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Part 1—Application and Operation

1. Title

This award is the *Professional Employees Award 2010*.

2. Commencement and transitional

- **2.1** This award commences on 1 January 2010.
- 2.2 The monetary obligations imposed on employers by this award may be absorbed into overaward payments. Nothing in this award requires an employer to maintain or increase any overaward payment.
- 2.3 This award contains transitional arrangements which specify when particular parts of the award come into effect. Some of the transitional arrangements are in clauses in the main part of the award. There are also transitional arrangements in Schedule A. The arrangements in Schedule A deal with:
 - minimum wages and piecework rates
 - casual or part-time loadings
 - Saturday, Sunday, public holiday, evening or other penalties
 - shift allowances/penalties.
- 2.4 Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.
- 2.5 The Fair Work Commission may review the transitional arrangements in this award and make a determination varying the award.

Part 1—Application and Operation of this Award

- 1. Title and commencement
- **1.1** This award is the *Professional Employees Award 2016*.
- 1.2 This modern award, as varied, commenced operation on 1 January 2010.
- 1.3 Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.

References to transitional arrangements removed - obsolete

- **2.6** The Fair Work Commission may review the transitional arrangements:
 - (a) on its own initiative; or
 - **(b)** on application by an employer, employee, organisation or outworker entity covered by the modern award; or
 - (c) on application by an organisation that is entitled to represent the industrial interests of one or more employers or employees that are covered by the modern award; or
 - (d) in relation to outworker arrangements, on application by an organisation that is entitled to represent the industrial interests of one or more outworkers to whom the arrangements relate.

3. Definitions and interpretation

3.1 In this award, unless the contrary intention appears:

Act means the *Fair Work Act* 2009 (Cth)

agreement-based transitional instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

award-based transitional instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work* (*Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments*) Act 2009 (Cth)

carry includes transmit, switch or receive

communications includes any communication whether between persons and persons, things and things or persons and things, and whether in the form of:

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- **(b)** data;
- (c) text;
- (d) visual images, whether or not animated; or

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- (f) in any other form or other combination of forms.

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default fund employee means an employee who has no chosen fund within the meaning of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)

defined benefit member has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)

diplomate means a Qualified scientist who has completed the requirements for the award of an institute of technology diploma qualifying a person in accordance with the Academic Schedule

Division 2B State award has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

Division 2B State employment agreement has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

employee means national system employee within the meaning of the Act

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enterprise award-based instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work* (*Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments*) Act 2009 (Cth)

exempt public sector superannuation scheme has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)

in-service training means the formal and/or informal work-related learning activities undertaken by a technology based graduate through

comparison with the specified performance criteria.

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in-service training means the formal and informal work-related learning activities undertaken by a technology based graduate through opportunities provided by the employer, which contribute to professional development and efficiency. This includes supervised and unsupervised work experience to increase the breadth and depth of knowledge and the skills acquired by the graduate in specific areas of professional practice.

MySuper product has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry* (*Supervision*) *Act 1993* (Cth)

NES means the National Employment Standards as contained in sections 59 to 131 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

on-hire means the on-hire of an employee by their employer to a client, where such employee works under the general guidance and instruction of the client or a representative of the client

supervision means the oversight, direction, instruction, guidance and/or support provided to a graduate by the experienced professional responsible for ensuring the graduate is not placed in situations where required to function beyond their competence

 $Definitions\ relating\ to\ transitional\ instruments\ removed\ -\ obsolete$

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transitional minimum wage instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

3.2 Engineering stream

Experienced engineer means a Professional engineer with the undermentioned qualifications engaged in any particular employment where the adequate discharge of any portion of the duties requires qualifications of the employee as (or at least equal to those of) a member of Engineers Australia. The qualifications are as follows:

- (a) membership of Engineers Australia; or
- (b) having graduated in a four or five year course at a university recognised by Engineers Australia, four years' experience on professional engineering duties since becoming a Qualified engineer; or

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Experienced engineer means a professional engineer engaged in employment where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires that the employee has the following:

- (a) membership of Engineers Australia; or
- (b) having graduated in a four or five year course at a university recognised by Engineers Australia, four years' experience on professional engineering duties since becoming a Qualified engineer; or
- (c) not having so graduated, five years of such experience.

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Graduate engineer means a person who is the holder of a university degree (four or five year course) recognised by Engineers Australia or is the holder of a degree, diploma or other testamur which:

- (d) has been issued by a technical university, an institute of technology, a European technical high school (technische hochschule) or polytechnic or other similar educational establishment; and
- (e) is recognised by Engineers Australia as attaining a standard similar to a university degree; and has been issued following:
 - (i) a course of not less than four years duration for a full-time course after a standard of secondary education not less than the standard of examination for matriculation to an Australian university; or
 - (ii) a part-time course of sufficient duration to obtain a similar standard as a four year full-time course after a similar standard of secondary education.

Professional engineer means a person qualified to carry out professional engineering duties as defined. The term Professional engineer will embrace and include Graduate engineer and Experienced engineer as defined in this clause.

professional engineering duties means duties carried out by a person in any particular employment, the adequate discharge of any portion of which duties requires qualifications of the employee as (or at least equal to those of) a graduate member of Engineers Australia

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Professional engineer means a person qualified to carry out professional engineering duties as defined. The term professional engineer includes graduate engineer and experienced engineer as defined in this clause.

Professional engineering duties means duties carried out by a person in employment where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires that a person has at least the qualifications of a graduate member of Engineers Australia

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- (c) the design and manufacture of computer software;
- (d) computer system installation, repair and maintenance;
- (e) computer consultancy services;
- **(f)** computer programming;
- (g) system analysis services;
- (h) the design, development and maintenance of online internet architecture and the facilitation of online content management; or
- (i) activities which are incidental, ancillary or complementary to the activities set out in this definition.

Experienced information technology employee means a professional information technology employee with the undermentioned qualifications in any particular employment the adequate discharge of any portion of the duties of which employment requires:

- (a) that they have graduated with a university degree, with a science or information technology major (three, four or five year course) and had four years' experience on professional information technology duties since graduating; or
- (b) that they, not having so graduated, have sufficient qualifications and experience to be eligible for admission as a member of the Australian Computer Society plus a further four years' experience on professional information technology duties.

Graduate information technology employee means a person who:

- (a) holds a university degree with a science or information technology major (three, four or five year course) accredited by the Australian Computer Society at professional level; or
- (b) has sufficient qualifications and experience to be eligible for

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- (c) the design and manufacture of computer software;
- (d) computer system installation, repair and maintenance;
- (e) computer consultancy services;
- (f) computer programming;
- (g) system analysis services;
- (h) the design, development and maintenance of online internet architecture and the facilitation of online content management; or
- (i) activities which are incidental, ancillary or complementary to the activities set out in this definition.

Experienced information technology employee means a professional information technology employee in employment where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires:

- (a) that they have graduated with a university degree, with a science or information technology major (three, four or five year course) and had four years' experience on professional information technology duties since graduating; or
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professional information technology duties means duties carried out by a person in any particular employment the adequate discharge of any portion of which duties requires a person to:

- (a) hold a university degree with a science or information technology major (three, four or five year course) accredited by the Australian Computer Society at professional level; or
- (b) have sufficient qualifications and experience to be eligible for admission as a member of the Australian Computer Society.

Professional information technology employee means an adult person qualified to carry out professional information technology duties as defined. The term Professional information technology employee will embrace and include Graduate information technology employee and Experienced information technology employee as defined.

telecommunications service means a service for carrying communications by means of guided or unguided electromagnetic energy or both

telecommunications services industry means:

- (a) the supply and/or installation and/or maintenance of telecommunications services; or
- (b) the supply and/or installation and/or maintenance of value added telecommunications services; or
- (c) incidental, ancillary or complementary to the supply and/or installation and/or maintenance of telecommunications services; or
- (d) the installation and/or maintenance of telecommunications equipment and line.

Professional information technology duties means duties carried out by a person in employment where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires a person to:

- (a) hold a university degree with a science or information technology major (three, four or five year course) accredited by the Australian Computer Society at professional level; or
- b) have sufficient qualifications and experience to be eligible for admission as a member of the Australian Computer Society.

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3.4 Scientist Stream

Experienced scientist means a Professional scientist possessing the

2.4 Scientist stream

Academic schedule

following qualifications and engaged in any particular employment, the adequate discharge of any portion of the duties of which, requires the possession of such qualifications.

The qualifications are:

- (a) that they will have had further experience on professional scientific duties, after obtaining their degree or diploma, as follows:
 - (i) when a graduate (four or five year course) four years' experience;
 - (ii) when a graduate (three year course) five years' experience, or
- **(b)** that they possess qualifications acceptable to:
 - (i) the Royal Australian Chemical Institute for admission to the grade of Associate member; or
 - (ii) the Australian Institute of Physics for admission to the grade of member; or
 - (iii) the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy for admission to the grade of Associate member; or
 - (iv) the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology for admission to the grade of Associate member.

