# **Notifiable events**



**Return purpose**: To update or correct an accountable person's information that has previously been submitted to the Regulators.



**Timing**: As per section 31 and 32 of the FAR Act, the Regulators must be notified within 30 days of the following events:

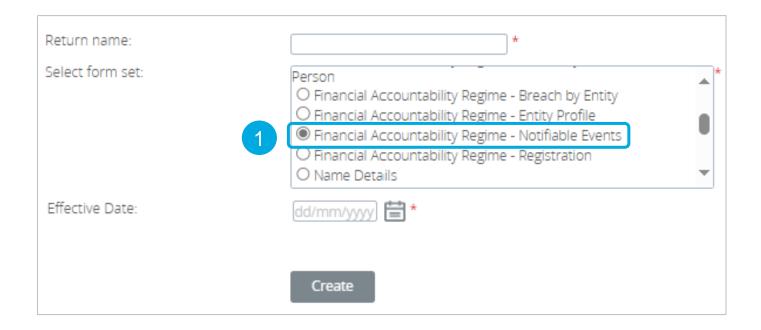
- a material change occurs to an accountable person's information including updates to:
  - personal identification details
  - responsibilities
  - key functions
  - reporting lines
- a material change occurs to the information in an accountability statement
- a person ceases to be an accountable person
- an accountable person is dismissed or suspended because they have failed to comply with one or more of their accountability obligations\*

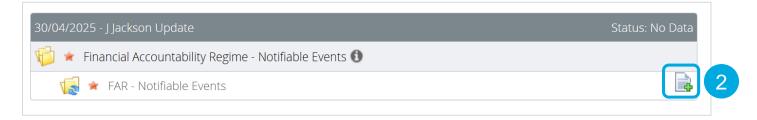
This form is also used to cancel a new accountable person's registration.

\*Note: To notify the Regulators of this event under paragraph 32(b) of the Act, the accountable entity will need to submit this form as well as the *FAR – Breach by Accountable Person* form.

# **Notification – Create return**

#### Access via: APRA Connect > Menu > Returns > Create Return





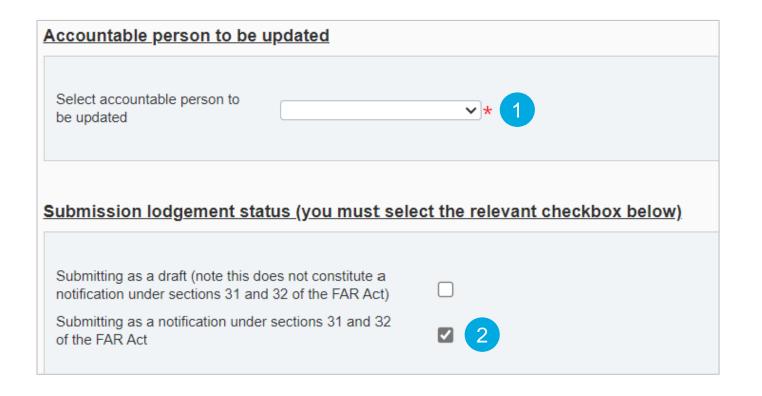


In APRA Connect, select the *Financial Accountability Regime*– *Notifiable Events* form, name the return and add an effective date.



Once created, select the '+' icon to open the form.

# Notification – Accountable person update and submission lodgement status





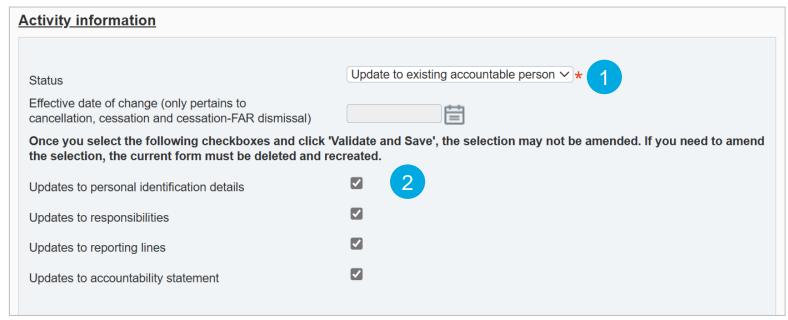
Select the relevant accountable person from the drop-down list.

