**Register of Harm Prevention Charities**

**Fact Sheet**

This fact sheet does not replace the Register of Harm Prevention Charities Guidelines. The guidelines, application form and Public Fund Committee Nomination Forms appear on the website or can be requested by phone or email.

**For further information and other inquiries:**
Phone: 1800 441 242
Email: harmpreventioncharitiesregister@dss.gov.au

Website: [Register of Harm Prevention charities](https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/communities-and-vulnerable-people/programmes-services/register-of-harm-prevention-charities)

**Requirements for the Register**

* **Registered as a Charity with Commonwealth tax concessions**

Before seeking entry on the Register, institutions and their public fund must first register as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and then obtain endorsement as a tax concession charity from the Australian Taxation Office. More information is available from the [ACNC](http://www.acnc.gov.au/) and [ATO](https://www.ato.gov.au/) websites.

* **Principal Activity**

To be assessed as a harm prevention charity, the **principal** **activity** of the institution must be the promotion of the **prevention** or the **control** of human behaviour that is harmful or abusive to human beings. Behaviour that is harmful or abusive means one or more of the following emotional abuse; sexual abuse; physical abuse; suicide; self-harm (self injury, self mutilation); substance abuse; harmful gambling.

* **Public Fund**

A public fund must be established and maintained to which gifts of money or property are made along with the establishment of a public fund management committee.

* **Constitutional information**

To be assessed as meeting the legislative requirements of the Register of Harm Prevention Charities, constitutional documents must include model rules relating to the Public Fund and model clauses relating to the harm prevention charity.

**GiftPack**

To ensure that the Register of Harm Prevention Charities is the most appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient category for your institution please refer to the ATO guide, Giftpack – a guide for deductible gift recipients. It is available on the [ATO website](https://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/).

**Endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient**

Once an institution and its public fund is entered on the Register of Harm Prevention Charities, it is then eligible to apply for endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient.