

Attachment 1 to CS 45: Draft instrument



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ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2026/XXX

I, <insert name>, delegate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, make the following legislative instrument.

Date 2026

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<signature>

<insert name>

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name of legislative instrument

This is the *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2026/XXX*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the later of:

- (a) the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation; and
- (b) 1 April 2026.

Note: The register may be accessed at www.legislation.gov.au.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 341(1) and 992B(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its term.

5 Simplified outline of this instrument

This instrument contains exemptions from the financial reporting requirements in Parts 2M.3 and 7.8 of the Act to allow:

- (a) entities to round amounts disclosed in a directors' report, a financial report and in financial statements for a financial services licensee; and
- (b) an item to be omitted from a financial report if the amount involved is nil.

Various requirements apply in relation to the exemptions.

6 Definitions

- (1) In this instrument:

alternative rounding factor means, in relation to a rounding factor, any of the following amounts which is less than the rounding factor:

- (a) 1/10th of 1 cent;
- (b) 1 cent;
- (c) \$1;
- (d) \$1,000;
- (e) \$100,000.

Act means the *Corporations Act 2001*.

eligible report means:

- (a) a financial report;
- (b) a directors' report required by section 298 or section 302 of the Act;
- (c) a profit and loss statement and balance sheet required by section 989B of the Act.

entity means any of the following:

- (a) a company;
- (b) a registered scheme;
- (c) a disclosing entity;
- (d) a financial services licensee;
- (e) a retail CCIV in relation to a sub-fund of the retail CCIV;
- (f) a registrable superannuation entity.

rounding factor means, in relation to an amount that is required or permitted to be stated exactly in an eligible report:

- (a) \$1,000, in relation to an entity with total assets in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet at the end of the relevant period of more than \$1,000,000,000, in respect of the following:
 - (i) details, values and aggregates required to be disclosed in the directors' report under paragraph 300(1)(g), subsections 300(8), (9), (11B) and (11C), paragraph 300(13)(a), paragraphs 300A(1)(c) and (1)(e) and subsections 300C(1), (4) and (6) of the Act;
 - (ii) amounts required to be disclosed under paragraph 50 of Accounting Standard AASB 2 *Share-based Payment (AASB 2)* or paragraph 168 of Accounting Standard AASB 1060

General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities (AASB 1060);

- (iii) remuneration of auditors required to be disclosed under paragraph 10 of Accounting Standard AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* or paragraph 98 of AASB 1060;
 - (iv) compensation of key management personnel required to be disclosed under paragraph 17 of Accounting Standard AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures (AASB 124)* or paragraph 194 of AASB 1060; and
 - (v) transactions between related parties required to be disclosed under paragraphs 18, 18A and 19 of AASB 124 or paragraphs 196, 198 and 199 of AASB 1060; and
- (b) 1/10th of 1 cent, in respect of amounts required to be disclosed in accordance with paragraphs 66 to 69 of Accounting Standard AASB 133 *Earnings per Share*; and
- (c) 1 cent, in relation to amounts required to be disclosed in accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of AASB 2, paragraph 164 of AASB 1060 and paragraphs 300(6)(c), (7)(d) and (7)(e) of the Act; and
- (d) \$1, in relation to an entity with total assets in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet at the end of the relevant period of more than \$10,000,000 but not more than \$1,000,000,000, in respect of the items listed in subparagraphs (a)(i) to (v); and
- (e) \$1, for all other purposes in relation to an entity with total assets in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet of less than \$10,000,000; and
- (f) \$1,000, for all other purposes in relation to an entity with total assets of more than \$10,000,000 and not more than \$1,000,000,000, in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet at the end of the relevant period; and
- (g) \$100,000, for all other purposes in relation to an entity with total assets of more than \$1,000,000,000 and not more than \$10,000,000,000, in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet at the end of the relevant period; and
- (h) \$1,000,000, for all other purposes in relation to an entity with total assets of more than \$10,000,000,000, in its consolidated balance sheet or if it does not prepare a consolidated balance sheet, its own balance sheet at the end of the relevant period.

Part 2—Order and exemption

7 Relief and exemption to enable rounding in a report

- (1) An entity does not have to comply with Part 2M.3 and Part 7.8 of the Act to the extent that those Parts require amounts required or permitted to be set out in an eligible report for a financial year or half-year (each a *relevant period*) to be stated exactly.

Where the relief or exemption applies

- (2) The relief or exemption in subsection (1) may be relied on where all of the following apply:
 - (a) the eligible report includes in substitution for an amount that would otherwise be required or permitted to be set out exactly:
 - (i) if the amount is half or less than half the rounding factor or alternative rounding factor—“nil” or the equivalent thereof; or
 - (ii) in any other case, the amount rounded up or down to the nearest whole number multiple of the rounding factor or alternative rounding factor;
 - (b) where an alternative rounding factor is applied under paragraph (a)(ii) instead of a rounding factor in relation to an amount, the alternative rounding factor is also applied in relation to every other amount in the eligible report for which the rounding factor is relevant;
 - (c) where an amount is substituted under paragraph (a), the corresponding amount in respect of the comparative financial year or half-year is also shown in accordance with that paragraph;
 - (d) where amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100,000 in accordance with subparagraph (a)(ii), those amounts are presented in the form of a whole number of millions of dollars and one place of decimals representing hundreds of thousands of dollars, with a clear indication that the amounts are presented in millions of dollars (for example, in column headings or by placing the word “million” after the amounts);
 - (e) none of the substitution or rounding of amounts in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (c) have the potential to adversely affect:
 - (i) decisions about the allocation of scarce resources made by users of the financial report (including consolidated financial statements, if any); or
 - (ii) the discharge of accountability by management or the directors of the relevant entity or in relation to the auditors;

- (f) the relevant eligible report states that the relevant entity is an entity to which this section applies and that amounts have been rounded off in accordance with this section;
- (g) the relevant eligible report clearly discloses on each page where amounts have been rounded the extent to which those amounts have been rounded.

8 Relief and exemption from including nil amount items in a report

- (1) An entity does not have to comply with Part 2M.3 and Part 7.8 of the Act to the extent that those Parts require a financial report to include an item where the amount that would be shown against the item (including any comparative amount) would be nil.
- (2) The relief or exemption in subsection (1) may be relied on where the amount would be nil because it is covered by subparagraph 7(2)(a)(i) or otherwise.

Part 3—Savings and transitional

9 Application of this instrument and *ASIC Corporations Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*

- (1) Part 2 applies in relation to an eligible report for a financial year or a half year ending on or after 30 June 2026.
- (2) *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* as in force immediately before its repeal continues to apply, despite its repeal, in relation to an eligible report for a financial year or a half year ending before 30 June 2026.

Part 4—Repeal

10 Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the start of 1 April 2031.

Schedule 1—Repeals

ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.