members regardless of whether they are in local government or private practice are recognised for their higher level of professional accountability.



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More Scheme Information

This document summarising the Scheme can be found [here](#)



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Thank You