



31 March 2021

Andrew Cameron  
Executive Officer  
Primary Employers Tasmania  
Sent via email: [andrew@primaryemployers.com.au](mailto:andrew@primaryemployers.com.au)

### Notification of changes – Action required

Dear Andrew Cameron,

We acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the office holders of the Primary Employers Tasmania (AR2020/22).

A list of those changes has been summarised in Appendix A at the end of this letter.

#### What you need to do right now

- Any person who has been elected or appointed to a new office that has financial management duties (which usually includes all the committee of management) **MUST** do [financial training](#) or [obtain an exemption](#)
- Inform all officers of their [disclosure obligations](#)
- Consider giving your new officers the link to the ROC's [Officer Induction Kit](#)

These next steps are explained below in more detail.

#### Late notification warning



Appendix A contains late notifications. Please inform the relevant officer that this has been recorded against AR2020/22.

Late notifications are a serious issue that impacts on the transparency of the whole organisation to its members. Members should be able to tell who their officers are.

We have included some resources below to help support your good governance in relation to notifications of change.

#### Financial training must be done within 6 months

Any officer who has been elected or appointed to a new office that has financial management duties must complete [financial training](#) (or obtain an exemption) **within 6 months** after taking office (s.293K of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (RO Act)).

The organisation is responsible for this requirement. You should arrange for the relevant officers to have training as soon as possible.

Good governance processes around financial training are highly recommended. These include:

- keeping a list of all offices that have financial management duties
- having a single person or officer responsible for overseeing the process
- collecting records of who has done training or obtained an exemption, including any certificates and exemption letters
- doing refresher courses for officers who have been re-elected to the same office (and are not required to do training under the RO Act)
- extending training to non-officers who are essential to your financial processes



#### **Officer financial training audit**

An audit by the ROC into officer training found that organisations frequently misunderstood **which** officers are required to do training.

To help with this we have an [officer training online panel](#) with examples explaining what triggers the need to do training and how to identify the offices that require it.

Further information about training is provided in our [officer financial training fact sheet](#).

#### **Help for new officers: Officer Induction Kit**

The ROC has created an [Officer Induction Kit](#) to assist new officers. The Kit has resources that will help an officer to understand their general duties as an officer and their specific duties as an officer in your organisation. It also includes tools to guide an officer's understanding of compliance dates, disclosures and other reporting obligations.

Please direct your officers to the kit which is on the ROC's [officers and disclosures](#) page.

#### **Disclosure obligations: what officers must do**

All officers are required to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests. Details are contained in the RO Act and are summarised in the ROC's [Disclosures Fact Sheet](#).

The organisation and officers are both responsible for meeting this obligation.

#### **Time frames for notifications of change**

Notifications of change must be lodged within 35 days of the change occurring (r 151 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009).

#### **Resources to help you make your notifications of change**

Notifications of change are vitally important to maintain the transparency of an organisation to its members. They empower members to hold the organisation properly to account for its decisions.

To ensure that organisations get these notifications right we have created resources to help you understand the notification of change requirement and complete it quickly.

These resources include:

- [notification of change template](#)
- a podcast that answers the question – [who is an officer?](#)
- and a [fact sheet on notifications of change](#) that explains the requirement



#### **eLearning module – notifications of change**

The ROC has launched an eLearning module to assist organisations in understanding when a notification of change is required.

The [eLearning module](#) is available on our website.

It will take approximately 20 minutes and has a short quiz at the end to help you test your knowledge.

Please contact 1300 341 665 or [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au) if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

**Registered Organisations Commission**

## Appendix A

The table below outlines the changes notified and when they were lodged.

Our records have been updated.

The notification of change and this filing letter can be viewed on the ROC Website through the [list of Registered Organisations](#).

Date of lodgement	Branch	Change	Within prescribed period (Yes/No). If No, how many days late
04/12/2020	National	Committee of Management Member	Yes
11/02/2021	National	Change of Address	No, 1 Day Late

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return) required to be kept in accordance with section 230 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009**

I, Felicity Richards being the President of Primary Employers Tasmania declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009:
  - On 6 January, 2021 the address of the organisation changed to 9 Isabelle Court, West Launceston, Tasmania 7250.<sup>1</sup>

Signed: 

Dated: 8 February 2021

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within **35 days** of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au)*

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<sup>1</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

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  - A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.

Signed:



Dated:

4/12/2020

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within **35 days** of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*

**ANNEXURE A****THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE**Changes to Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation and its Branches [*insert as many pages as required*]:

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Name of Office that has changed</b>	<b>Name of <u>Outgoing</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Name of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Postal Address of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Occupation of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>
	19.11.2020	Committee of Management Member	Michele Lawrence	Sophie Greenacre	PO Box 3014 LAUNCESTON 7250	Farmer