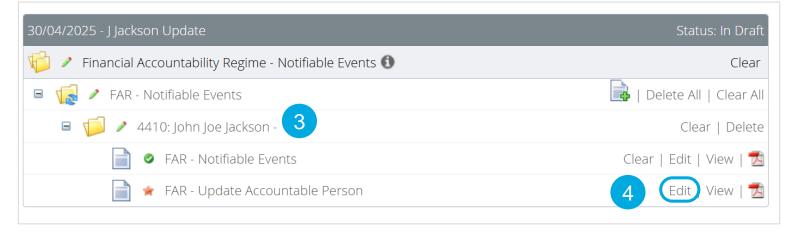
Only one accountable person can be selected per form.



Make formal submissions only by selecting the *Submitting as a notification under sections 31 and 32 of the FAR Act* checkbox.

# **Notification – Activity information**







To update an accountable person's information, select the *Status: Update to existing accountable person*.



Select relevant update options to enable editing of the relevant sections of the form.

Note: *Updates to accountability statement* is only relevant for accountable entities classified as enhanced.

To save the **Activity information** click **Validate & Save**.

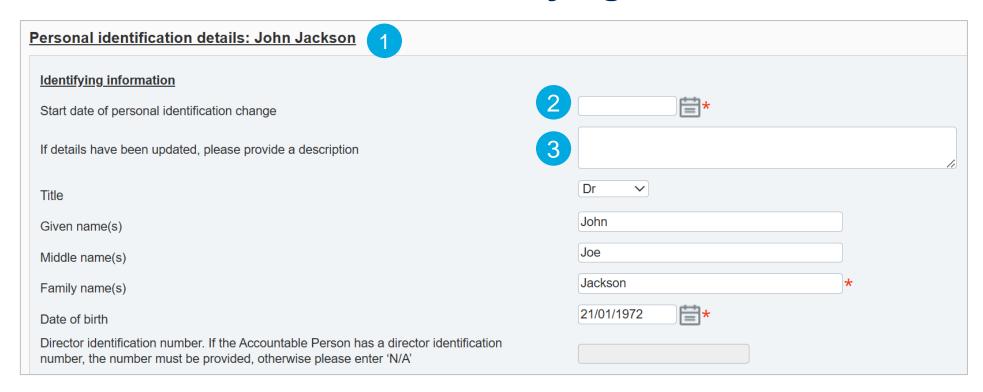


A form will then be created, connected to the accountable person and containing their prepopulated data.



Click *Edit* to open the form.

# Notification – Personal identifying information





The accountable person's name will automatically populate based on the individual selected.



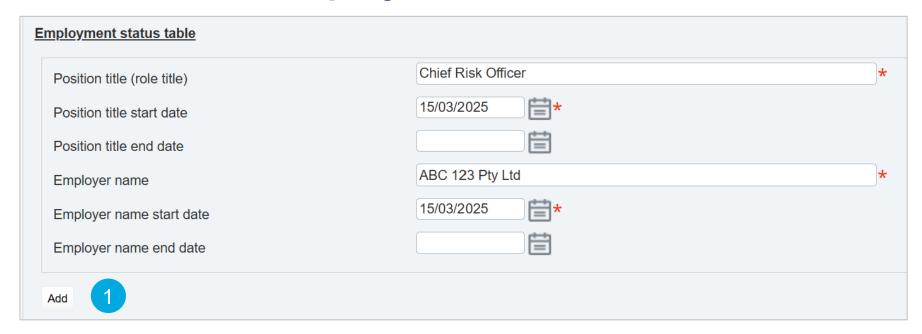
Enter the date the change(s) are effective.

If there are multiple changes with differing effective dates – enter the earliest date of change.



Include a brief description of the change/s.

# **Notification – Employment information**







# If you wish to update the **Position title OR** the **Employer name:**

- 1. End date both records (*Position title end date* and *Employer name end date*).
- 2. Select **Add** to create a new record
- 3. Populate the new record, rekeying the data from the previous record that has not changed.



