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RG 275 The deferred sales model for add-on insurance	28/7/2021	This guide is for issuers and distributors of add-on insurance. It provides guidance on the requirements that apply to providers of add-on insurance when complying with the deferred sales model, and how ASIC will approach applications for exemption from the deferred sales model.	MR 21-189 <u>Attachment 1 to RG 275</u> - Compliant form for hard copy provision of Customer Information (PDF 138 KB) <u>Attachment 2 to RG 275</u> - Data template for applications for exemption from the deferred sales model for add-on insurance (Excel 92 KB) LI 21/632 REP 695

# Amended or reissued regulatory guides

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
RG 104 AFS licensing: Meeting the	20/7/2021	This is a guide for AFS licensees and licence applicants.	MR 21-180
general obligations		This guide describes what we look for when we assess compliance	INFO 257
		with most of the general obligations under s912A(1) of the Corporations Act.	LI 21/429
		The general obligations not covered in this guide are covered in separate guides: see Table 1 in Section A.	REP 694
			RG 205
		Content updated for the introduction of the ASIC reference	INFO 126
		checking and information sharing protocol – new reference checking requirements for AFS licensees and credit licensees under the <i>Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission</i>	INFO 134
			INFO 229
		<u>Response) Act 2020</u> , commencing 1 October 2021.	Example references

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RG 205 Credit licensing: General conduct obligations	20/7/2021	Credit licensees must comply with general conduct obligations: see s47(1) of the <i>National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009</i> .	MR 21-180 INFO 257
		Licence applicants must be able to demonstrate in their licence application that they can comply with these general conduct obligations.	INFO 257 LI 21/429 REP 694
		As a credit licensee or licence applicant, you are responsible for deciding how to comply with the general conduct obligations.	RG 104 INFO 126
		To help you comply, Regulatory Guide 205 <i>Credit licensing: General conduct obligations</i> (RG 205):	INFO 134 INFO 229
		<ul> <li>outlines key compliance concepts that apply to all of the general conduct obligations</li> </ul>	Example references
		<ul> <li>describes what we look for when we assess compliance with various general conduct obligations, and</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>includes questions to help you design and test your measures for complying with the general conduct obligations.</li> </ul>	
		The general conduct obligations not covered in this guide are covered in separate guides: see Table 1 in Section A.	
		Content updated for the introduction of the ASIC reference checking and information sharing protocol – new reference checking requirements for AFS licensees and credit licensees under the <i>Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response) Act 2020</i> , commencing 1 October 2021.	
RG 94 Unit pricing: Guide to good practice	22/7/2021	Both APRA and ASIC have regulatory jurisdiction for aspects of the practice of life companies, superannuation providers and fund managers. After noting concerns about unit pricing practice in these entities in recent years, we undertook a joint review of unit pricing practice from July to December 2004.	INFO 216
		New cover page making minor technical updates to account for amendment of the <i>Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act</i> 1993.	
		NOTE: Updated only – issued date unchanged)	

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RG 221 Facilitating digital financial services disclosures	28/7/2021	This is a guide for financial services providers that use (or plan to use) technology, including email and the internet, to deliver financial product and financial services disclosures to clients. It:	No MR
		• explains how under Pts 7.6–7.9 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Corporations Act) most disclosures can be delivered digitally;	
		• outlines our view that in most cases it will be clear from the context that a client has provided or nominated their electronic address for the purpose of receiving disclosure under the Corporations Act, and no higher standard of consent is required to send to an electronic address compared to non-electronic methods;	
		• describes the relief available under ASIC Corporations (Facilitating Electronic Delivery of Financial Services Disclosure) Instrument 2015/647 to facilitate the delivery of disclosures by making the disclosure available digitally and notifying the client;	
		describes the relief available under ASIC Corporations     (Removing Barriers to Electronic Disclosure) Instrument     2015/649 to remove potential barriers to more innovative     disclosure; and	
		• sets out our 'good practice guidance' on digital disclosure.	
		Minor updates at RG 221.12 and Table 3 to include written consent to fees under fee arrangements.	
		NOTE: Issue date unchanged.	
RG 274 Product design and distribution obligations	1/9/2021	This guide is for issuers and distributors of financial products that must comply with the design and distribution obligations in Pt 7.8A of the Corporations Act.	No MR
		It explains our interpretation of the design and distribution obligations, our expectations for compliance, and our general approach to administering the obligations.	
		Note added at RG 274.157 explaining how issuers can notify ASIC of a significant dealing.	
		NOTE: Minor update – issue date unchanged	

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
RG 267 Oversight of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority	2/9/2021	<ul> <li>This regulatory guidance sets out how we will perform our oversight role in relation to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). It also includes the financial firms' AFCA membership obligations.</li> <li>This guide should be read in conjunction with Regulatory Guide 271 <i>Internal dispute resolution</i> (RG 271).</li> <li>Note: Regulatory Guide 165 <i>Licensing: Internal and external dispute resolution</i> (RG 165) applies to complaints received by financial firms before 5 October 2021, when RG 271 comes into effect. We will withdraw RG 165 on 5 October 2022.</li> <li>Note: From 27 July 2020, applications for relief should be submitted through the <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal</u>. For more information, see <u>how you apply for relief</u>.</li> <li>Minor amendments to incorporate the update of RG 271 (see below), which comes into force on 5 October 2021.</li> </ul>	MR 21-230 Summary of survey findings (infographic - PDF 661 KB) RG 271 SLI 21/753

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
RG 271 Internal dispute resolution	2/9/2021	This guide is for Australian financial services (AFS) licensees, unlicensed product issuers, unlicensed secondary sellers, trustees of regulated superannuation funds (other than self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs)), trustees of approved deposit funds, retirement savings account providers, Australian credit licensees (credit licensees) and unlicensed carried over instrument lenders (unlicensed COI lenders).	MR 21-230 Summary of survey findings (infographic - PDF 661 KB) RG 267 SLI 21/753
		The standards and requirements highlighted in this guide are enforceable.	REP 665 and summary of changes to RG 271
		It explains what these financial firms must do to have an internal dispute resolution (IDR) system in place that meets ASIC's standards and requirements.	
		Note: This guide comes into effect on 5 October 2021. For complaints received by financial firms before that date, Regulatory Guide 165 <i>Licensing: Internal and external dispute resolution</i> (RG 165) applies. We will withdraw RG 165 on 5 October 2022.	
		This guide should be read in conjunction with Regulatory Guide 267 <i>Oversight of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority</i> (RG 267).	
		Technical and clarifying amendments made to ASIC's IDR standards and requirements in RG 271 arising from stakeholder feedback: see <u>REP 665 and summary of changes to RG 271</u> .	
RG 78 Breach reporting by AFS licensees and credit licensees	7/9/2021	This guide is for Australian financial services (AFS) licensees and Australian credit licensees (credit licensees). It gives guidance on your obligation to report to ASIC certain	MR 21-235 SRG 78C (ASIC Digest numbering)
		breaches of the law under Div 3 of Pt 7.6 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> 2001 (Corporations Act) and Div 5 of Pt 2-2 of the <i>National Consumer Credit Protection Act</i> 2009 (National Credit Act).	INFO 259 REP 698
		Note: This guide does not cover certain reporting obligations: see RG 78.12.	
		Updated to include new regulatory guidance to help credit and Australian financial services (AFS) licensees meet new breach reporting obligations commencing 1 October 2021.	
		NOTE: <u>Superseded SRG 78 (PDF 782 KB)</u> continues to apply with respect to certain breaches before 1 October 2021	