Professional scientist means a person qualified to carry out professional scientific duties as defined. The term Professional scientist will embrace and include Qualified scientist and Experienced scientist as defined.

professional scientific duties means duties carried out by a person in any particular employment, the adequate discharge of any portion of which duties requires academic qualifications of the employee as specified in the academic schedule below:

Academic schedule

(a) A degree in science from an Australian, New Zealand or United

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- (b) Academic qualifications acceptable to the Royal Australian Chemical Institute for admission to the grade of corporate membership.
- **(c)** Academic qualifications acceptable to the Australian Institute of Physics for admission to the grades of graduate membership or corporate membership.
- (d) Academic qualifications in metallurgy, metallurgical engineering or technology acceptable to either the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy for admission to the grade of junior or corporate membership, or the Institution of Metallurgists (London) for admission to the grades of graduate or associate membership.
- (e) Academic qualifications acceptable to the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology for admission to the grade of corporate membership.
- (f) Academic qualifications acceptable to the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology for admission to the grades of graduate or corporate membership.
- (g) Academic qualifications acceptable to a pharmacy board or council within the Commonwealth of Australia provided that the award will not apply to pharmacists employed in a retail pharmacy shop.

Experienced scientist means a professional scientist engaged in employment where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires the possession of the following qualifications:

- (a) a degree or diploma and the following experience in professional scientific duties:
 - (i) when a graduate (four or five year course) four years' experience;

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	Kingdom university or from an Australian tertiary educational institution.	(ii) when a graduate (three year course) – five years' experience or
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		(iv) the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology for admission to the grade of Associate member.
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3.6 **Quality auditing stream**

quality auditing industry means that industry the participants in which provide advisory, auditing and assessment services to companies which are pursuing quality improvement programs (in compliance with the

2.5 Quality auditing stream

Quality auditing industry means that industry in which the participants provide advisory, auditing and assessment services to companies which are pursuing quality improvement programs (in compliance with the International Standards Organisations quality standards)

quality auditor/senior (lead) quality auditor means for the purposes of this award the classifications as outlined in Schedule B—Classification Structure and Definitions

Quality auditing means the duties carried out by a person in any particular employment within the quality auditing industry, the adequate discharge of any portion of which duties requires qualifications.

The educational qualifications and experiences are as follows:

Educational requirements

- (a) Auditors will have successfully completed a course of study, after completing secondary education, involving a minimum of 600 hours direct contact and leading to an award from a recognised body, college or university. Equivalent distance learning courses or corporate/professional membership of a recognised professional institution will also be recognised.
- (b) In all cases, documentary evidence of the educational standard claimed will be required. Copies of degrees or certificates will be required as objective evidence to satisfy the educational requirement. Verification of the awards will be as follows:
 - (i) originals (which are to be returned after sighting by an officer of the auditor certification body);
 - (ii) photocopies which have been signed as verified by one of the applicant's sponsors; or
 - (iii) a letter from the qualifying authority, e.g. university or college, confirming the award made.
- (c) As an alternative, auditors may be considered for certification if they can demonstrate eight years full-time work experience and satisfy the auditor certification body they have achieved a satisfactory educational standard including communication oral and written skills necessary to conduct and/or manage audits.

International Standards Organisations quality standards).

Quality auditor/senior (lead) quality auditor means for the purposes of this award the classifications as outlined in Schedule A—Classification Structure and Definitions.

Quality auditing means duties carried out by a person in employment within the quality auditing industry where the adequate discharge of any of the duties requires the following qualifications and experiences:

(a) Educational requirements

- (i) Auditors will have successfully completed a course of study, after completing secondary education, involving a minimum of 600 hours direct contact and leading to an award from a recognised body, college or university. Equivalent distance learning courses or corporate/professional membership of a recognised professional institution will also be recognised.
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- (iii) As an alternative, auditors may be considered for certification if they can demonstrate eight years' full-time work experience and satisfy the auditor certification body they have achieved a satisfactory educational standard including oral and written communication skills necessary to conduct and/or manage audits.

Experience requirement

Auditors will have a minimum of two years' relevant experience in the implementation and/or application of quality management systems which provides the practical knowledge necessary to effectively audit such systems. The quality management system experience required may be concurrent with work experience, but must have been achieved in the six years prior to initial certification.

Auditing experience requirement

- (a) All levels of auditor will maintain an audit log in order to demonstrate that their auditing experience was gained under the prescribed conditions and within the required time frame.
- (b) For all levels of auditor, only independent audits satisfy the auditing experience requirements. The auditor and the auditor's organisation will have independent management and operating structure from the audited organisation. Examples of acceptable relationships are:
 - (i) a head office audit of a plant or division;
 - (ii) one division of plant auditing another division or plant;
 - (iii) a customer organisation auditing a supplier;
 - (iv) a third party certification audit; or
 - (v) a consultant contracted to provide an independent audit.

Where this award refers to a condition of employment provided for in the NES, the NES definition applies.

