

# INTERNAL AUDIT AND RELATED SERVICES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR



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#### Who we are

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# RSM'S EXPERTISE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

RSM has a long history, both in Australia and overseas, of providing a wide range of value added internal audit and related services to federal government.

Our award-winning team of senior advisors are seasoned professionals who deliver comprehensive and bespoke internal audit and assurance, governance, risk and controls, probity, environmental and sustainability, ESG and cyber security services. Our team of experienced, senior professionals are on hand, to work in partnership with you to understand your unique needs and requirements.

Through transparency and accountability RSM develops trusted and supportive working relationships, that help you achieve your goals.

# **KEY CAPABILITIES**

- Internal Audit
- IT Assurance
- Cyber Security and Privacy Governance
- Fraud Control
- Workplace Health and Safety
- ESG Services including Environmental and Sustainability Services
- Probity and Procurement Services
- Governance
- Project and program assurance

# ABOUT RSM

The RSM global network is represented in 120 countries, enabling us to access best practice insights and local expertise in the federal government sector to assist you, no matter where in the world you are operating.

As Australia's eighth largest accounting firm, we are well and truly big enough to offer the full suite of services and powerful resourcing. We pride ourselves on our senior led client engagement, pragmatic advice, and expertise in a broad range of services including internal audit and assurance, risk management, probity and procurement, integrity, cyber security and privacy services, tax advice and CFO advisory services.



Our expertise has been recognised, with the firm winning #1Best Accounting & Consulting Services Firm (>\$200m) for the fifth consecutive year as well as #1Best Professional Services Firm (>\$200m) and #**1Best Provider to Government & Community** in the prestigious Client Choice Awards 2023.

RSM is committed to delivering high quality service and superior outcomes by building trusted working relationships with you.

## HOW WE CAN HELP?

We have extensive experience in the provision of internal audit and related services, and pride ourselves on our pragmatic advice and actionable, fit for purpose recommendations.

Our senior team led approach means that we bring the right person to the right engagement at the right time – resulting in meaningful, targeted engagement with your business areas and leadership, ensuring you receive trusted advice and have full confidence that you are managing your key risks.

Reach out to our trusted federal government leaders to learn how we can help you with your internal audit and related service needs.



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Firms in 120 countries and are in each of the top 40

major worldwide business centres

- Over 57,000 employees in 830 offices
- Clients from leading government agencies, multi-national organisations along with small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

# OUR SERVICES

RSM has services tailored specifically to federal government agencies:

## **Internal Audit**

Our expansive Internal Audit and Risk Advisory services are developed with a tailored approach informed by strategic imperatives, are risk based, and aimed at improving performance and comprehensive data analysis.

RSM provides internal audit services of the highest quality to suit your needs and the needs of your stakeholders. Our services include:

- Fully outsourced, co-sourced and bespoke internal audit services. Assistance in establishing an internal audit function
- Internal audit quality assessments
- Design of customised internal audit review scopes and approaches, aligned to the standard and best practice of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA – Australia), which meet your specific needs and requirements
- Assurance Advisory Services including Management Initiated Reviews
- Corporate governance advice
- Audit committee training
- Facilitation of risk management workshops including risk appetite statements and the associated implementation methodologies

## **IT Assurance**

As Federal governments have become increasingly dependent on technology and automated systems, cyber security and resilient systems have become key concerns. IT Assurance, IT Governance and System Implementation Assurance have never been more important. profile and responsibility of internal auditors.

We offer a variety of specialist information security services designed to reduce the risk of unauthorised access to your systems and data, and provide advice to help you make your technology systems function as intended. By assessing all significant risks and ensuring they are being appropriately managed we can also help you consider how to use your IT systems to better achieve your objectives.

## Cyber Security and Privacy Governance

The increasing presence of cyber criminals, recent high profile system failures, as well as broader concerns related to cyber security and system resiliency, have led to system vulnerabilities with major impacts. RSM has the experience and knowledge to adapt our assessment and framework to your specific security and regulatory demands. Our depth of experience provides an ability to assess and implement remediation tactics enables your agency to deliver a clear, cohesive cyber security strategy.

RSM can help align your governance structures, provide a framework of controls, standards, policies and procedures that meet your cyber security objectives. We can provide assistance with: RPA and Al Governance, Cyber Risk Mitigation, Cyber Security and Privacy Services.

## **Fraud Control**

To maintain continued governance, risk, compliance and an effective internal control environment, all federal government agencies seek to keep their fraud and corruption control frameworks relevant, current and effective to minimise reputation harm and reduce loss.

Our specialist Fraud and Forensic professionals can assist with, and undertake: Forensic investigations and forensic accounting, Fraud, bribery and corruption (along with improper conduct) control, Forensic related training, Forensic IT and Compliance risk reviews amongst many other specialist services.

## Workplace Health and Safety

RSM has a comprehensive background in reviewing Workplace Health and Safety management systems for federal government agencies. This includes performing assessments of compliance with legislation and internal policies and procedures, as well as review of systems and processes with a focus on strengthening frameworks.

## Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Our team of expert ESG consultants are able to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by agencies in the implementation and assessment of ESG in the public sector.

RSM's expert ESG advisory team provides a comprehensive range of assurance and consulting services designed to strengthen and streamline ESG strategy development, integrated ESG risk management, assurance and reporting.

We have extensive expertise in the regulatory reporting frameworks and sustainability standards. Our goal is to empower your Agency to not only meet its requirements, but to drive innovation in ways that positively impact the environment, communities, and your agency.

Our Specialist teams provide comprehensive data analysis and reporting services that assist with your need to cross–analyse data between environmental impacts, social initiatives and governance structures.





#### **Environmental and Sustainability Services**

Our team of registered greenhouse and energy auditors are able to provide federal government agencies with advisory and assurance services on their greenhouse and energy data collection, calculation and reporting processes. We can review sustainability strategies, assess the efficiency of environmental management systems and provide tailored environmental advisory and assurance services.

Specifically, RSM provides the following: Environmental Risk Management, Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Assurance, Carbon farming & emissions reduction fund assurance and Regulatory compliance audits.

#### **Probity and Procurement Services**

There are currently no overarching guidelines to manage interactions between government and the agencies that provide the essential services to assist service delivery, tenders and contracts. RSM has a rigorous, clear, efficient framework for all federal government agencies to mitigate and manage conflict of interest when conducting major projects and services.

We pride ourselves on delivering robust systems to identify conflict and potential probity risks before they eventuate. We offer comprehensive advice and guidance on all procurement processes, risk assessments, conflict management and interest management processes, and probity assurance services.

#### Governance

We have extensive experience in the assessment, and analysis, of governance arrangements with the delivery of value-adding recommendations. Our approach is based on our guiding principles which are agreed up-front, and all observations made are clear and meet critical needs of our clients.

Instances where a bespoke review of governance may be beneficial include organisational culture assessments; organisational change (Machinery of Government)/new leadership; where ambiguity of decision making has been identified or an advisory committee appears to act outside their scope of operations; following feedback from clients or staff and to complement well led board reviews.

#### **Project and Program Assurance**

RSM has significant experience in the provision of project (both ICT and non ICT projects) and program assurance reviews which involves the assessment of both planning and evaluation strategies and methodologies, current and future state analysis, performance analysis and assessment, stakeholder engagement, monitoring frameworks and strategies, benefits realisation, compliance and assurance and lessons learned. This can form live assurance activities, pre or post implementation assessments or program evaluations.



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