1. **Statement**

This Standard explains the grouping of GST registered entities and the GST implications for entities grouped with Queensland Health.

2. **Scope**

Compliance with this standard is mandatory.

This standard shall apply to all employees, contractors and consultants within the Department of Health divisions and commercialised business units as well as Hospital and Health Services.

3. **Requirements**

**Introduction**

A GST group consists of two or more business entities that operate as a single business for GST purposes. To form a group, the entities must satisfy certain requirements and notify the Australian Taxation Office of the formation of such a group.

**Forming a Group**

In order to form a GST group with one or more other members, each member must satisfy the membership requirements of that GST group. Each member shall:

- be registered for GST
- have the same tax periods as all the other members of the proposed GST group
- account for GST on the same basis (that is, cash or non-cash) as all the other members of the proposed GST group
- not belong to any other GST group
- have no GST branches for GST purposes
- satisfy the specific requirements and regulations that apply to its particular type of entity.

Each Health and Hospital Service (HHS) will be grouped together with Queensland Health (ABN 66 329 169 412) who will be the representative member of the QH Group.

**Transactions between Group members**

Transactions between Group members will be out-of-scope using tax codes S9 or P9 as the case may be.

**Tax Invoices**

Valid Tax Invoices will still be required to be issued to outside entities by Group members or where authorised, the Group representative. The Tax Invoice must include the details of the Group member and not the details of the representative member of the group.
Tax Invoices received by Group members for purchases may show sufficient information to clearly show the identity of the GST group, the representative member (QH) or another member of the GST group. The document is also taken to be a Tax Invoice if it contained information from which the Group member’s identity or ABN could be determined.

However, a recipient that is, or was, a member of a GST group can still require the supplier to issue a compliant Tax Invoice.

**Business Activity Statement**

Queensland Health as the representative member of the group is liable for the GST payable on the taxable supplies that entities within the Group make. In addition, Queensland Health is entitled to the input tax credit on the creditable acquisitions each group members makes.

The representative member of a GST group must complete the activity statement and account for any net GST adjustments on behalf of all group members.

**Changes to Group members**

The representative member of a GST group must notify the ATO:

- if an entity who was a member no longer meets the requirements to be in the group; or
- when they have
  - added or removed members from the GST group
  - changed the GST group's representative member
  - dissolved the GST group.

4. **Related legislation and documents**

- A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999
- GSTR 2006/9 – Supplies
- GSTR 2013/1 – Tax Invoices
- GST Standard – Tax Invoices

5. **Definitions**

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