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RG 38 The hawking prohibition	23/9/2021	This guide is for people who offer financial products for issue or sale.	REP 701
		It sets out our guidance on the hawking provisions in s992A and 992AA of the Corporations Act. In particular, this guide explains how to comply with the hawking prohibition contained in s992A, a prohibition that aims to protect consumers from unsolicited offers of financial products.	SLI 21/799
		Updated to reflect reforms to the anti-hawking regime under the <i>Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission</i> <i>Response) Act 2020</i> , commencing 5 October 2021.	
		Note: Title has changed from 'The hawking prohibitions'	
RG 174 Relief for externally administered companies and registered schemes being wound up	6/10/2021	<ul> <li>This guide is for registered liquidators and other persons who are externally administering the affairs of companies and winding up registered managed investment schemes (registered schemes).</li> <li>It explains when we will grant relief relating to:</li> <li>the financial reporting obligations of the Corporations Act</li> <li>the Australian financial services (AFS) licensee financial reporting obligations (for companies and responsible entities that are or have been AFS licensees)</li> <li>the compliance plan audit obligations (for registered schemes), and</li> <li>the requirement to hold an annual general meeting (for public</li> </ul>	MR 21-263 SLI 21/506 REP 703
		<ul> <li>companies).</li> <li>Updated to reflect new conditional relief provided to companies in external administration by:</li> <li>extending the time by which a company is required to prepare and lodge financial reports for a minimum period of six months and a maximum period of up to 24 months (deferral relief), and</li> <li>extending the time by which a public company is required to hold an AGM until two months after the deferral relief ends.</li> </ul>	

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
RG 21 How ASIC charges fees for	8/10/2021	This guide is for applicants for relief and their advisers.	No MR
relief applications		It explains how we calculate the fees we charge when we receive	RG 51
		applications to exercise our discretionary powers. It also describes:	RG 234
		when we charge fees for relief applications;	RG 275
		how we calculate those fees; and	INFO 82
		the fees we charge for standard applications.	INFO 198
		Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes relating to insurance.	
		NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	
RG 51 Applications for relief	8/10/2021	This guide is for applicants and advisers who are applying to ASIC for relief (i.e. by exemption or declaration (to omit, vary or modify)) under:	No MR
			RG 21
		the Corporations Act 2001	RG 234
		• the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993	RG 275
		the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009	INFO 82
		<ul> <li>the National Consumer Credit Protection (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2009</li> </ul>	INFO 198
		• the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001, or	
		• the Insurance Act 1973.	
		It sets out the types of applications that can be made, how to submit applications, our general approach to applications for relief, and the types of relief available.	
		Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes relating to insurance.	
		NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
RG 234 Advertising financial products	8/10/2021	This guide is for promoters of financial products, financial advice	No MR
and services (including credit): Good practice guidance		services, credit products and credit services, and publishers of advertising for these products and services.	RG 21
		It contains good practice guidance to help promoters comply with	RG 51
		their legal obligations not to make false or misleading statements or	RG 275
		engage in misleading or deceptive conduct.	INFO 82
		Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes relating to insurance.	INFO 198
		NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	
RG 275 The deferred sales model for	8/10/2021	This guide is for issuers and distributors of add-on insurance.	No MR
add-on insurance		It provides guidance on the requirements that apply to providers of add-on insurance when complying with the deferred sales model, and how ASIC will approach applications for exemption from the deferred sales model. Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes relating to insurance.	RG 21
			RG 51
			RG 234
			INFO 82
			INFO 198
		NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	

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RG 100 Court enforceable undertakings	22/11/2021	A court enforceable undertaking is an administrative remedy for contraventions of legislation administered by ASIC. It contains a set of undertakings provided by another person to ASIC that ASIC has accepted. This guide is for an entity or person and their legal advisers who are considering offering a court enforceable undertaking to ASIC. It explains our approach to accepting court enforceable undertakings under the legislation we administer, including:	No MR INFO 151
		<ul> <li>s93A or 93AA of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (ASIC Act),</li> </ul>	
		• s322 of the <i>National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009</i> (National Credit Act), and	
		<ul> <li>s262A of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SIS Act).</li> </ul>	
		Updated guidance explaining ASIC's approach to accepting court enforceable undertakings under the legislation it administers.	
		Note: Title has changed from 'Enforceable undertakings'.	
RG 72 Foreign securities disclosure relief	3/12/2021	This guide is for foreign entities and their advisers involved in the offer of foreign securities to Australian investors.	No MR SLI 21/895 (issued 4/11/2021)
		This guide outlines the relief we have granted from Chs 6D and 7 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Corporations Act) for offers of foreign securities and interests.	
		Technical amendment to add Oslo Bors (also known as the Oslo Stock Exchange) as an 'approved foreign market'.	
		Note: Update only – issue date unchanged	

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RG 121 Doing financial services business in Australia	8/12/2021	This is a guide for people or companies from overseas who propose to conduct a financial services business in Australia.	RG 121
		<ul> <li>It provides general guidance on the financial services regime in Australia, including:</li> <li>when a person or company from outside Australia may be required to hold an Australian financial services (AFS) licence to carry on a financial services business in Australia</li> <li>circumstances in which a person or company may be exempt from holding an AFS licence, and</li> <li>some of the obligations associated with being an AFS licensee.</li> <li>Minor technical update related to insurance: RG 121.24, RG 121.27, RG 121.36–RG 121.38 and Table 4–Table 7 updated to reflect that a person also provides a financial service if they provide a crowd-funding service (from 28 September 2017), or a superannuation trustee service or claims handling and settling service (from 1 January 2021).</li> </ul>	RG 166 RG 175 RG 244 INFO 105 INFO 218 INFO 243
RG 166 Licensing: Financial requirements	8/12/2021	Note: Issue date unchanged This guide sets out the financial requirements you must meet as the holder of an Australian financial services (AFS) licence. The requirements vary depending on the financial products and services you offer. Information for licensees entering into a Deed of Subordination (Pro forma 63) or Deed of Mutual Release (Pro forma 225) If you are a body regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), as defined in s3(2) of the <i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998</i> (APRA Act), and are not required to comply with s912A(1)(d) of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Corporations Act), RG 166 does not apply to you. Minor technical update related to insurance: Note to RG 166.69 amended to remove a reference to reg 7.1.33(2)(b) (now repealed) of the Corporations Regulations. Note: Issue date unchanged	RG 121 RG 175 RG 244 INFO 105 INFO 218 INFO 243

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RG 175 Licensing: Financial product	8/12/2021	This guide is for persons who provide financial product advice to	RG 121				
advisers—Conduct and disclosure		retail clients, and their professional advisers (such as lawyers). It considers how certain conduct and disclosure obligations in Pt 7.7	RG 166				
		and Div 2 of Pt 7.7A of the Corporations Act 2001 apply to the	RG 244				
		provision of financial product advice.	INFO 105				
		Minor technical update related to insurance: RG 175.106(d) inserted to clarify that an FSG is not required for certain claims	INFO 218				
		handling and settling services.	INFO 243				
		Note: Issue date unchanged					
RG 244 Giving information, general	8/12/2021	authorized representatives and advice providers who give information	RG 121				
advice and scaled advice			RG 166				
		<ul> <li>the differences between giving factual information, general</li> </ul>	RG 175				
		advice and personal advice, and	INFO 105				
		• how to meet the advice obligations in Ch 7 of the <i>Corporations</i>	INFO 218				
						<i>Act 2001</i> , including the best interests duty and related obligations, when giving 'scaled' advice (i.e. personal advice that is limited in scope).	INFO 243
		Our guidance aims to facilitate access for retail clients to good quality information and advice about all financial products.					
		Minor technical update related to insurance: Note added to RG 244.27 about certain communications in relation to handling and settling an insurance claim.					
		Note: Issue date unchanged					