If you wish to update the **Position title AND** the **Employer name:** 

- 1. Enter a **Position title end date** and **Employer** name end date.
- 2. Select **Add** to create a new record
- 3. Input the updated details

# Notification – Contact details and disqualification information





Update the accountable person's direct business phone number and direct business email address by amending the existing data.

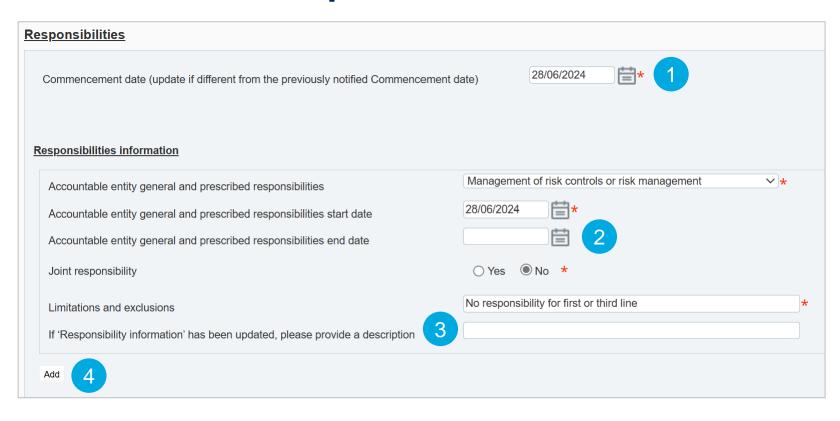
Please don't include general enquiry phone numbers, or shared mailboxes.



This section only pertains to disqualifications under the FAR Act.

If **Yes** is selected, use the free text fields to provide details of the FAR disqualification, including any relevant conditions and dates.

# **Notification - Responsibilities**





Provide a brief description of the update



Select *Add* to create a new record and report new general and prescribed responsibilities



Commencement date can only be amended if:

- The date is in the future
- The date is no more than 30 days in the past

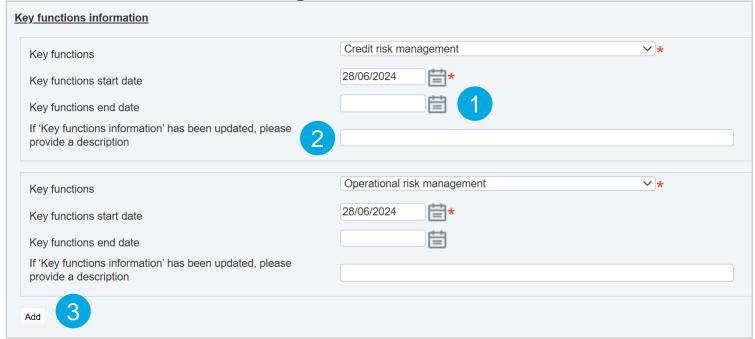


Do not overwrite prepopulated records; only end date or add new records.

#### To update:

- If the AP has ceased to hold a responsibility, input the end date
- For corrections, enter the same end date as the start date to negate the record

# **Notification – Key functions**





**Note**: If key functions are not applicable, select *No key function held*. Include a start / end date for the period this applies.



Do not overwrite prepopulated records; only end date or add new records.

#### To update:

- If the AP has ceased to hold a key function, input the end date
- For corrections, enter the same end date as the start date to negate the record

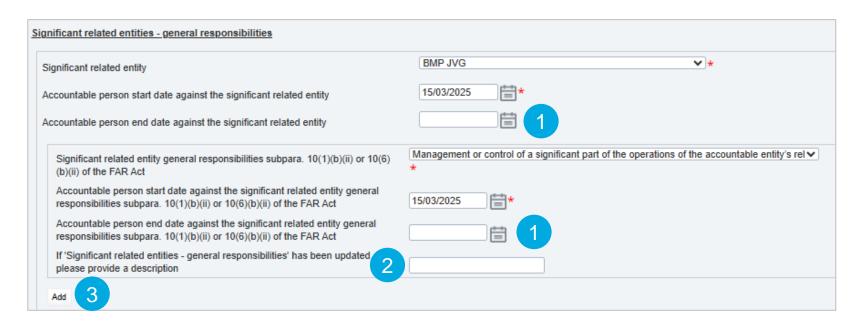


Provide a brief description of the update made



Select *Add*, to create a new record and report new key functions

# Notification – Significant related entities (SREs)





**Note:** This section is only relevant if the accountable entity has an SRE, *and* the accountable person holds a general responsibility for that SRE.