4. Coverage

4.1 This award covers employers throughout Australia with respect to their employees performing professional engineering and professional

(b) Experience requirement

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 - (iv) a third party certification audit; or
 - (v) a consultant contracted to provide an independent audit.

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4. Coverage

4.1 This industry and occupational award covers employers throughout Australia with respect to their employees performing professional

scientific duties who are covered by the classifications in Schedule B—Classification Structure and Definitions of the award and those employees.

- 4.2 This award covers employers throughout Australia principally engaged in the information technology industry, the quality auditing industry or the telecommunications services industry and their employees who are covered by the classifications in Schedule B.
- **4.3** The award does not cover employees who are covered by the following awards:
 - (a) Airport Employees Award 2010;
 - **(b)** Black Coal Mining Industry Award 2010;
 - (c) Electrical Power Industry Award 2010;
 - (d) Port Authorities Award 2010;
 - (e) Rail Industry Award 2010;
 - (f) State Government Agencies Administration Award 2010; and
 - (g) Water Industry Award 2010.
- **4.4** The award does not cover employees of a local government covered by another award.
- **4.5** The award does not cover an employee excluded from award coverage by the Act.
- 4.6 The award does not cover employees who are covered by a modern enterprise award, or an enterprise instrument (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act* 2009 (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.
- 4.7 The award does not cover employees who are covered by a State reference public sector modern award, or a State reference public sector transitional award (within the meaning of the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009 (Cth)), or

- engineering and professional scientific duties who are covered by the classifications in Schedule A of the award and those employees.
- 4.2 This award covers employers throughout Australia principally engaged in the information technology industry, the quality auditing industry or the telecommunications services industry and their employees who are covered by the classifications in Schedule A.
- **4.3** The award does not cover employees who are covered by the following awards:
 - (a) Airport Employees Award 2016;
 - **(b)** *Black Coal Mining Industry Award 2016*;
 - (c) Electrical Power Industry Award 2016;
 - (d) Port Authorities Award 2016;
 - (e) Rail Industry Award 2016;
 - (f) State Government Agencies Award 2016; and
 - (g) Water Industry Award 2016.
- **4.4** The award does not cover employees of a local government covered by another award.
- 4.5 This award covers any employer which supplies labour on an on-hire basis in the industries set out in clauses 4.1 and 4.2 in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award, and those on-hire employees, while engaged in the performance of work for a business in those industries. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.
- 4.6 This award covers any employer which supplies on-hire employees in classifications set out in Schedule A and those on-hire employees, if the employer is not covered by another modern award containing a classification which is more appropriate to the work performed by the employee. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage

4.8 This award covers any employer which supplies labour on an on-hire basis in the industries set out in clauses 4.1 and 4.2 in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award, and those on-hire employees, while engaged in the performance of work for a business in those industries. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.
4.9 This award covers any employer which supplies on-hire employees in

This award covers any employer which supplies on-hire employees in classifications set out in Schedule B and those on-hire employees, if the employer is not covered by another modern award containing a classification which is more appropriate to the work performed by the employee. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

4.10 Where an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of that employer is covered by the award classification which is most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and to the environment in which the employee normally performs the work.

NOTE: Where there is no classification for a particular employee in this award it is possible that the employer and that employee are covered by an award with occupational coverage.

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in this award.

4.7 This industry and occupational award does not cover:

- (a) an employee excluded from award coverage by the Act;
- (b) employees who are covered by a modern enterprise award, or an enterprise instrument (within the meaning of the *Fair Work* (*Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments*) Act 2009 (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees; or
- (c) employees who are covered by a State reference public sector modern award, or a State reference public sector transitional award (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.
- 4.8 Where an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of that employer is covered by the award classification which is most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and to the environment in which the employee normally performs the work.

NOTE: Where there is no classification for a particular employee in this award it is possible that the employer and that employee are covered by an award with occupational coverage.

5. Effects of variations made by the Fair Work Commission

A variation to this award does not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability that a person acquired, accrued or incurred under the award as it existed prior to that variation.

5. Access to the award and the National Employment Standards

The employer must ensure that copies of this award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply either on a noticeboard which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through electronic means, whichever makes them more accessible.

6. The National Employment Standards and this award

The NES and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award.

3. The National Employment Standards and this award

- 3.1 The National Employment Standards (NES) and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award.
- 3.3 The employer must ensure that copies of the award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply, either on a notice board which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through accessible electronic means.