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RG 1 AFS Licensing Kit: Part 1 – Applying for and varying an AFS licence	21/12/2021	<ul> <li>This is a guide for applicants applying for an AFS licence or to vary their licence, including foreign financial services providers relying on <i>ASIC Corporations (Foreign Financial Services Providers—Foreign AFS Licensees) Instrument 2020/198.</i></li> <li>Applicants should also read Part 2 of the AFS Licensing Kit (RG 2), which outlines how to: <ul> <li>complete the online forms FS01 Application for AFS licence and FS03 Application for variation of authorisation and other conditions and</li> <li>prepare 'core' supporting proof documents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applicants will need to read Part 3 (RG 3) if they are asked to send us 'additional' proof documents.</li> <li>Note 1: It is an offence under s1308 of the Corporations Act to provide false or misleading information to ASIC. ASIC must not grant an AFS licence if an application (including a material omission). False or misleading information in an application (including a material omission) is also grounds to revoke any licence granted based on the application.</li> <li>Note 2: From 27 July 2020, applications for relief should be submitted through the <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal</u>. For more information, see <u>how you apply for relief</u>.</li> </ul>	No MR RG 2

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RG 2 AFS Licensing Kit: Part 2 – 21/12/2021 Preparing your AFS licence application	21/12/2021	<ul> <li>This is a guide for applicants applying for an AFS licence or to vary their licence, including foreign financial services providers relying on ASIC Corporations (Foreign Financial Services Providers— Foreign AFS Licensees) Instrument 2020/198. This guide forms Part 2 of the AFS Licensing Kit and outlines how to:</li> <li>complete the online forms FS01 Application for AFS licence and FS03 Application for variation of authorisation and other conditions; and</li> </ul>	No MR RG 1
		<ul> <li>prepare core proof documents.</li> </ul>	
		An application for an AFS licence or a licence variation comprises the relevant application form and supporting core proof documents, with all of these documents provided to us at the same time.	
		Note: It is an offence under s1308 of the Corporations Act to provide false or misleading information to ASIC. ASIC must not grant an AFS licence if an applicant provides materially false or misleading information in its application (including by omission). ASIC may also cancel an AFS licence granted based on the application that contained materially false or misleading information (including by omission).	
		Applicants should also read Part 1 (RG 1), which explains the process of applying for and varying an AFS licence. Applicants will need to read Part 3 (RG 3) if they are asked to send us 'additional' proof documents.	
		Technical updates to reflect the requirement that entities providing a superannuation trustee service must have an AFS licence.	

# Legislative instruments

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC Corporations and Credit	Issued 19/7/2021	ASIC Corporations and Credit (Reference Checking and Information Sharing Protocol) Instrument 2021/429 gives effect to the reference checking and information sharing protocol for	MR 21-180
(Reference Checking and Information Sharing Protocol) Instrument	Registered 20/7/2021: F2021L01003		INFO 257
2021/429	Effective 1/10/2021	the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001 and the National	LI 21/429
	(later of 1 October 2021 or day after registration)	Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009.	REP 694
			RG 104
			RG 205
			INFO 126
			INFO 134
			INFO 229
			Example references
ASIC (Information under the Deferred Sales Model for Add-On Insurance) Instrument 2021/632	Issued 26/7/2021 Registered 29/7/2021: F2021L01042 Effective 5/10/2021 (later of 5 October 2021 or day after registration)	ASIC (Information under the Deferred Sales Model for Add-On Insurance) Instrument 2021/632 determines the information to be given to a customer, and the form and manner in which it is to be given, for the purposes of starting the add-on insurance deferral period as part of the Deferred Sales Model	MR 21-189 RG 275 <u>Attachment 1 to RG 275</u> - Compliant form for hard copy provision of Customer Information (PDF 138 KB) <u>Attachment 2 to RG 275</u> - Data template for applications for exemption from the deferred sales model for add-on insurance (Excel 92 KB) LI 21/632 REP 695

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ASIC Corporations and Credit (Breach Reporting—Reportable Situations) Instrument 2021/716	Issued 13/8/2021 Registered 17/8/2021: F2021L01128 Effective 5/10/2021 (later of 5 October 2021 or day after registration)	ASIC Corporations and Credit (Breach Reporting—Reportable Situations) Instrument 2021/716 amends licensees' breach reporting obligation contained in s 912DAA of the Corporations Act and 50B of the National Consumer Credit Protection Act so that individual breaches of our enforceable IDR standards contained in Regulatory Guide 271 Internal Dispute Resolution (RG 271) are not deemed to be 'significant' and so not automatically reportable. This amendment has been made so that licensees are not obliged to report minor and technical breaches of the IDR standards to us that are unlikely to cause consumer detriment, alleviating unnecessary reporting. Licensees will still have to consider the general 'significance' test as well as the other deeming provisions (such as where the breach results in material loss to consumers) where they breach the IDR standards.	No MR
ASIC Corporations (Extension of Time to Hold AGM) Instrument 2021/770	Issued 7/9/2021 Registered 8/9/2021: F2021L01243 Effective 9/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Extension of Time to Hold AGM) Instrument 2021/770 extends the time for certain classes of companies to hold an annual general meeting (AGM) to allow companies to plan and prepare for holding their AGMs in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on gathering and movement.	MR 21-236
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/767	Issued 7/9/2021 Registered 8/9/2021: F2021L01245 Effective 9/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/767 extends the relief provided to employee redundancy funds under the ASIC Corporations (Employee redundancy funds relief) Instrument 2015/1150 until 1 October 2024.	MR 21-241
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Repeal Instrument 2021/773	Issued 8/9/2021 Registered 9/9/2021: F2021L01247 Effective 11/10/2021 (later of 11 October 2021 or 20 business days after day of registration)	ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Repeal Instrument 2021/773 repeals the ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/509, which will be superseded by the ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/772 (see 'Determinations' below).	DET 21/772

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ASIC Corporations (Amendment and Repeal) Instrument 2021/799			MR 21-257 RG 38 REP 701

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/754	Issued 27/9/2021 Registered 29/9/2021: F2021L01334 Effective 30/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/754 amends the ASIC Corporations (Short Selling) Instrument 2018/745 so that the relief for deferred settlement trading arrangement will continue in effect with the remainder of ASIC Instrument 2018/745.	SLI 21/820 LI 21/821
ASIC Corporations (Repeal) Instrument 2021/820	Issued 27/9/2021 Registered 29/9/2021: F2021L01335 Effective 30/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Repeal) Instrument 2021/820 repeals ASIC Class Order [CO 11/272] Substantial holding disclosure: securities lending and prime broking.	SLI 21/754 LI 21/821
ASIC Corporations (Securities Lending Arrangements) Instrument 2021/821	Issued 27/9/2021 Registered 29/9/2021: F2021L01333 Effective 30/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Securities Lending Arrangements) Instrument 2021/821 modifies sections 608, 609 and 671B of the Corporations Act 2001 granting relief in relation to reporting substantial holdings, for certain entities involved in securities lending as part of their financial service business.	SLI 21/754 SLI 21/820
ASIC Credit (Breach Reporting— Prescribed Commonwealth Legislation) Instrument 2021/801	Issued 28/9/2021 Registered 30/9/2021: F2021L01364 Effective 1/10/2021 (later of 1 October 2021or day after registration)	ASIC Credit (Breach Reporting—Prescribed Commonwealth Legislation) Instrument 2021/801 provides temporary relief to limit the Commonwealth legislation in relation to which the breach reporting obligation in the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009 applies.	No MR
ASIC Corporations, Credit and Superannuation (Amendment) Instrument 2021/753	Issued 28/9/2021 Registered 29/9/2021: F2021L01343 Effective 30/9/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations, Credit and Superannuation (Amendment) Instrument 2021/753 amends the ASIC Corporations, Credit and Superannuation (Internal Dispute Resolution) Instrument 2020/98 to incorporate an updated version of Regulatory Guide 271 Internal dispute resolution (RG 271) and remove enforceability from four paragraphs that overlapped with existing legislative requirements.	MR 21-230 <u>Summary of survey findings</u> (infographic - PDF 661 KB) RG 271 <u>REP 665 and summary of</u> changes to RG 271 RG 267 SLI 21/753

