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Deposit Takers Act 2023: Release of DTA Standards exposure drafts for consultation (tranche 2)

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Action Sought

Action sought	Deadline
Note the annexed papers for consultation with industry.	25 February 2026

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Actions for the Minister's Office Staff

Note any feedback on the quality of the report.	

Attachments –

Annex A: Deposit Takers Standards – Tranche 2 Consultation Paper: Supporting information on the exposure drafts

Annexes B-K: Exposure Drafts and Supporting Draft Guidance for Tranche 2 DTA Standards (Governance Standard, Risk Management Standard, Business Transfers, Holding Entities, and Restricted Activities Standard, Disclosure Standard, Reporting Standard)

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Purpose

This report informs you of our upcoming release on or around 26 February of the second tranche of exposure drafts of standards (Standards) that we will issue under the Deposit Takers Act 2023 (DTA). We will also release an exposure draft of guidance on the due diligence duty to coincide with this consultation.

DTA Standards exposure drafts

1. The Standards will replace the Reserve Bank's existing prudential requirements for banks and non-bank deposit takers (NBDTs). The Standards will be secondary legislation unlike most of our existing non-legislative prudential requirements.

2. The Reserve Bank Board has approved the policy positions upon which these exposure drafts are based. We released response documents to consultation outlining those positions in May and July of 2025.[1] The purpose of this consultation phase is to seek technical input on whether the Standards are legally correct and deliver on our published policy intent. We are also asking for feedback in relation to some specific technical policy areas.

3. This consultation is the next step in our work implementing the DTA through developing prudential standards. Tranche 1 of the Standards was released in October 2025 (briefing #6323 refers) and we are currently reviewing submissions received as part of that consultation. The final and third tranche of Standards will be released in June 2026.

4. Draft Guidance has also been provided with each exposure draft. Guidance is designed to support the Standards by explaining requirements in more detail and is not legally binding.

5. Annexed to this report is an overarching consultation paper (Deposit Takers Standards – Tranche 2) which identifies the specific consultation questions. Feedback on these questions will support the development of the final Standards. Attached to the consultation paper are the exposure drafts and accompanying draft guidance for the five tranche 2 Standards. Those Standards are set out in the table below with a brief explanatory overview.

DTA Standard (tranche 2)	***Overview of Standard***
Governance Standard	The Governance Standard will help to ensure that deposit takers are appropriately governed by setting requirements related to: • responsibilities of the boards of locally incorporated deposit takers and the New Zealand CEO of branches • the structure and composition of boards • fit and proper requirements for directors and senior managers.

[1] The summary of submissions and policy responses documents are available on our website at: Deposit Takers Core Standards - Reserve Bank of New Zealand - Citizen Space and Deposit Takers Non-Core Standards - Reserve Bank of New Zealand - Citizen Space.

Risk Management Standard	The Risk Management Standard will promote effective risk management practices for deposit takers by requiring them to: • develop integrated risk management frameworks, policies and processes • develop internal processes and information systems to monitor risk • undertake forward looking stress-testing for material risks • adequately resource and provide authority and independence to risk management, audit and compliance functions.
Business Transfers, Holding Entities, and Restricted Activities Standard	The Business Transfers, Holding Entities, and Restricted Activities Standard will limit the ability of deposit takers to engage in certain business activities and transactions that can endanger their safety and soundness, and potentially the stability of the financial system.
Disclosure Standard	The Disclosure Standard will set out requirements regarding the disclosure statements that certain deposit takers are required to publish. As part of tranche 2, we are consulting on general requirements and requirements for most of the information contained in disclosure statements. In tranche 3, we will consult on requirements for disclosures related to risk management, counterparty exposures, and capital adequacy (tranche 3 will contain the substantive requirements to which those disclosure obligations will apply).
Reporting Standard	The Reporting Standard contains requirements for deposit takers to disclose financial and prudential information to the Reserve Bank. It differs from the Disclosure Standard in that it primarily deals with the supply of information needed to supervise and enforce prudential requirements, rather than information needed to support market discipline.

6. In addition to these Standards, we also plan to consult on an exposure draft of guidance on the due diligence duty in the DTA. The DTA requires the Reserve Bank to publish guidance on this duty, including consultation with stakeholders and professional bodies for directors. We are engaging with the Institute of Directors on the guidance. As this draft guidance has yet to be approved by the Reserve Bank Financial Policy Committee, it may be released slightly later than the tranche 2 Standards.

Next steps

7. Subject to minor or editorial changes, we intend to release the annexed papers for consultation on or around 26 February 2026. We will publish a press release when the papers are published.

8. The timing for consultation on exposure drafts for all the Standards is set out below. We will separately report to you in advance of publication of the third tranche.

Timing	*Exposure drafts of standards*
Tranche 1 *(consultation complete)* *October 2025 to January 2026*	Liquidity, DCS, Lending, Incorporation outside New Zealand (Branches)
Tranche 2 *(current)* *February 2026 to May 2026*	Governance, Risk Management, Business Transfers, Holding Entities, and Restricted Activities, Disclosure (except relating to risk management, counterparty exposures, or capital adequacy), Reporting
Tranche 3 *June 2026 to September 2026*	Capital, Disclosure (relating to risk management, counterparty exposures, and capital adequacy), Operational Resilience, Outsourcing, Related Party Exposures

9. We will review industry feedback as we receive it for each tranche of consultation as part of our ongoing work towards issuing the Standards in May 2027.

10. As we advised you last year (#6292 refers), we have had to reconsider the scope of the Open Bank Resolution (OBR) Pre-positioning Standard due to interaction with the Capital Review and broader crisis management policy work. Instead of issuing an exposure draft as part of tranche 3, we now plan to consult further with industry on OBR as part of the policy consultation on the Crisis Preparedness Standard. This will coincide with the consultation on the tranche 3 Standards. This change of approach will not impact the overall timeline for DTA implementation.

11. Please let us know if you wish to discuss the contents of this briefing or the ongoing Standards work more generally.

Recommendations

12. It is recommended that you:

  a) **Note** that we intend to publish the annexed Deposit Takers Act 2023 (DTA) Standards consultation paper, exposure drafts, and accompanying guidance for consultation with industry on or around 26 February 2026, subject to minor or editorial changes.

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