7. Award flexibility

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6. Award flexibility for individual arrangements

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8. Facilitative provision

- 8.1 This award contains facilitative provisions which allow agreement between an employer and/or majority of employees on how the award provisions are to apply at the workplace or enterprise level.
- **8.2** The following lists the facilitative provisions and the level of agreement required:

Clause	Subject matter
18.1	Ordinary hours of duty work rostered, by individual agreement
22.2(a)	Public holidays, by majority agreement
22.2(b)	Public holidays, by individual agreement

- **8.3** Agreements made pursuant to clause 8.2 must be recorded in writing and be available to every affected employee on request.
- **8.4** Facilitative provisions are not to be used as a device to avoid award obligations nor should they result in unfairness to an employee or employees covered by this award.

- 7. Facilitative provisions for flexible working practices
- 7.1 A facilitative provision provides that the standard approach in an award provision may be departed from by agreement between an employer and an individual employee, or an employer and the majority of employees in the enterprise or part of the enterprise concerned.
- 7.2 Facilitative provisions in this award are contained in the following clauses:

Clause	Provision	Agreement between an employer and:
13.7	Transfers – period of notice	An individual
17.5	Annual leave in advance	An individual
17.6	Cashing out of annual leave	An individual
20.2	Substitution of public holidays	An individual or the majority of employees

7.3 Agreements made pursuant to clause 7.2 must be recorded in writing and be available to every affected employee on request.

9.	Consultation	Part 6—Consultation and Dispute Resolution		
9.1	Consultation regarding major workplace change	22. Consultation regarding major workplace change		
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10.	Dispute resolution	24. Dispute resolution		
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Part 2	-Types of Employment and Termination of Employment	Part 2—Types of Employment and Classifications		
11.	Types of employment	8. Types of employment		
11.1	Contract of employment	8.1 Contract of employment		
	Employment may be full-time, part-time or casual.	Employment may be full-time, part-time or casual.		
11.2	Full-time employment	9. Full-time employment		
	Any person not specifically engaged as being a part-time or casual employee is for all purposes of this award a full-time employee unless otherwise specified.	Any person not specifically engaged as a part-time or casual employee is for all purposes of this award a full-time employee.		
11.3	Part-time employment	10. Part-time employment		
	 (a) An employee may be engaged for a specified number of ordinary hours each week being less than those hours prescribed in clause 18—Ordinary hours of work and rostering. (b) Such an employee will be paid pro rata the appropriate annual rate for the classification prescribed in clause 15—Minimum wages and will receive other conditions under this award at the same pro rata rate. (c) Any employee engaged on a full-time basis will not be converted to a part-time basis as set out in this clause without the employee's written agreement. 	 (a) An employee may be engaged for a specified number of ordinary hours each week being less than an average of 38 hours per week. (b) A part-time employee must be paid the appropriate minimum hourly rate for the classification prescribed in clause 14—Minimum wages and must receive other conditions under this award on a pro rata basis. (c) Any employee engaged on a full-time basis must not be converted to a part-time basis as set out in this clause without the employee's written agreement. 		

11.4 Casual employment

- (a) An employee may be engaged as a casual and must be paid an hourly rate calculated by converting the appropriate annual rate for the classification prescribed in clause 15 to an hourly rate and adding a loading of 25%.
- (b) Such loading is paid to compensate such casual employees for lack of continuity in employment, paid leave, termination and other employment benefits of a full-time or part-time employee.

11. Casual employment

- 11.1 A casual employee must be paid per hour worked:
 - (a) the minimum hourly rate appropriate to the employee's classification; and
 - **(b)** a loading of **25%** of that rate.
- The casual loading is paid to compensate casual employees for a lack of continuity in employment, paid leave, termination and other employment benefits of a full-time or part-time employee.

11.5 Notification of conditions of employment

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11.6 Notification of responsibility level

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11.7 Evidence of qualifications

- (a) An employee who is employed under this award or who is an applicant for employment covered by this award, must if and when required to do so by the employer, produce to the employer written evidence that they possess or have acquired the qualifications of a Qualified engineer, Experienced engineer, Qualified scientist, Experienced scientist, Graduate information technology employee or Experienced information technology employee.
- (b) Where an employee has failed to produce to the employer written evidence that they possess or have acquired the relevant qualifications and the employee subsequently claims to be entitled to payment at a rate prescribed by this award, it will be a defence to the employer if the employer establishes that during the said period the employer did not know and had no reason to believe that the employee had acquired the qualifications of a Qualified engineer, Experienced engineer, Qualified scientist, Experienced scientist,

8.2 Notification of conditions of employment

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12.2 Notification of responsibility level

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12.3 Evidence of qualifications

- (a) An employee who is employed under this award or who is an applicant for employment covered by this award, must if required to do so by the employer, produce written evidence that they have the qualifications of a qualified engineer, experienced engineer, qualified scientist, experienced scientist, graduate information technology employee or experienced information technology employee.
- (b) Where an employee has failed to produce written evidence that they have the relevant qualifications but later claims to be entitled to a rate of pay under this award, it will be the employer's defence if they can establish that they did not know and had no reason to believe that the employee had the relevant qualifications.