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/506	Issued 1/10/2021 Registered 5/10/2021: F2021L01387 Effective 6/10/2021	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/506 amends the ASIC Corporations (Externally-Administered Bodies) Instrument 2015/251 to provide conditional relief to companies in external administration in relation to annual general meetings and financial reporting	MR 21-263 RG 174 REP 703
ASIC Corporations (Design and Distribution Obligations Interim Measures) Instrument 2021/784	Issued 1/10/2021 Registered 1/10/2021: F2021L01382 Effective 5/10/2021 (later of 5 October 2021 or day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Design and Distribution Obligations Interim Measures) Instrument 2021/784, together with ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/785, puts in place interim measures to provide certainty on the application of the design and distribution obligations regime consistent with the Australian Government's publicly stated policy intention, using ASIC's modification and exemption powers.	SLI 21/785 INFO 264
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/785	Issued 1/10/2021 Registered 1/10/2021: F2021L01382 Effective 5/10/2021 (later of 5 October 2021 or day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/785 amends the ASIC Corporations (Basic Deposit and General Insurance Product Distribution) Instrument 2015/682 and the Class Order [CO 14/1262] Relief for 31 day notice term deposits to put in place interim measures to provide certainty on the application of the design and distribution obligations regime.	SLI 21/784 INFO 264
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/848	Issued 13/10/2021 Registered 13/10/2021: F2021L01425 Effective 14/10/2021 (later of 14 October 2021 or day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/848 amends ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2021/268 to extend two temporary relief measures that facilitate access to timely and affordable personal advice for existing clients of providing entities that is in connection with the adverse economic effects of COVID-19.	MR 21-269 INFO 262

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ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/868	Issued 27/10/2021 Registered 28/10/2021: F2021L01472	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/868 amends multiple instruments to update references and correct drafting errors:	No MR
	Effective 29/10/2021 (later of 14 October 2021 or day after	ASIC Corporations (Non-Reporting Entities) Instrument 2015/841	
	registration)	ASIC Corporations (Audit Relief) Instrument 2016/784	
		ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785	
		ASIC Corporations (Qualified Accountant) Instrument 2016/786	
		ASIC Corporations (Extended Reporting and Lodgment Deadlines—Unlisted Entities) Instrument 2020/395	
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/895	Issued 4/11/2021 Registered 4/11/2021: F2021L01514 Effective 5/11/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/895 amends the definition of 'approved foreign market' in ASIC Corporations (Definition of Approved Foreign Market) Instrument 2017/669 so that the list now includes the Oslo Bors (also known as the Oslo Stock Exchange).	No MR
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver (Amendment) Instrument 2021/926	Issued 9/11/2021 Registered 10/11/2021: F2021L01527 Effective 11/11/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver (Amendment) Instrument 2021/926 extends the term of ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver 2020/870 to 30 November 2023.	No MR
ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Annual Determination) Instrument 2021/0936	Issued 15/11/2021 Registered 16/11/2021: F2021L01563 Effective 17/11/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Annual Determination) Instrument 2021/0936 specifies certain matters about the size and composition of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's regulated population and of the metrics that apply to each industry sub-sector within that regulated population for the 2020-21 financial year.	No MR LI 21/938

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Regulatory Costs) Instrument 2021/0938	Issued 15/11/2021 Registered 16/11/2021: F2021L01565 Effective 17/11/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Regulatory Costs) Instrument 2021/0938 specifies the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's regulatory costs and their attribution to each industry sub-sector for the 2020-21 financial year.	No MR LI 21/936
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/976	Issued 1/12/2021 Registered 2/12/2021: F2021L01691 Effective 3/12/2021 (day after registration)	<ul> <li>ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/976 implements temporary measures aimed at facilitating financial reporting by unlisted entities whose reporting processes take additional time due to pressures on audit resources and other impacts of COVID-19 by amending the following instruments:</li> <li>ASIC Corporations (Exempt Proprietary Companies) Instrument 2015/840</li> <li>ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785</li> <li>ASIC Corporations (Extended Reporting and Lodgment Deadlines—Unlisted Entities) Instrument 2020/395</li> </ul>	MR 21-323
		ASIC Corporations (Extension of Time to Hold AGM)     Instrument 2021/770	
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Repeal Instrument 2021/992	Issued 3/12/2021 Registered 6/12/2021: F2021L01715 Effective 12/1/2022 (later of 12 January 2022 or 20 business days after day of registration)	ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Repeal Instrument 2021/992 repeals ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/772 which is being replaced by ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/991 (see 'Determinations' below)	No MR

#### Notifiable instruments

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC Credit (Mandatory Credit Reporting—Auditor Appointment) Instrument 2021/829	Issued 30/9/2021 Registered 1/10/2021: F2021N00249 Effective 2/10/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC Credit (Mandatory Credit Reporting—Auditor Appointment) Instrument 2021/829 appoints persons as auditors for the purposes of Division 4 of Part 3-2CA of the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009.	No MR

# **Consultation papers**

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
CP 344 Remaking ASIC class order on when debentures can be called secured notes: [CO 12/1482]	1/7/2021	This consultation paper sets out ASIC's proposals to remake our class order on when debentures can be called secured notes. Under the <i>Legislation Act 2003</i> , this class order will expire ('sunset') if not remade.	MR 21-156
		We are seeking feedback from issuers of debentures and unsecured notes, law firms and other interested people on our proposal to remake, without significant changes, Class Order [CO 12/1482] <i>When debentures can be called secured notes</i> , which is due to expire ('sunet') on 1 April 2022.	
		Note: The draft ASIC instrument is available on our website under CP 344	
CP 345 Litigation funding schemes: Guidance and relief	9/7/2021	This consultation paper seeks feedback from litigation funding industry participants and other stakeholders.	MR 21-168
		It sets out ASIC's proposals about:	
		<ul> <li>providing guidance on key definitions; and</li> </ul>	
		relief for litigation funding schemes.	
CP 346 Updates to Revised RG 38	21/7/2021	This consultation paper seeks your feedback on our proposals for updating Regulatory Guide 38 <i>The hawking prohibitions</i> (RG 38) to reflect new legislative changes	MR 21-181
		In particular, we are proposing to revise and clarify our guidance on the types of communications and the nature and scope of consent to which the hawking prohibition applies. We are also proposing to add guidance on the right of return, which is a consumer remedy.	

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
CP 347 Proposed amendments to the prohibition on order incentives in the ASIC market integrity rules	25/8/2021	This paper sets out our proposal to amend the prohibition on order incentives in Part 5.4B of the <i>ASIC Market Integrity Rules</i> <i>(Securities Markets) 2017.</i> The purpose of our proposed amendments is to close a regulatory gap in the current rules, to circumvent the emergence of payment for order flow arrangements in Australia. We are seeking the views of interested stakeholders on our proposal.	MR 21-224
CP 348 Extension of the CFD Product Intervention Order	18/10/2021	This paper summarises ASIC's analysis to date of the impact of its product intervention order imposing conditions on the issue and distribution of contracts for difference to retail clients. The paper also sets out ASIC's proposal to extend the order so that it will remain in force until it is revoked. The proposal is subject to consultation, further analysis of the effectiveness of the order and Ministerial approval.	MR 21-274
CP 349 Remaking ASIC class order on PDS requirements where a general insurance quote is given: [CO <u>11/842]</u>	15/11/2021	This consultation paper sets out ASIC's proposal to remake our class order on PDS requirements where a quote for a general insurance product is given during a telephone call that is not unsolicited. Under the <i>Legislation Act 2003</i> , this class order will automatically repeal ('sunset') if not remade.	MR 21-301 Attachment to CP 349: Draft instrument
		We are seeking feedback from general insurers, law firms and other interested people on our proposal to remake, without significant changes, the following class order:	
		• Class Order [CO 11/842] <i>PDS requirements where a quote for a general insurance product is given</i> , which is due to expire on 1 April 2022.	

