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# PSPF Reforms

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) is mandatory for non-corporate Commonwealth entities and represents better practice for corporate Commonwealth entities and wholly-owned Commonwealth companies under the PGPA Act.

The new PSPF improves clarity, reduces unnecessary 'red tape' and fosters a strengthened security culture across government. The reforms to the PSPF do not fundamentally change entities' responsibilities to protect their people, information and assets.

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT:



### KEY CHANGES

#### 1 GOVERNANCE

Defined security leadership roles and responsibilities—new Chief Security Officer role to provide protective security oversight

Adopting a life cycle approach to security management

Reporting on the level of security maturity using the new PSPF maturity model

#### 2 INFORMATION SECURITY



Increased prominence of cyber security matters and greater coherence with Australian Government Information Security Manual

Simplified security classification of information:

- UNCLASSIFIED replaced by new marking—**OFFICIAL**
- Dissemination Limiting Markers (Sensitive, Sensitive: Personal, Sensitive: Legal) replaced by a single marking—**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**
- CONFIDENTIAL classification discontinued
- New special handling caveat—**CABINET** — replaces Sensitive: Cabinet

#### 3 PERSONNEL SECURITY



Explains personnel security cycle: recruit the right person—manage ongoing suitability—support secure separation

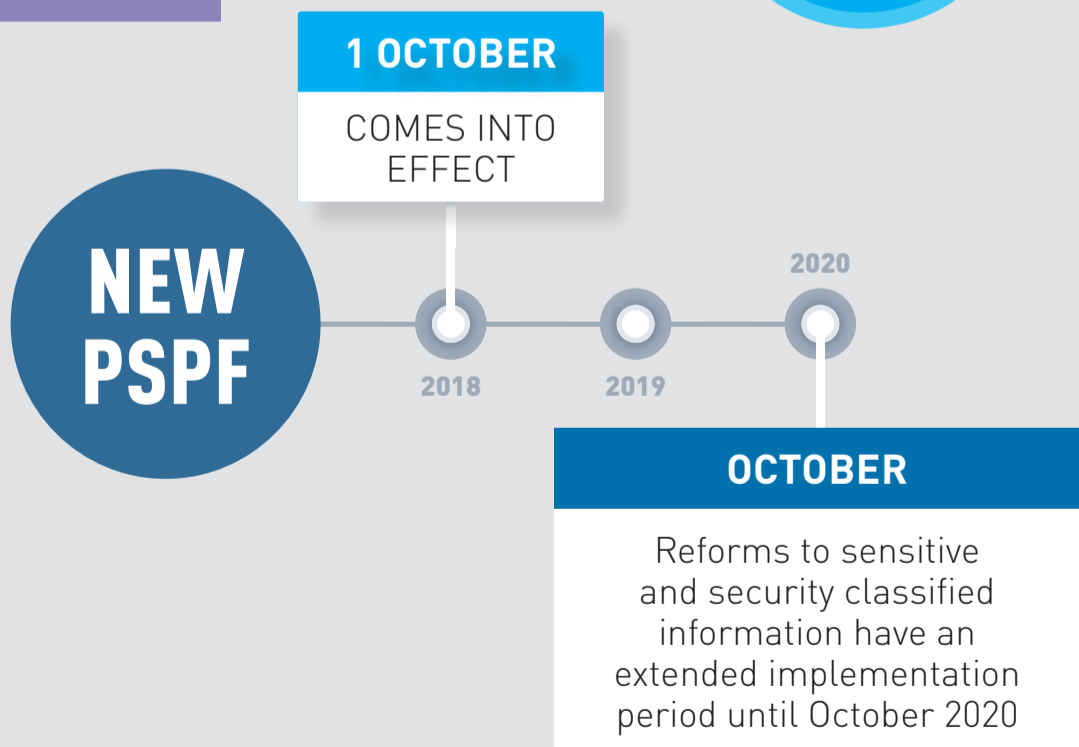
Clearer roles and responsibilities for getting and managing security clearances

#### 4 PHYSICAL SECURITY



Improved integration between the PSPF and ASIO's technical advice

### TIMING:



### NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

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