



Legislative Instrument

Business Names Registration—Transitional Registry Operations Data Standard 2022

I, Chris Jordan, Commissioner of Taxation in my capacity as the Registrar, make this instrument under subsection 62H(1) of the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* for the purpose of providing data standards on matters relating to the functions and powers of the Registrar under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*.

Chris Jordan
Registrar

16 June 2022

1 Name

This instrument is the *Business Names Registration—Transitional Registry Operations Data Standard 2022*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences immediately after the commencement of item 20 of Schedule 1 to the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures Act 2020)*.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*.

4 Definitions

Note: A number of terms used in this instrument are defined in the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*, including the following:

- (a) entity;
- (b) Registrar.

In this instrument:

action includes an act that consists of:

- (a) deciding, notifying, issuing, publishing, giving; or
- (b) asking, requesting, requiring, directing; or
- (c) applying, responding, providing, lodging; or
- (d) accepting, recording, holding, maintaining; or
- (e) certifying, providing extracts; or

- (f) accepting payment or making payment.

Note: the actions mentioned in (a) to (f) are not an exhaustive list.

BNR Acts means the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* and *Business Names Registration (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2011*.

BNR instrument provision means:

- (a) a provision of an instrument made under the BNR Acts; or
- (b) a provision of an old BNR instrument that:
 - (i) has been repealed (including impliedly repealed); or
 - (ii) otherwise does not apply to an action,

because of the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures Act 2020*, as if that Act did not have that effect.

old BNR Acts means the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* or the *Business Names Registration (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2011* as in force immediately before the commencement of this instrument.

old BNR instrument means an instrument, prescribed form or approved form made under the old BNR Act.

registry provision means:

- (a) a provision of the BNR Acts that requires or permits:
 - (i) the Registrar to take an action; or
 - (ii) another entity to take an action in relation to the Registrar; or
- (b) a BNR instrument provision made for the purposes of a provision of the kind mentioned in paragraph (a) that requires or permits:
 - (i) ASIC to take an action; or
 - (ii) another entity to take an action in relation to ASIC.

5 Actions relating to matters relating to functions and powers of the Registrar

- (1) The Registrar may take an action under a registry provision by taking the action in accordance with the requirements (if any) of the old BNR Acts or an old BNR instrument that would have applied to ASIC taking the action.
- (2) Another entity may take an action in relation to the Registrar by taking the action in accordance with the requirements (if any) of the old BNR Acts or an old BNR instrument that would have applied to an entity taking the action in relation to ASIC if the action:
 - (a) relates to a registry provision; and
 - (b) relates to the performance of the Registrar's functions or the exercise of the Registrar's powers under the BNR Acts.
- (3) Without limiting subsections (1) and (2):
 - (a) an action may be taken using notices, forms or systems or any other means available to or in relation to ASIC under the old BNR Acts or an old BNR instrument; and
 - (b) section 62F of the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* applies to an action that consists of making a decision using a computer system maintained by or on behalf of ASIC where the Registrar has control over the processes to assist decision making in the computer system.

- (4) If the Registrar or another entity omits to take an action in relation to a registry provision in accordance with a requirement of the old BNR Acts or an old BNR instrument, the Registrar or other entity is taken to have omitted to take the action for the purposes of the BNR Acts or an instrument made under it.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, taking an action in accordance with a requirement includes taking an action in accordance with the manner, form or practice in which such a requirement could be complied with.

6 How the Registrar will hold, record and store registry information

The Registrar may take an action in relation to a registry provision by holding, recording or storing information on a computer system maintained by or on behalf of ASIC.

Note 1: Records Authorities may be issued by the National Archives of Australia in accordance with the *Archives Act 1983*.

Note 2: A document or a copy of a document that purports to be an extract of information held by ASIC in relation to a registry provision will be an extract of information held by the Registrar for the purpose of section 62S of the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*.

7 How the Registrar uses registry information

- (1) The Registrar may use information provided, generated or held in accordance with this instrument:
 - (a) to make a record of the information collected or generated; or
 - (b) to maintain the accuracy of information held by the Registrar; or
 - (c) for the performance of the Registrar's functions and the exercise of the Registrar's powers.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the Registrar may use a system maintained by or on behalf of ASIC for the purpose of subsection (1).

Note: Information collected under this instrument is 'protected information' within the meaning of section 3 of the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* and is subject to the secrecy and disclosure provisions in Division 1, Subdivision C of the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*.