

On 31 July 2023, in-principle agreement (IPA) was reached in relation to the proposed *State Government Entities Certified Agreement – 2023 (2023 Core)*.

The following provides a summary of the key changes and/or enhancements to be provided through the proposed 2023 Core Agreement to assist you to understand the effect of the changes.

Queensland Audit Office:

| New Appendix | 20 |
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| | Details |
| | The Provisions will apply to Queensland Audit Office Staff covered by the 2023 Core Agreement. |
| | <p>On 14 October 2022 the Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 was introduced. The Bill was passed on 12 December 2022, and became the <i>Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022</i>.</p> <p>Staff of the audit office will be appointed under the <i>Auditor-General Act 2009</i> (A-G Act) and not the <i>Public Sector Act 2022</i> (PS Act) at a future date. When the transition of staff from the PS Act to the A-G Act occurs, both Ministerial and Commission Chief Executive Directive would cease to apply.</p> <p>However, an appendix has been created which provides commitments for the life of the 2023 agreement to address this transition phase. The clauses will provide that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QAO will continue to apply the conditions and entitlements in Directives that applied as at the date of certification of the Core 2023; - QAO will develop policies in consultation with the Union to continue the operation of existing conditions and entitlements provided for in Directives, and will incorporate relevant provisions from the PS Act; and - Where Directives are updated, or new Directives created they will not be automatically applied. However, QAO will consider the appropriateness of applying changes to the workforce in consultation with the union. <p>This will ensure the status quo in terms of existing entitlements and arrangements provided for in Directives are maintained for the duration of the Core 2023, while also providing the ability for future Directives to apply where relevant.</p> |

If you have any questions in relation to Appendix 20 or the broader Core information, please contact your agency representatives:

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