Current	Current award			Professional Employees Award 2016			
		Graduate information technology employee or Experienced information technology employee.					
11.8	1.8 Professional development		12.4	Professional development			
	(a) (b)	It is understood and accepted that it is the responsibility of the employees to keep themselves informed of developments in their profession and to develop their professional knowledge and ability, and that it is appropriate for employees to be encouraged to undertake self-development programs. Where the employee and the employer agree that an activity be undertaken by the employee as a component of a structured training program, the employer will meet all costs associated with the training.		 (a) Employees are responsible for keeping themselves informed of developments in their profession and developing their professional knowledge and ability. It is appropriate for employees to be encouraged to undertake self-development programs. (b) Where the employee and the employer agree that an activity be undertaken by the employee as a component of a structured training program, the employer will meet all costs associated with the training. 			
12.	Томи	nination of employment	Dont 7	-Termination of Employment and Redundancy			
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12.4	Job s	search entitlement	Clause 12.4 now clause 29 – combined with clause 13.4 (Redundancy)				
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13.	Redu	ındancy	26.	Redundancy			
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13.2	Tran	asfer to lower paid duties	27.	Transfer to lower paid job on redundancy			
13.3	Emp	loyee leaving during notice period	28.	Employee leaving during redundancy notice period			
13.4	Job s	search entitlement	29.	Job search entitlement			
Clause	13.4 nc	ow clause 29 – combined with clause 12.4					

13.5	Transitional provisions – NAPSA employees	Transitional provisions removed - obsolete
13.6	Transitional provisions – Division 2B State employees	

Part 3—Minimum Wages and Related Matters

14. Classifications

The classification definitions in Schedule B—Classification Structure and Definitions will apply.

12. Classifications

12.1 Descriptions of the classifications under this award are set out in Schedule A—Classification Structure and Definitions.

15. Minimum wages

The minimum annual wages payable to full-time employees in the classifications defined in Schedule B—Classification Structure and Definitions are:

Classification	Annual wages
	\$
Level 1 Graduate professional	
Pay point 1.1 (3 year degree)	46,764
Pay point 1.1 (4 or 5 year degree)	47,962
Pay point 1.2	48,768
Pay point 1.3	50,798
Pay point 1.4	53,370
Level 2 Experienced professional/quality auditor	55,168
Level 3 Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor	60,292

Part 4—Wages and Allowances

14. Minimum wages

An employer must pay employees the following minimum wages for ordinary hours worked by the employee:

Employee classification	Annual wages	Minimum hourly rate	Casual minimum hourly rate
	\$	\$	\$
Level 1 Graduate professional			
Pay point 1.1 (3 year degree)	46,764	23.59	29.49
Pay point 1.1 (4 or 5 year degree)	47,962	24.19	30.24
Pay point 1.2	48,768	24.60	30.75
Pay point 1.3	50,798	25.63	32.04
Pay point 1.4	53,370	26.92	33.65
Level 2 Experienced	55,168	27.83	34.79