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
CP 350 Consumer remediation: Further consultation	17/11/2021	<ul> <li>This consultation paper is about our updated draft guidance on consumer remediation conducted by:</li> <li>Australian financial services (AFS) licensees;</li> <li>Australian credit licensees (credit licensees); and</li> <li>retirement savings account (RSA) providers.</li> <li>We are seeking feedback from these stakeholders, and also consumers and consumer representatives who have participated in a remediation.</li> <li>This further consultation follows Consultation Paper 335 <i>Consumer remediation: Update to RG 256</i> (CP 335).</li> </ul>	documents MR 21-307 Attachment to CP 350: Draft regulatory guide REP 707
CP 351 Superannuation forecasts: Update to relief and guidance	18/11/2021	<ul> <li>This consultation paper sets out ASIC's proposals to amend our legislative instruments on superannuation calculators and retirement estimates.</li> <li>We seek feedback from superannuation trustees, consumer groups, actuaries and other interested stakeholders on our proposals, which include: <ul> <li>a single instrument of relief for superannuation calculators and retirement estimates, and</li> <li>adopting a common framework for setting economic and financial assumptions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We also propose to update our guidance on superannuation forecasts as outlined in this paper.</li> </ul>	MR 21-309 Attachment 1 to CP 351: Draft instrument (PDF 470 KB) Attachment 2 to CP 351: Draft regulatory guide (PDF 630 KB)
CP 352 Communicating audit findings to directors, audit committees or senior managers	2/12/2021	The Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (ASIC Act) allows the direct communication of specific financial reporting and audit quality findings from our reviews of audit files to directors, audit committees or senior managers of companies, responsible entities or disclosing entities. This consultation paper seeks your feedback on our proposal to communicate findings from our reviews of audit files to directors of the entities audited on a routine basis rather than an exception basis.	MR 21-327 Attachment to CP 352: Draft regulatory guide

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
CP 353 Proposed amendments to the ASIC Derivative Transaction Rules (Clearing) 2015	6/12/2021	This consultation paper sets out our proposals to modify the contract types that are subject to the <i>ASIC Derivative Transaction Rules (Clearing)</i> 2015 made under s901A of the Corporations Act.	No MR
		We are seeking the views of interested stakeholders on our proposals.	
CP 354 ASIC relief for simple arrangements following a hardship notice: [CO 14/41]	8/12/2021	<ul> <li>This consultation paper seeks feedback from interested stakeholders on whether ASIC should:</li> <li>extend until 1 April 2024 the relief available for simple arrangements following a hardship notice under Class Order [CO 14/41] <i>Extension of transitional credit hardship provisions, without significant changes</i>; or</li> <li>allow this relief to expire if it is no longer a useful part of the regulatory framework.</li> </ul>	MR 21-339
		Class Order [CO 14/41] is due to expire on 1 March 2022.	
CP 355 ASIC seeks feedback on proposed intervention orders for short term credit and continuing credit contracts	9/12/2021	<ul> <li>ASIC has released Consultation Paper 355 Product intervention orders: Short term credit and continuing credit contracts (CP 355) on its proposed use of its product intervention powers to address significant consumer detriment in the short term credit and continuing credit contracts industries.</li> <li>CP 355 sets out ASIC's proposal to make, under Pt 7.9A of the Corporations Act: <ul> <li>a product intervention order in substantially the same terms as ASIC Corporations (Product Intervention Order—Short Term Credit) Instrument 2019/917 (short term credit product intervention order); and</li> <li>a product intervention order as set out in Consultation Paper 330 Using the product intervention power:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MR 21-341 Attachment 1 to CP 355: Draft legislative instrument - Short term credit Attachment 2 to CP 355: Draft legislative instrument - Continuing credit contracts
		Continuing credit contracts ( <u>CP 330</u> ) and the <u>Addendum</u> <u>to CP 330</u> (continuing credit contracts product intervention order). Comments close 21 January 2022.	

# Reports

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
REP 693 Response to submissions on ASIC's internal dispute resolution data consultations	19/7/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the submissions received on two rounds of consultation on establishing the internal dispute resolution (IDR) data reporting framework and our responses to those issues. We consulted on the IDR data reporting framework in Consultation Paper 311 <i>Internal dispute resolution: Update to RG 165</i> (CP 311) and the addendum to CP 311, published as Attachment 1 to Media Release (20-327MR) <i>ASIC seeks further feedback on internal dispute resolution data reporting requirements</i> (16 December 2020).	MR 21-177 <u>IDR Data Dictionary (Pilot</u> <u>version</u> ) (PDF 357 KB) <u>IDR Data Glossary (Pilot</u> <u>version</u> ) (PDF 627 KB)
REP 694 Response to submissions on CP 333 Implementing the Royal Commission recommendations: Reference checking and information sharing	20/7/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the submissions received on Consultation Paper 333 <i>Implementing</i> <i>the Royal Commission recommendations: Reference checking</i> <i>and information sharing</i> (CP 333) and details our responses to those issues.	MR 21-180 INFO 257 LI 21/429 RG 104 RG 205 INFO 126 INFO 134 INFO 229 Example references

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REP 695 Response to submissions on CP 339 on the deferred sales model for add-on insurance	28/7/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the submissions received on Consultation Paper 339 <i>Implementing</i> <i>the Royal Commission recommendations: The deferred sales</i> <i>model for add-on insurance</i> (CP 339) and details our responses to those issues.	MR 21-189 RG 275 <u>Attachment 1 to RG 275</u> - Compliant form for hard copy provision of Customer Information (PDF 138 KB) <u>Attachment 2 to RG 275</u> - Data template for applications for exemption from the deferred sales model for add-on insurance (Excel 92 KB) LI 21/632
REP 696 TPD insurance: Progress made but gaps remain	2/8/2021	Provides an update on ASIC's work on total and permanent disability (TPD) insurance focussing on how insurers in particular are addressing the issues identified in ASIC's Report 633 <i>Holes in the safety net: A review of TPD insurance claims</i> (REP 633): see 21-195MR	MR 21-195
REP 697 ASIC quarterly update: April to June 2021	4/8/2021	This report provides an update on ASIC's work undertaken between 1 April and 30 June 2021.	MR 21-201
REP 698 Response to submissions on CP 340 Breach reporting and related obligations	7/9/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the submissions received on Consultation Paper 340 <i>Breach reporting and related obligations</i> (CP 340) and details our responses to those issues.	MR 21-235 RG 78 INFO 259
REP 699 ASIC enforcement update January to June 2021	9/9/2021	This report provides an update on our enforcement action between 1 January and 30 June 2021. During this period, we continued to pursue our enforcement priorities and a fair, strong and efficient financial system for all Australians.	MR 21-239

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REP 700 Licensing and professional registration activities: 2021 update	15/9/2021	This report is for AFS licensees, Australian credit licensees, lawyers, application service providers and professionals working in financial services that are interested in the licensing and professional registration functions of ASIC.	MR 21-248
		The report outlines key issues, new and proposed changes to licensing processes, and other work we have undertaken that affects licensees. It also provides information and data on licensing and registration applications from the 2020–21 financial year.	
REP 701 Response to submissions	23/9/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the	MR 21-257
on CP 346 The hawking prohibition: Update to RG 38		submissions received on Consultation Paper 346 <i>The hawking prohibition: Update to RG 38</i> (CP 346) and details our responses to those issues.	RG 38
			SLI 21/799
REP 702 Competition in funds management	24/9/2021	Independent report prepared by Deloitte Access Economics, engaged by ASIC to examine competition between fund managers with a focus on outcomes delivered to investors in retail managed investment products	MR 21-258
REP 703 Response to submissions	6/10/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the	MR 21-263
on CP 337 Externally administered companies: Extending financial		submissions received on Consultation Paper 337 Externally administered companies: Extending financial reporting and AGM	LI 21/506
reporting and AGM relief		relief (CP 337) and details our responses to those issues.	RG 174
REP 704 ASIC quarterly update: July to September 2021	27/10/2021	This report provides an update on ASIC's work undertaken between 1 July and 30 September 2021.	MR 21-283
REP 705 Response to submissions	29/10/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the	MR 21-285
on CP 343 Crypto-assets as underlying assets for ETPs and other		submissions received on Consultation Paper 343 Crypto-assets as underlying assets for ETPs and other investment products	INFO 225
investment products		(CP 343) and details our responses to those issues.	INFO 230

