



ACS Professional Standards Scheme Exemptions Factsheet

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The ACS Professional Standards Scheme (**PSS**) is a legal instrument that limits the civil liability of participating members. As an ACS certified professional (**CP**) member, you are a participating member of the ACS PSS unless ACS exempts you under one of the recognised exemption categories.

The following factsheet will assist you in determining whether you are eligible for an exemption from the ACS PSS. For more information, visit the [ACS PSS Exemptions Guidelines](#).

Exemptions Categories

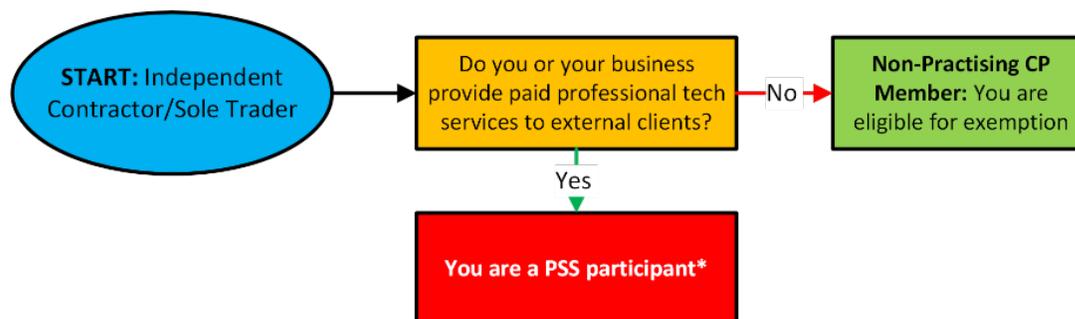
You are eligible for an exemption if you fall under one of the following categories (Clause 4 of ACS PSS Exemptions Guidelines):

1. Overseas CP Member

You fall under this category if you reside or work outside of Australia.

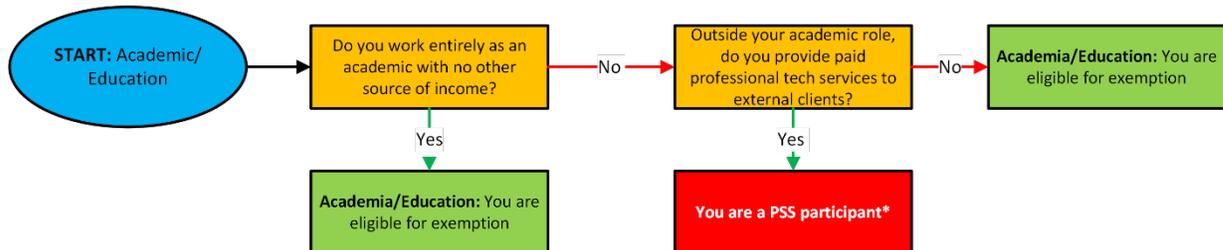
2. Non-Practising CP Member

You fall under this category if you do not provide paid professional tech services to external clients (eg. retired, volunteer, independent contractor that does not provide paid professional tech services, career break, etc).



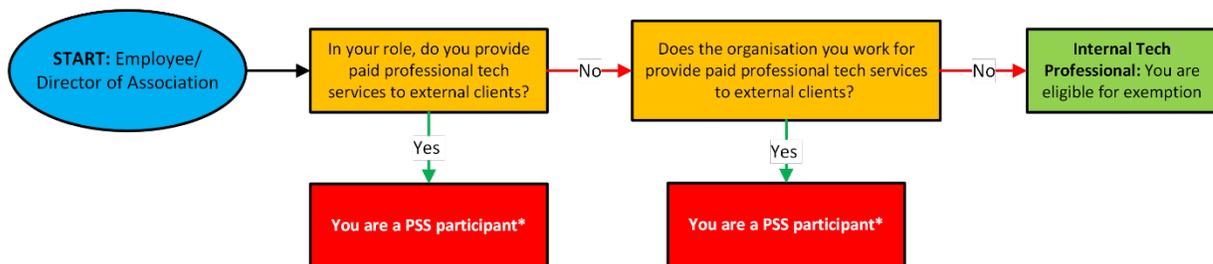
3. Academia/Education

You fall under this category if you work entirely as an academic and do not provide any paid professional tech services to external clients outside your academic role.



4. Internal Tech Professional

You fall under this category if you are solely an employee/director of an organisation and you only provide internal professional tech services for an organisation that does not provide paid professional tech services to external clients.



