

# Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (Exemption— Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane) Instrument 2025 (No. 18)

I, Daniel Mossop, National Manager, Policy Rules and Guidance Branch make the following instrument as a delegate of the AUSTRAC CEO.

Dated 11 September 2025

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Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

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#### 1 Name

This instrument is the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Exemption—Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane) Instrument 2025 (No. 18) (Instrument).

#### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is signed.

### 3 Cessation

This instrument ceases to have effect on 31 March 2028.

# 4 Authority

This instrument is:

- (1) made under paragraph 248(1)(a) of the Act; and
- (2) subject to the conditions in section 8 of this instrument, as authorised under paragraph 248(2)(b) of the Act.

#### 5 Definitions

Note:

A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in section 5 of the Act, including the following:

- (a) customer;
- (b) designated service;
- (c) person.

In this instrument:

Act means the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006.

*CSDB* means the Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane (ABN 51 925 884 864).

**Rules** means the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Instrument 2007 (No. 1).* 

# 6 Application

This instrument applies to CSDB in respect of the provision of designated services described in items 6, 7, 14 and 30 of Table 1 in subsection 6(2) of the Act, and as reenacted from 31 March 2026.

# 7 Exempted provisions

CSDB is exempt from the following provisions of the Act:

From the date of commencement to 30 March 2026

- (1) Divisions 2 to 7 of Part 2 (other than section 39);
- (2) Division 5 of Part 3;
- (3) Divisions 2 to 4 of Part 7 (other than section 93); and
- (4) Divisions 2 to 6 of Part 10 (other than section 114B).

#### From 31 March 2026

- (1) Divisions 2 to 6 of Part 1A;
- (2) Divisions 2 to 7 of Part 2 (other than sections 39 to 39F);
- (3) Division 5 of Part 3; and
- (4) Divisions 2 to 6 of Part 10 (other than section 114B).

## 8 Conditions

This instrument is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) This instrument only applies in respect of a CSDB customer that is:
  - (a) domiciled in Australia; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) a person established by or under the authority of a person specified under subsection (2); or
    - (ii) a person satisfying the requirements under subsection (3).
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i), the following persons are specified:
  - (a) the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane; or
  - (b) another Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia which has adopted the Financial Protection Canon 1995; or
  - (c) a person accountable to an entity in (a) or (b).
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(ii), the following requirements must be met:
  - (a) has been the subject of customer identification and verification carried out by CSDB in a manner that would satisfy the requirements of the Act and Rules as amended from time to time; and
  - (b) is subject to direction or audit of their financial affairs by an entity listed in (2).
- (4) CSDB must make a record of the information collected under subsection (3) and retain that record for 7 years after making it.
- (5) This instrument only applies in respect of transactions occurring entirely in Australia.
- (6) CSDB must notify the AUSTRAC CEO, in writing, of any event that may affect its ability to comply with this instrument within 14 days of such an event occurring.

#### Important Notice to the person named in this instrument

- 1. Under section 248(3) of the Act, a person granted an exemption subject to one or more conditions must comply with the conditions specified in the Instrument. Failure to comply with section 248(3) is a civil penalty provision and may result in any or all of the following:
  - the exemption ceasing to apply to the person during any period in which the person does not comply with the relevant condition/s;
  - the exemption being revoked;
  - the AUSTRAC CEO applying to the Federal Court of Australia for a civil penalty order requiring the person to pay a pecuniary penalty in respect of the breach.
- 2. This exemption is specific to, or is based on an assessment of the:
  - information or documents provided by, or on behalf of, the person to AUSTRAC in support of the application made under subsection 248(1) of the Act; and
  - facts and circumstances relevant to the application, including the nature and type of business activities the person undertakes at the time of the application.
- 3. Under sections 136 and 137 of the Act, it is an offence to provide false or misleading information or documents to the AUSTRAC CEO. If any of the information submitted by the applicant or its representatives is found to be false or misleading, the exemption may be revoked and action initiated against the applicant.
- 4. The person granted the exemption may request the AUSTRAC CEO to revoke or vary the exemption at any time.
- 5. Any request to vary or extend the operation of this exemption must be submitted to the AUSTRAC CEO or an approved delegate no later than 8 weeks before the date the change is requested to commence.
- 6. This exemption does not preclude the person from making communications or disclosures that are otherwise permitted by law.