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
REP 706 Response to submissions on CP 319 and [CO 11/272] Securities lending by agents and substantial holding disclosure	11/11/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the submissions received on Consultation Paper 319 <i>Securities lending by agents and substantial holding disclosure</i> (CP 319) and details our responses. It also covers our targeted consultation on the remake of Class Order [CO 11/272] <i>Substantial holding disclosure: Securities lending and prime broking.</i>	No MR
REP 707 Response to submissions	17/11/2021	This report highlights the key issues that arose out of the	MR 21-309
on CP 335 Consumer remediation: Update to RG 256		submissions received on <u>Consultation Paper 335</u> Consumer remediation: Update to RG 256 and details our responses to	CP 350
		those issues.	Attachment to CP 350: Draft regulatory guide
REP 708 ASIC's expectations for industry in responding to a market outage	24/11/2021	This report outlines the findings from our review of the market outage and other operational incidents that affected the ASX equity market in the week of 16 November 2020. It presents our observations on how ASX and key stakeholders were impacted by and responded to the issues, and sets expectations to support the resilience and robustness of the Australian equity market.	MR 21-313
REP 709 Audit inspection report: 1	30/11/2021	This report sets out findings from our review of audit files for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The report also considers and suggests approaches to audit firm culture and talent, outlines our focus areas for individual audits and our regulatory	MR 21-321
July 2020 to 30 June 2021			REP 710
			REP 711
		responses.	REP 712
		This report will be of interest to audit firms, directors, audit committees, investors and other stakeholders interested in	REP 713
		financial reporting and audits.	REP 714
			REP 715

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
REP 710 BDO firms in Australia:	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at BDO firms in Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of BDO's approach to culture and talent.	MR 21-321
Audit inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021			REP 709
			REP 711
			REP 712
			REP 713
			REP 714
			REP 715
REP 711 Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at	MR 21-321
Australia: Audit inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021		Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of Deloitte's approach to culture and talent.	REP 709
			REP 710
			REP 712
			REP 713
			REP 714
			REP 715
REP 712 Ernst & Young Australia:	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at	MR 21-321
Audit inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021		Ernst & Young Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of EY's approach to culture and talent.	REP 709
		2021 and aspects of LT's approach to culture and talent.	REP 710
			REP 711
			REP 713
			REP 714
			REP 715

Title	Release Date	Details	Media release and related documents
REP 713 Grant Thornton Australia	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at	MR 21-321
Limited: Audit inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021		Grant Thornton Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of Grant Thornton's approach to culture and	REP 709
		talent.	REP 710
			REP 711
			REP 712
			REP 714
			REP 715
REP 714 KPMG Australia: Audit	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at	MR 21-321
inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021		KPMG Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of KPMG's approach to culture and talent.	REP 709
			REP 710
			REP 711
			REP 712
			REP 713
			REP 715
REP 715 PricewaterhouseCoopers	30/11/2021	This report sets out our findings from reviewing audit files at	MR 21-321
Australia: Audit inspection report—1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021		PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and aspects of PwC's approach to culture and	REP 709
		talent.	REP 710
			REP 711
			REP 712
			REP 713
			REP 714
REP 716 Cyber resilience of firms in Australia's financial markets: 2020–21	6/12/2021	This report provides an update to <u>Report 651</u> <i>Cyber resilience of firms in Australia's financial markets: 2018–19</i> (REP 651). It identifies key trends from self-assessment surveys completed by financial markets firms, and highlights existing good practices and areas for improvement.	MR 21-331

### Rules

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
No rules issued in Jan–Dec 2021			

#### **Class rule waivers**

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
No class rule waivers issued in Jan– Dec 2021			

#### **Determinations**

Title	Dates	Details	Media release and related documents
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/772	Issued 8/9/2021 Registered 9/9/2021: F2021L01250 Effective 11/10/2021 (later of 11 October 2021 or 20 business days after the day of registration)	ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/772 determines Tier 1 Equity Market Products and Tier 2 Equity Market Products under subrule 6.2.1(4) of the ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) 2017.	No MR SLI 21/773
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/991	Issued 3/12/2021 Registered 6/12/2021: F2021L01716 Effective 12/1/2022 (later of 12 January 2022 or 20 business days after day of registration)	ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2021/991 maintains the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's policy of determining the allocation of Equity Market Products to tiers.	No MR

### Notices

Title	Dates	Details	MR and related documents
ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Return Deadline) Notice 2021/645	Issued 23/7/2021 Effective 23/7/2021 (day after registration)	ASIC (Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy—Return Deadline) Notice 2021/645 provides for deadlines and provision of returns to ASIC	No MR <u>Cost Recovery Implementation</u> <u>Statement 2020-21 (for</u> <u>feedback)</u>

### **Information sheets**

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 29 External administration – controller appointments and schemes of arrangements - most commonly lodged forms	Reissued	19/7/2021	Updated to help external administrators, controllers and scheme administrators comply with their lodgement and publication requirements following the introduction of three new types of external administration which were introduced to assist small business given the impact of COVID-19 on these entities.	MR 21-176
INFO 153 How ASIC deals with reports of misconduct	Reissued	19/7/2021	Minor updates to accurately reflect changes to the assessment process for a subset of reports of misconduct from a transactional to an intelligence approach	No MR
INFO 257 ASIC reference checking	New 20/7/2021	20/7/2021	<ul> <li>This information sheet (INFO 257) is for Australian financial services (AFS) licensees and Australian credit licensees (collectively 'licensees'):</li> <li>that employ or authorise representatives to act as</li> </ul>	MR 21-180
and information sharing protocol				LI 21/429
				REP 694
			financial advisers or mortgage brokers on their behalf,	RG 104
			and/or	RG 205
			<ul> <li>whose employees or representatives move into financial advice or mortgage broking roles with other licensees.</li> </ul>	INFO 126
				INFO 134
			From 1 October 2021, licensees must comply, as an	INFO 229
			obligation under their licence, with the ASIC Reference checking and information sharing protocol set out in ASIC Corporations and Credit (Reference Checking and Information Sharing Protocol) Instrument 2021/429 (ASIC protocol).	Example references

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 126 Credit representatives	Updated	20/7/2021	Content updated for the introduction of the ASIC reference	MR 21-180
			checking and information sharing protocol – new reference checking requirements for AFS licensees and credit	INFO 257
			licensees under the Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal	LI 21/429
			<u>Commission Response) Act 2020</u> , commencing 1 October 2021.	REP 694
				RG 104
				RG 205
				INFO 134
				INFO 229
				Example references
INFO 134 Complying with your	Updated	20/7/2021	Content updated for the introduction of the ASIC reference	MR 21-180
obligations if both credit licensee and AFS licensee			checking and information sharing protocol – new reference checking requirements for AFS licensees and credit	INFO 257
			licensees under the Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal	LI 21/429
			<u>Commission Response) Act 2020</u> , commencing 1 October 2021.	REP 694
				RG 104
				RG 205
				INFO 126
				INFO 229
				Example references