Do not overwrite prepopulated records; only end date or add new records.

#### To update:

- If the AP has ceased to hold an SRE general responsibility, input the end dates
- For corrections, enter the same end dates as the start dates to negate the record



If the record has been amended, provide a brief description of the update



If the AP holds new general responsibilities relating to an SRE, select *Add* to create a new record.

# **Notification – Reporting lines**

# Position title of the person the accountable person reports to. Please enter 'No reporting line' if the accountable person is a director. Reporting line start date Reporting line end date If 'Reporting line' has been updated, please provide a description Add Add



Do not overwrite prepopulated records; only end date or add new records.

#### To update:

- If the reporting line details need to be updated, input the end date
- For corrections, enter the same end date as the start date to negate the record

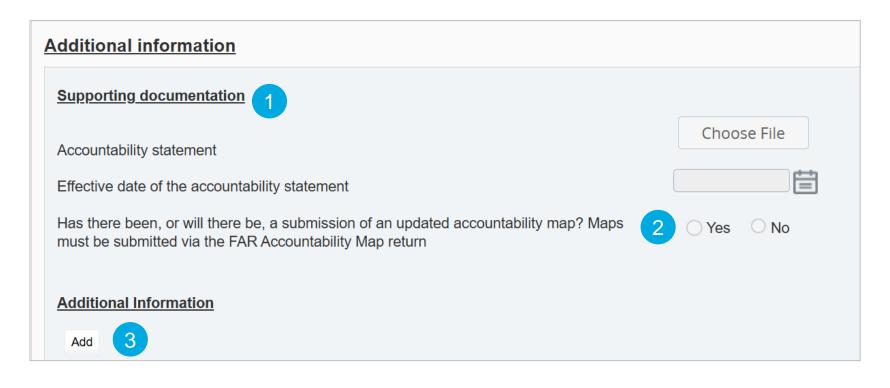


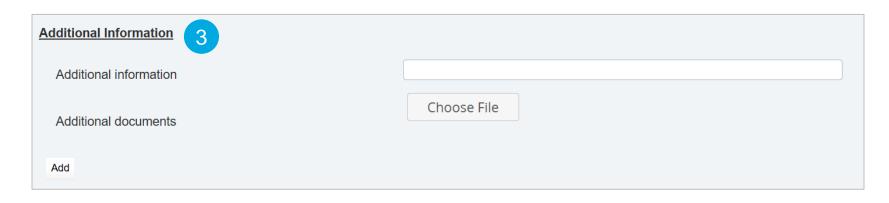
Provide a brief description of the update



Select *Add*, to create a new record

# Notification – Supporting documentation and additional information







The **Supporting documentation** section is only applicable to accountable entities classified as enhanced:

- Attach the updated accountability statement in PDF format
- Statements should be signed and dated



Accountability maps need to be submitted via the separate *FAR* - *Accountability Map* form



Select *Add* to expand the *Additional Information* section of the form

# **Notification – Privacy collection notice**



To read the Privacy Collection Notice, follow the link below:

https://www.apra.gov.au/financial-accountability-regime



Click on the link within the form to review APRA's FAR Privacy Collection Notice.

ASIC's Collection Notice is also available directly on the ASIC website:

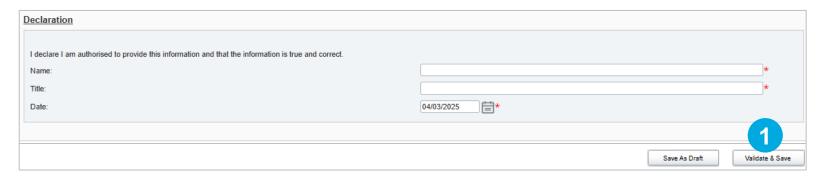
www.asic.gov.au



**Note**: Entities are requested to note that where personal information is submitted to APRA on an individual's behalf, the person submitting that information must ensure that the relevant individual is aware of and has provided their prior written consent to the provision of the information to APRA, the circumstances of the provision of the information to APRA and the terms of the FAR Privacy Collection Notice, <u>ASIC's Collection Notice – FAR</u> and APRA's Privacy Policy. APRA may request a copy of this written consent.

ASIC also collects information for the purposes of administering the FAR jointly with APRA. Please refer to ASIC's Collection Notice – FAR and to ASIC's Privacy Policy for further information.

### **Notification – submission**





#### Submit Return

Your return has been validated and can now be submitted. Please click the "Submit" button to confirm that you wish to submit this return.

Once submitted, a return can no longer be edited, but can still be viewed in submission history.

If an error is subsequently discovered you can apply to resubmit the return using the "Request Resubmission" functionality.

Please note final submission can take up to 2 minutes depending on the complexity of the return.

To submit the form:



Click Validate & Save



Click Validate & Submit

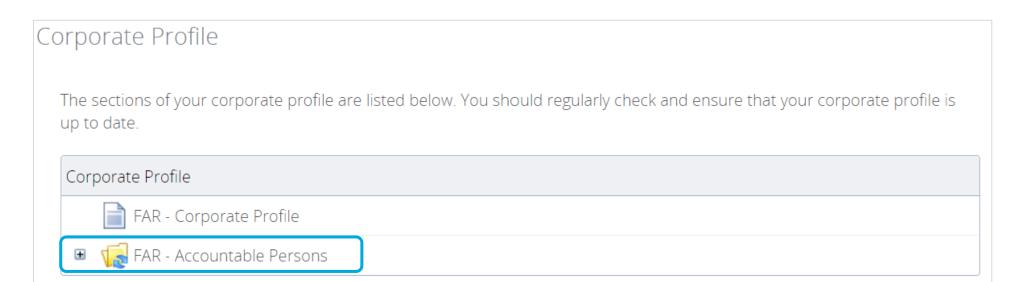


Click **Submit** 

- At each point, if errors / validation issues are noted, these are required to be resolved before proceeding to the next step.
- Error messages may continue to appear once addressed; simply proceed with submission.
- Entity FAR Administrators will receive an automated email notification with the return reference when the form has been successfully submitted.

Cancel

# Viewing an accountable person's information





Once a *Financial Accountability Regime – Notifiable Events* return has been submitted, the accountable person's updated information is immediately transferred to the entity's Corporate Profile.

This information can be reviewed in APRA Connect under the entity's *Corporate Profile*, by expanding the *FAR – Accountable Persons* folder and selecting the relevant accountable person.

# **Notification – dates and reminders**



#### No resubmissions on FAR – notifiable event forms

To correct an error in an accountable person's data, simply create and submit a new *Financial Accountability Regime – Notifiable Events* form.

#### Only future dates are editable

Only future start dates and future end dates can be overwritten in the *Financial Accountability Regime* – *Notifiable Events* form.

#### **End dated records**

Once a record has been end dated, and the end date is in the past, the record will no longer populate in any future *Financial Accountability Regime – Notifiable Events* forms. However, all historical information can still be viewed via the entity's Corporate Profile.

#### **Correcting historical start dates**

To correct an incorrect start date, where the start date is in the past, end date the record with an identical start date to negate the record. Then create a new record with the correct details.

# **Information and support**

**FAR videos** 

#### **APRA** website:

APRA > APRA's functions > Financial Accountability Regime > FAR Presentations

APRA Connect support material

#### **APRA** website:

APRA > Data and Statistics > APRA Connect > APRA Connect support material

FAR reporting form instruction guides

#### **APRA** website:

APRA > APRA's functions > Financial Accountability Regime > <u>APRA Connect FAR reporting forms</u> - instruction guides

**Information paper** 

**APRA website:** APRA > APRA's functions > Financial Accountability Regime > <u>Financial</u> Accountability Regime: Information for accountable entities

**ASIC** website: ASIC > Regulatory resources > Financial services > Financial Accountability Regime > Financial Accountability Regime: Information for accountable entities (RG 279)

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