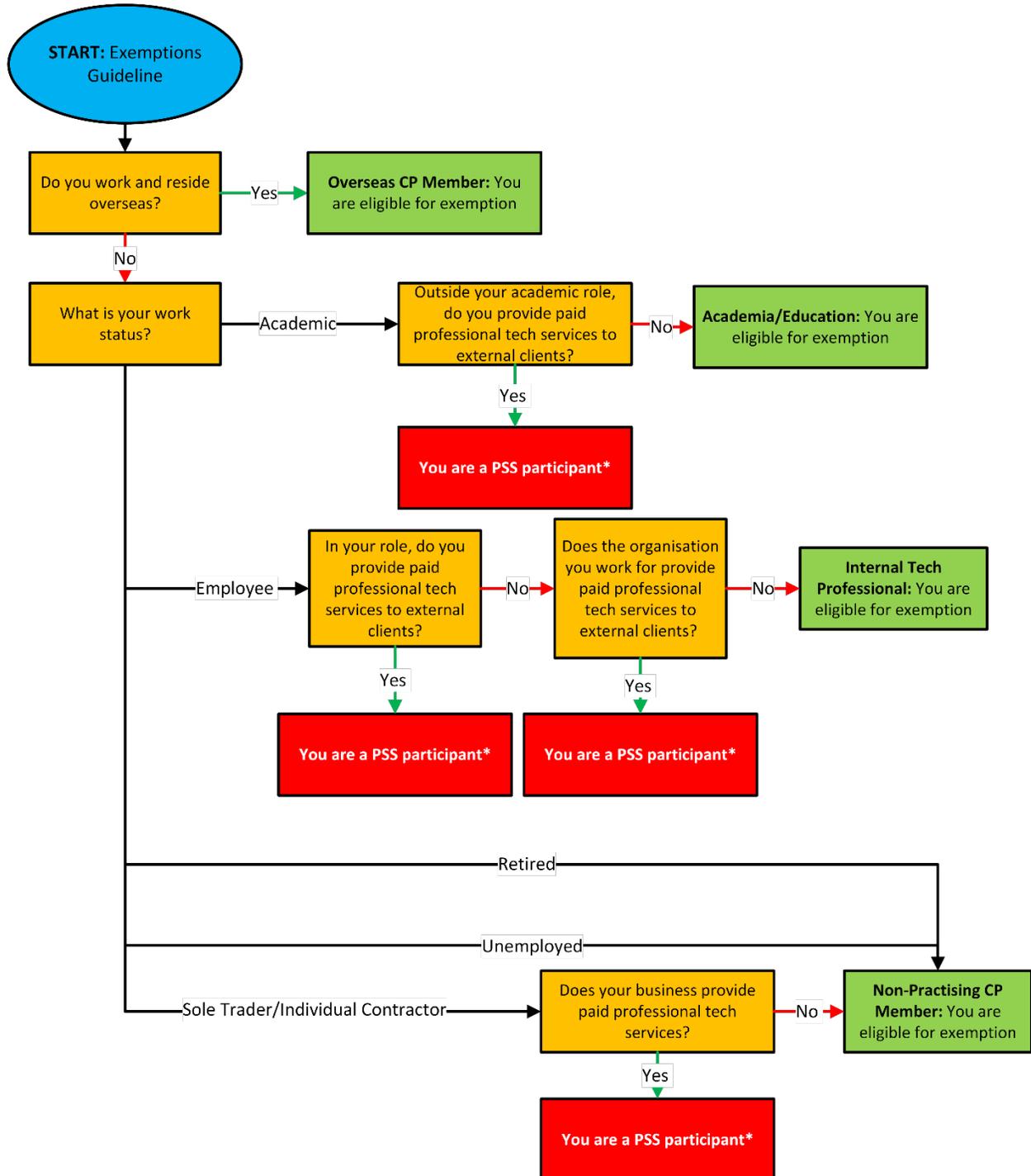
5. Necessary or Desirable

If you do not fall under any of the above categories but have existing circumstances that ACS would deem necessary and/or desirable to grant you a PSS exemption, you may be able to apply for an exemption subject to the discretion of ACS.

Next Steps

1. **Complete the PSS Annual Compliance Declaration:** complete your PSS Annual Compliance Declaration using the personalised link provided to you in your email.
2. **Contact ACS (if applicable):** for any questions or to apply for an exemption on the basis of necessary and/or desirable circumstances, please contact CPcompliance@acs.org.au.
3. **Update ACS (if applicable):** you must contact CPcompliance@acs.org.au if there are any changes to your work status or other circumstances that may affect your exemption status

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF PSS EXEMPTION CATEGORIES



***Note:** you may be able to apply for exemption if you have existing circumstances that ACS would deem necessary and/or desirable to grant you a PSS exemption