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 229 Limited AFS licensees:	Updated	20/7/2021	Content updated for the introduction of the ASIC reference	MR 21-180
Complying with your licensing obligations			checking and information sharing protocol – new reference checking requirements for AFS licensees and credit	INFO 257
			licensees under the Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal	LI 21/429
			<u>Commission Response) Act 2020</u> , commencing 1 October 2021.	REP 694
				RG 104
				RG 205
				INFO 126
				INFO 134
				Example references
INFO 256 AFS licensing requirements for accountants who provide SMSF services	Updated	22/7/2021	Minor technical updates to account for amendment of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 and removal of an out-dated cross reference	RG 94
INFO 90 Notifying members about superannuation transfers without consent	Updated	29/7/2021	Minor technical updates to account for the <u>Treasury Laws</u> <u>Amendment (Reuniting More Superannuation) Act 2021</u> by removing out-dated references and updating content for existing requirements.	N/A
INFO 224 ASIC audit inspections	Updated	3/8/2021	Minor technical update.	N/A
INFO 226 Complying with the ASIC Client Money Reporting Rules 2017	Reissued	10/8/2021	Updated guidance for AFS licensees that hold reportable client money to clarify:	N/A
			• the correct designation of client money accounts under section 981B of the Corporations Act,	
			<ul> <li>an AFS licensees' obligations relating to the use of buffers</li> </ul>	
INFO 50 Notifying a market operator about directors' interests in company securities	Reissued	16/8/2021	Subject broadened from 'ASX' to 'market operators' and penalty information updated to reflect current penalties and ASIC style.	N/A
			NOTE: New title	

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 212 Concerns about illegal phoenix activity	Reissued	17/8/2021	Definition of 'illegal phoenix activity' amended and minor updates to links and wording to ensure clear and concise information: see <u>Illegal phoenix activity</u> webpage	N/A
INFO 241 Prohibition on influencing employers' superannuation fund choice: section 68A of the SIS Act	Reissued	25/8/2021	Minor technical updates to remove out-dated references given amendments made by <u>Superannuation Industry</u> (Supervision) Amendment (Your Future, Your Super- Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes) Regulations 2021.	No MR
INFO 258 Continuing professional education requirements for registered liquidators	New	2/9/2021	Explains the statutory obligation for a registered liquidator to undertake continuing professional education under Section 20-5 of the <i>Insolvency Practice Rules</i> (Corporations) 2016.	No MR
INFO 259 Complying with the notify, investigate and remediate obligations	New	7/9/2021	<ul> <li>This information sheet (INFO 259) is for:</li> <li>Australian financial services (AFS) licensees who provide personal advice to retail clients</li> <li>Australian credit licensees who provide mortgage broking services to consumers</li> <li>their representatives.</li> <li>It outlines the obligations for licensees to investigate certain breaches of the law and to notify and remediate clients and consumers in certain circumstances. The obligations apply from 1 October 2021.</li> </ul>	MR 21-235 RG 78 SRG 78C (ASIC Digest numbering) REP 698
INFO 45 Liquidation: A guide for creditors	Reissued	15/9/2021	Information about the simplified liquidation process added with minor technical updates.	No MR
INFO 259 Complying with the notify, investigate and remediate obligations	Reissued	16/9/2021	Technical amendments to provide clarity.	No MR

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 264 FAQs: Design and distribution obligations for advice licensees and financial advisers	New	16/9/2021	This information sheet (INFO 264) is for Australian financial services (AFS) licensees who are advice licensees and for financial advisers.	<u>news item</u>
			It explains how the design and distribution obligations for issuers and distributors of financial products in Part 7.8A of the Corporations Act apply to advice licensees and financial advisers when providing personal advice.	
INFO 260 FAQs: Timeframe for passing the financial adviser exam	New	22/9/2021	From 1 January 2019, professional standards apply to financial advisers. For an overview of how these standards apply to AFS licensees and existing and new financial advisers, see How the reforms affect you.	<u>news item</u>
			This information sheet (INFO 260) answers some frequently asked questions (FAQs) to help financial advisers who are existing providers understand their obligation to pass the financial adviser exam and the possible outcomes if they do not pass the exam within the required timeframe.	
INFO 80 How to interpret ASIC insolvency statistics	Reissued	1/10/2021	Updated to reflect the introduction of weekly statistics in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	No MR
INFO 264 FAQs: Design and	Reissued	6/10/2021	Updated to reflect interim relief provided by ASIC so that advice licensees and financial advisers are no longer required to report to issuers if they have received nil	No MR
distribution obligations for advice licensees and financial advisers				LI 21/784
			complaints during the reporting period (ahead of the Australian Government's stated policy intent to make this change in the legislation	SLI 21/785
INFO 82 Apply for relief	Updated	8/10/2021	Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes	No MR
			relating to insurance.	RG 21
			NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	RG 51
				RG 234
				RG 275
				INFO 198

Title	Status	Release Date	Comments	Media release and related documents
INFO 198 Extended warranties	Updated	8/10/2021	Technical updates to reflect recent legislative changes	No MR
			relating to insurance.	RG 21
			NOTE: Updated – issue date unchanged	RG 51
				RG 234
				RG 275
				INFO 82
INFO 152 Public comment on ASIC's regulatory activities	Reissued	11/10/2021	Miscellaneous updates to incorporate further guidance on ASIC's approach to public comment including details about its communication activities and when ASIC may name entities in public reports.	No MR
INFO 261 ASIC orders about creditor-defeating dispositions	New	11/10/2021	Sets out how liquidators can ask ASIC to make an order to undo a disposition of company property that prevents, hinders or significantly delays that property becoming available for the benefit of creditors in the winding up of a company.	No MR
INFO 262 FAQs: COVID-19	New	New 14/10/2021	Contains answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs)	MR 21-269
information for advice licensees and financial advisers			about issues impacting the financial advice industry as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	SLI 21-268
INFO 89 ASIC releases updated	Reissued	15/10/2021	Updated information for employers and trustees about	MR 21-272
information about the distribution of superannuation products			changes affecting the distribution of superannuation products as a result of recent law reforms	INFO 241
INFO 241 Prohibition on influencing	Reissued	15/10/2021	Updated information for employers and trustees about	MR 21-272
employer's superannuation fund choice			changes affecting the distribution of superannuation products as a result of recent law reforms	INFO 89
INFO 263 FAQs: Disclosure by listed	New	15/10/2021	Guidance to help listed entities comply with their new	MR 21-271
entities about Jobkeeper payments			obligation to disclose information about Jobkeeper payments to the relevant market operator	Jobkeeper notice

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INFO 196 Audit quality – The role of directors and audit committees	Reissued	19/10/2021	Updated for changes made in developing the equivalent <u>IOSCO guide</u> , including a new section titled 'What features of audit committees support audit quality?'	No MR
INFO 265 Reports of suspicious activity in FICC markets	New	26/10/2021	Gives guidance to market intermediaries about reporting suspicious activity in fixed income, currencies and commodities (FICC) markets (FICC SARs) and how these reports can be lodged with ASIC.	No MR Suspicious activity report – FICC markets (FICC SAR)
INFO 225 Crypto-assets	Reissued	29/10/2021	Updated to include good-practice guidance for product issuers and market operators on how they can meet their regulatory obligations in relation to crypto-asset exchange traded products (ETPs) and other investment products	MR 21-285 INFO 230 REP 705
INFO 230 Exchange traded products: Admission guidelines	Reissued	29/10/2021	Updated to include good-practice guidance for product issuers and market operators on how they can meet their regulatory obligations in relation to crypto-asset exchange traded products (ETPs) and other investment products	MR 21-285 INFO 225 REP 705
INFO 32 Foreign companies	Reissued	1/11/2021	Technical amendment to reflect the introduction of a new director identification number (director ID) requirement.	news item INFO 79 INFO 231 INFO 234
INFO 79 Your company and the law	Reissued	1/11/2021	Technical amendment to reflect the introduction of a new director identification number (director ID) requirement.	news item INFO 32 INFO 231 INFO 234
INFO 231 Guidance on the duties of directors of mutual companies	Reissued	1/11/2021	Technical amendment to reflect the introduction of a new director identification number (director ID) requirement.	news item INFO 32 INFO 79 INFO 234