Professional	69 001	profess	sional/quality auditor					
Professional	08,001	quality	auditor	60,292	30.41	38.01 42.88		
		14.2 (a)	•					
6. Allowances		15.	Allowances					
		15.1	Employers must pay to an employee the expense-rated allowan employee is entitled to under this clause.					
			Travelling expenses and travelling time					
their employment) incurred while travelling on their employer's business. Reasonable compensation for excess travel time will be agreed upon.			accommodation, meals and employment) incurred wh	out-of-pocko	et expenses di g on their e	rectly related to their employer's business.		
Vehicle allowance		15.3	Vehicle allowance					
use their private vehicle on the emplo paid reasonable compensation, but in	yer's business, the employee will be no case will the employee receive							
Equipment and special clothing		15.4	Equipment and special clo	othing				
clothing, the employer will provide fre special clothing reasonably required for	ee of cost, all such equipment and or the adequate discharge of duties.		clothing, the employer must special clothing reasonably	t provide free required for	of cost, all su the adequate d	ch equipment and lischarge of duties.		
Adjustment of expense related allow	vances	15.5	Adjustment of expense rel	ated allowa	nces			
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	An employee will be reimbursed a accommodation, meals and out-of-ptheir employment) incurred while tray Reasonable compensation for excess the seasonable compensation for excess the seasonable compensation, but it is their private vehicle on the employear reasonable compensation, but it payment at a rate less than \$0.78 per	Allowances Travelling expenses and travelling time An employee will be reimbursed all reasonable expenses (including accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses directly related to their employment) incurred while travelling on their employer's business. Reasonable compensation for excess travel time will be agreed upon. Vehicle allowance In cases where it is mutually agreed that an employee will be required to use their private vehicle on the employer's business, the employee will be paid reasonable compensation, but in no case will the employee receive payment at a rate less than \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. Equipment and special clothing Except where an employee elects to provide equipment and special clothing, the employer will provide free of cost, all such equipment and special clothing reasonably required for the adequate discharge of duties. Such equipment or clothing will remain the property of the employer. Adjustment of expense related allowances	Allowances Travelling expenses and travelling time An employee will be reimbursed all reasonable expenses (including accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses directly related to their employment) incurred while travelling on their employer's business. Reasonable compensation for excess travel time will be agreed upon. Vehicle allowance In cases where it is mutually agreed that an employee will be required to use their private vehicle on the employer's business, the employee will be paid reasonable compensation, but in no case will the employee receive payment at a rate less than \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. Equipment and special clothing Except where an employee elects to provide equipment and special clothing, the employer will provide free of cost, all such equipment and special clothing reasonably required for the adequate discharge of duties. Such equipment or clothing will remain the property of the employer. Adjustment of expense related allowances 15.3 15.4 15.4 15.5	Level 3 Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor Level 4 Professional 14.2 Minimum hourly rates are composed in the composed of the compos	Professional 68,001 Level 3 Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor Level 4 Professional 60,292 Level 4 Professional 60,292 Allowances Travelling expenses and travelling time An employee will be reimbursed all reasonable expenses (including accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses directly related to their employment) incurred while travelling on their employer's business. Reasonable compensation for excess travel time will be agreed upon. Vehicle allowance In cases where it is mutually agreed that an employee will be required to use their private vehicle on the employer's business, the employee must pay an employee ro on the employer's business at least \$0.78 payment at a rate less than \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. Equipment and special clothing Except where an employee elects to provide equipment and special clothing, the employer must provide free of cost, all such equipment and special clothing reasonably required for the adequate discharge of duties. Such equipment or clothing will remain the property of the employer. Adjustment of expense related allowances 15.4 Equipment and special clothing Except where an employee elects to provide free of cost, all such equipment and special clothing reasonably required for the adequate discharge of duties. Such equipment or clothing will remain the property of the employer.	Level 3 Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor Level 4 Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor Level 4 Professional 68,001 34,30 14.2 Minimum hourly rates are calculated as follows: (a) Hourly rate = (Annual wage x 6/313) /38 Allowances		

17.	Supe	rannuation	16.	16. Superannuation	
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Part 4	–Hour	s of Work and Related Matters	Part 3–	–Houi	rs of Work
18.	Ordi	nary hours of work and rostering	13.	Ord	inary hours of work
18.1	38 per week. An employee who by agreement with their employer is working a regular cycle (including shorter or longer hours) must not have		13.1		the purpose of the NES, ordinary hours of work under this award are 38 week.
			13.2	3.2 An employee who by agreement with their employer is working a cycle (including shorter or longer hours) must not have ordinary houry which exceed an average of 38 hours per week over the cycle.	
18.2	Emp	loyers will compensate for:	13.3	Emp	loyers must compensate for:
	(a)	time worked regularly in excess of ordinary hours of duty;		(a)	time worked regularly in excess of ordinary hours of duty;
	(b)	time worked on call-backs;		(b)	time worked on call-backs;
	(c)	time spent standing by in readiness for a call-back;		(c)	time spent standing by in readiness for a call-back;
	(d)	time spent carrying out professional engineering duties or professional scientific/information technology duties outside of the ordinary hours of duty over the telephone or via remote access arrangements; or		(d)	time spent carrying out professional engineering duties or professional scientific/information technology duties outside of the ordinary hours over the telephone or via remote access arrangements; or
	(e)	time worked on afternoon, night or weekend shifts.		(e)	time worked on afternoon, night or weekend shifts.
18.3	Com	pensation may include:	13.4	Com	pensation may include:
	(a)	granting special additional leave;		(a)	granting special additional leave;
	(b)	granting special additional remuneration;		(b)	granting special additional remuneration;
	(c)	taking this factor into account in the fixation of annual remuneration; or		(c)	taking the factors in clause 13.3 into account in the fixation of annual remuneration; or
	(d)	granting a special allowance or loading.		(d)	granting a special allowance or loading.
	Provi	ded that, where relevant, such compensation or remuneration will	13.5	Whe	re relevant, compensation in clause 13.4 must include consideration of

