

# Policy & Philosophy Paper

## ICB is...

Bookkeepers helping Bookkeepers helping Business

Local Focus – National Accreditation – Global recognition

## Concept Statements

ICB promotes and maintains the standards of bookkeeping as a profession, through the establishment of expectations, relevant qualifications and the award of grades of membership that recognise academic attainment, working experience and expertise.

## ICB Global Objectives

ICB Global states – The Institutes objectives are:

- To promote bookkeeping as a profession
- To enable bookkeeping to gain recognition as an integral part of the financial profession
- To promote training in the principles of bookkeeping
- To enable the achievement of a qualification
- To improve the career prospects of its members

## Vision

In Australia, the ICB provides bookkeepers with the co-operative forum to be the best they can be. It is about bookkeepers: Bookkeepers helping bookkeepers helping business.

- The vision of the ICB is:
  - ▶ To provide bookkeepers
  - ▶ With the co-operative forum
  - ▶ To be the best they can be
- It's about bookkeepers:
  - ▶ Recognition
  - ▶ Education

In Australia, “Bookkeepers” includes BAS Agents who are registered with the Tax Practitioners Board for the purposes of the [Tax Agent Services Act 2009](#).

The ICB aims to bring certainty to the bookkeeping profession and all involved and affected by it. It answers the questions:

- What does a bookkeeper do?
- How skilled is this bookkeeper?
- How do I prove my bookkeeping skills?
- How do I improve my bookkeeping skills?
- How do I do bookkeeping better?
- What are the benefits of being part of a professional organisation for bookkeepers?

ICB will accredit, assist and inform bookkeepers and the community thereby increasing the structure and definition of the profession.

ICB will promote Certified Bookkeepers and develop the professionalism of Certified Bookkeepers.

ICB is a member-based, not for profit, professional association: “bookkeepers helping bookkeepers.”

## The Purposes of ICB Australia

The purposes of ICB include:

- To facilitate forums of information, experience and education exchange
- To provide resources and guidance for the best practice of bookkeeping
- To provide support for Certified Bookkeepers including technical assistance
- To promote Certified Bookkeepers
- To develop the professionalism of Certified Bookkeepers
- To provide commercial benefit from being a member of this network
- Embrace, support and promote the BAS Agent regime
- To provide opportunities for the gaining of experience under supervision
- To ensure government and key stakeholders listen to, consider and promote Certified Bookkeepers and their reality

## The Next 10 Years to 2026 for ICB

With the perspective of “Bookkeepers helping Bookkeepers helping Business”, the benefits of “Global Recognition - National Accreditation - Local Focus”, the vision and purposes as above.

We specifically embark on:

- Influencing the educational review
- Influencing and collaborating with the ATO and government
- Proactive engagement with our Strategic Partners
- Enhanced project management and communication
- Enhanced digital content and design
- Developing further bookkeeper mentoring opportunities
- Enhancing the network meetings

## References

- [ICB – The Institute and its Objectives](#)
- [ICB – The Next 10 Years](#)