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INFO 234 Indigenous corporations	Reissued	1/11/2021	Technical amendment to reflect the introduction of a new director identification number (director ID) requirement.	news item INFO 32 INFO 79 INFO 231
INFO 155 Shorter PDSs - Complying with requirements for superannuation products and simple managed investment schemes	Reissued	2/11/2021	Miscellaneous technical amendments to update, re-order and simplify guidance including: removal of introductory Stronger Super content; insertion of a new Table 1 and insertion of a new column in the former Table 1 (now Table 2) outlining the products to which the shorter PDS warnings listed are applicable; and the addition of a new section titled 'What is a simple managed investment scheme?' moved from INFO 133. NOTE: INFO 133 has been withdrawn	No MR SINFO 133
INFO 133 Shorter PDS regime - Superannuation managed investment schemes and margin lending	Withdrawn	2/11/2021	The relevant information from INFO 133 has been incorporated into Information Sheet 155 <i>Shorter PDSs -</i> <i>Complying with requirements for superannuation products</i> <i>and simple managed investment schemes</i> (INFO 155).	No MR INFO 155
INFO 266 FAQs: Records of Advice	New	5/11/2021	This information sheet (INFO 266) answers frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the obligations that apply to a providing entity when providing personal advice to retail clients.	MR 21-294 <u>Example Record of Advice</u> (ROA): Life insurance advice – <u>Retain existing products and</u> increase insurance <u>Example Record of Advice</u> (ROA): No change advice <u>Example Record of Advice</u> (ROA): Stockbroker
INFO 151 ASIC's approach to enforcement	Reissued	22/11/2021	Updated guidance explaining how we approach our enforcement role and why we respond to breaches of the law in different ways.	No MR RG 100

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INFO 267 Tips for giving limited advice	New	1/12/2021	Provides tips to help advice providers comply with their legal obligations – including the best interests duty and related obligations in Division 2 of Part 7.7A of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Corporations Act), and the FASEA <u>Financial Planners and Advisers Code of</u> <u>Ethics</u> (Code of Ethics) – when giving limited advice.	MR 21-325 Example Statement of Advice (SOA): Limited advice
INFO 105 FAQs: Dealing with consumers and credit	Updated	8/12/2021	Minor technical updates related to insurance. Note: Issue date unchanged	RG 121 RG 166 RG 175 RG 244 INFO 218 INFO 243
INFO 218 Disputes about life insurance	Updated	8/12/2021	Minor technical updates related to insurance. Note: Issue date unchanged	RG 121 RG 166 RG 175 RG 244 INFO 105 INFO 243
INFO 243 Licensing requirements for funeral expenses facility providers	Updated	8/12/2021	Minor technical updates related to insurance. Note: Issue date unchanged	RG 121 RG 166 RG 175 RG 244 INFO 105 INFO 218
INFO 250 Giving AFS and credit licensees information about their representatives	Reissued	15/12/2021	Minor technical amendments to ensure currency.	None

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INFO 268 FAQs: Regulation and registration of relevant providers who provide tax (financial) advice services	New	23/12/2021	Changed guidance for relevant providers who provide, or intend to provide, tax (financial) advice services under the <u>Better Advice Act</u> .	MR 21-368
INFO 86 How do RSE and AFS licensing application processes work together?	Reissued	24/12/2021	Technical updates to ensure currency and reflect recent legislative changes relating to superannuation.	No MR

### **Other documents**

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Response to ASIC Consultation Paper 332 Promoting access to affordable advice for consumers (PDF 88 KB)	1/7/2021	Sets out ASIC's proposals to remake Class Order [CO 12/1482] <i>When debentures can be called secured notes</i> , which is due to expire ('sunset') on 1 April 2022.	<u>News article</u>
Example Record of Advice (ROA): COVID-19 relief measure (PDF 660 KB)	14/7/2021	ASIC has released an example ROA to help financial advisers when providing advice under ASIC Corporations (COVID-19— Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2021/268. The Example Record of Advice (ROA): COVID-19 relief measure has been annotated to help advisers understand the relevant requirements under the COVID-19 relief measure. ASIC consulted the Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority (FASEA) and welcomes FASEA's confirmation that the example ROA is consistent with advisers' obligations under the FASEA Code of Ethics.	MR 21-072 (Editor's note)
IDR Data Dictionary (Pilot version) (PDF 357 KB) IDR Data Glossary (Pilot version) (PDF 627 KB)	19/7/2021	Internal dispute resolution (IDR) reporting documents, which will be tested in a pilot involving financial firms from across relevant industry subsectors in late 2021. This release represents the next step in preparedness for ASIC's implementation of the Australian Government's mandatory IDR data reporting framework.	MR 21-177

Cost Recovery Implementation Statement 2020-21 (for feedback)	23/7/2021	<ul> <li>This Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) provides information on how we will implement the industry funding model and recover:</li> <li>the costs of our regulatory activities from each industry subsector in 2020–21 (in Part 1); and</li> <li>our user-initiated and transaction-based regulatory costs via fees for service in 2020–21 (in Part 2).</li> </ul>	MR 21-185 <u>ASIC (Supervisory Cost</u> <u>Recovery Levy—Return</u> <u>Deadline) Notice 2021/645</u>
ASIC Corporate Plan 2021–25 - Focus 2021–22	25/8/2021	Oultines ASIC's priorities over the next four years to achieve a fair, strong and efficient financial system for all Australians. The Corporate Plan is consistent with ASIC's new Statement of Intent in response to the Australian Government's Statement of Expectations.	MR 21-225 <u>Statement of Intent: Australian</u> <u>Securities and Investments</u> <u>Commission - August 2021</u> <u>Australian Government</u> <u>Statement of Expectations:</u> <u>Australian Securities and</u> <u>Investments Commission -</u> <u>August 2021</u>
Letter to CEOs regarding whistleblower policies (PDF 925 KB)	13/10/2021	<ul> <li>ASIC's letter to CEOs</li> <li>reminds entities of their obligation to have a whistleblower policy that reflects the strengthened whistleblower protection regime that started on 1 July 2019</li> <li>identifies where policies in our sample fell short, and</li> <li>highlights what entities can do to improve their policies.</li> </ul>	MR 21-267
Jobkeeper notice	15/10/2021	<ul> <li>New Jobkeeper obligations commenced on 14 September 2021, requiring all listed entities that received Jobkeeper payments to give a notice to the relevant market operator outlining:</li> <li>the listed entity's name and ABN;</li> <li>the number of individuals for whom the entity or its subsidiaries received Jobkeeper payments each fortnight that ended in the financial year;</li> <li>the total amount of Jobkeeper payments the entity and its subsidiaries received in a Jobkeeper fortnight that ended in the financial year; and</li> <li>whether or not the entity or its subsidiaries made voluntary repayments of Jobkeeper payments, and the total amount of those repayments if they did.</li> </ul>	MR 21-271 INFO 263

ASIC Annual Report 2020–21	15/10/2021	Outlines the key measures ASIC took to achieve its goals in the 2020–21 financial year.	MR 21-273
Cost Recovery Implementation Statement: ASIC industry funding model (2020–21)	11/11/2021	Provides information on how ASIC will implement the industry funding model and recover:	MR 21-299
		<ul> <li>the costs of its regulatory activities from each industry subsector in 2020–21 (in Part 1); and</li> <li>ASIC's user-initiated and transaction-based regulatory costs via fees for service in 2020–21 (in Part 2).</li> </ul>	
		This version of the CRIS summarises and responds to stakeholder feedback on the version ASIC published for comment in July 2021	
Jobkeeper s 323DC consolidated report	7/12/2021	Consolidated report of all the jobkeeper notices that have been given to the market operators under section 323DB and released to the market	MR 21-333
Annual dashboard report 2020- 21 (PDF 257 KB)	12/12/2021	Provides regulated entities with a summary of ASIC's actual regulatory costs in 2020–21 under industry funding arrangements.	No MR
Summary of 2020-21 levies (PDF 85 KB)	12/12/2021	Provides regulated entities with a summary of ASIC's actual and levies in 2020–21 under industry funding arrangements.	No MR