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	as ap	de consideration of the penalty rate or equivalent and the conditions oplicable from time to time to the majority of employees employed in ticular establishment in which the employee is employed.		the penalty rate or equivalent and conditions applicable from to majority of employees employed in a particular establishment in which employee is employed.	
18.4	ensu	compensation and/or remuneration will be reviewed annually to re that it is set at an appropriate level having regard to the factors I in this clause.	13.6	The compensation in clause 13.4 must be reviewed annually to ensure it is set at an appropriate level having regard to the factors listed in clause.	
18.5	Tran	nsfers	13.7	3.7 Transfers	
Where an employee is transferred permanently from day work to shiftwork or from shiftwork to day work, such employee should receive at least one month's notice. However, the employer and the employee may agree on a lesser period of notice.			(a)	An employee who is transferred permanently from day work to shiftwork or from shiftwork to day work must receive at least one month's notice unless the employer and the employee agree on a lesser period of notice.	
				(b)	Clause 13.7(a) is subject to the requirements of clause 23—Consultation about changes to rosters or hours of work.
Part 5	–Leav	e and Public Holidays	Part 5	Part 5—Leave and Public Holidays	
19.	Annı	ual leave	17.	Annual leave	
19.1	Annu	ual leave is provided for in the NES.	17.1	Annı	al leave is provided for in the NES.
19.2		employee must be paid a loading calculated at the rate of 17.5% of base rate of pay, provided that:	17.2		mployee must be paid a loading calculated at the rate of 17.5% of their rate of pay, provided that:
	(a)	In no case will there be an entitlement to an amount in excess of the ABS average weekly earnings for all males (Australia) for the preceding September quarter of the year preceding the year in which the date of the accrual of the annual leave falls.		(a)	The entitlement must not exceed the ABS average weekly earnings for all males (Australia) for the September quarter of the year preceding in which the date of the accrual of the annual leave falls; and
			•		
	(b)	Where an employee is in receipt of remuneration from their employer which is related to their annual leave loading and which is established as being of equivalent value to or greater value than the loading provided by this clause, no further entitlement will accrue. Where the benefit is of a lesser value than equivalent value		(b)	Where an employee receives remune which is related to their annual le established as being of equivalent value loading provided by this clause, no fur Where the benefit is of a lesser value the

19.3	Definition of shiftworker	17.3	Definition of shiftworker	
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19.4	Annual close-down	17.4 Annual close-down		
	Where an employer closes down the enterprise, or a section or sections thereof, for the purposes of allowing annual leave to all or the majority of employees in the enterprise, section, or sections concerned, the same conditions which apply to the other employees of the enterprise, section or sections may also apply to employees covered by this award.		 (a) An employer may close down a section or more of the enterprise for the purpose of allowing annual leave to all or the majority of employees. (b) The same conditions which apply to the other employees of the enterprise (or sections) also apply to employees covered by this 	
			award.	
19.5 Annual leave in advance		17.5 Annual leave in advance		
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19.6	Cashing out of annual leave	17.6	Cashing out of annual leave	
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19.7	Excessive leave accruals: general provision	17.7	Excessive leave accruals: general provision	
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19.8	Excessive leave accruals: direction by employer that leave be taken	17.8	Excessive leave accruals: direction by employer that leave be taken	
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19.9	Excessive leave accruals: request by employee for leave	17.9	Excessive leave accruals: request by employee for leave	
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20.	Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave	18.	Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave	
Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.		Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.		
21.	Community service leave	21.	Community service leave	
Community service leave is provided for in the NES.		Community service leave is provided for in the NES.		

Clause inserted – proposed new provision			19.	Paren	tal leave and related entitlements	
			Parental leave and related entitlements are provided for in the NES.			
22. Public holidays		20. Public holidays				
22.1	.1 Public holidays are provided for in the NES.		20.1	20.1 Public holiday entitlements are provided for in the NES.		
22.2	.2 Substitution of public holidays by agreement at the enterprise		20.2 Substitution of public holidays by agreement at the enterprise			
	(a) (b)	Substitution of public holidays by majority agreement			substitute another day for any of the prescribed days in this clause.	
		An employer and its employees may agree to substitute another day for any of the prescribed days in this clause. For this purpose, the consent of the majority of the affected employees will constitute agreement.		(b)		
		Substitution of public holidays by individual agreement				
		An employer and individual employee may agree to the employee taking another day as the public holiday instead of the day which is being observed as the public holiday in the enterprise or relevant section or sections of it.				
Schedu	Schedule A —Transitional Provisions			Transitional provision – clause removed – obsolete		
Transitional provision – clause removed - obsolete						
Schedule B —Classification Structure and Definitions			Schedule A— Classification Structure and Definitions			
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Schedu	Schedule C —Agreement to Take Annual Leave in Advance			Schedule B— Agreement to Take Annual Leave in Advance		
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Schedule D —Agreement to Cash Out Annual Leave		Schedule C— Agreement to Cash Out Annual Leave				
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