

Appendix one – Early close procedures

No.	Procedure	Description	Department of Education	NSW Education Standards Authority	TAFE Commission
1	Proforma financial statements	Complete proforma financial statements and ensure management has endorsed the statements and reviewed the supporting working papers. Reconcile the March 2021 month-end Prime submission to the proforma financial statements and provide explanations for variances exceeding \$5 million.	✓	✓	✓
2	Fair value assessment of property, plant and equipment	Perform and document an annual assessment of the fair value of property, plant and equipment (PPE), their useful lives and residual values, and the reasons why the carrying value was not materially different to the fair value. This assessment is performed between comprehensive revaluations.	✓	✓	✓
3 (i)	Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	Complete the comprehensive revaluation of property, plant and equipment (PPE) by early close.	✓	–	✓
4	Inter and intra (cluster) agency transactions and balances	Agree and confirm all inter and intra (cluster) agency balances and transactions with the counterparty agency.	✓	✓	✓
5	Significant management judgements and assumptions	Document all significant management judgements and assumptions made when estimating transactions and balances.	✓	✓	✓
6	Reconciliation of key account balances	Reconcile all key account balances (including annual leave provisions) and clear reconciling items.	✓	✓	✓
7 (ii)	Changes in accounting policy	Review and agree changes in accounting policy with the Principal Cluster Agency.	✓	–	✓

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8	Finalise right-of-use assets and lease liability balances	Ensure that all lease arrangements are accurate and complete.	✓	✓	✓
9	Finalise assessment of all revenue contracts	Ensure revenue is accurate and complete and has been correctly accounted for under 'AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers' or 'AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities'.	✓	✓	✓
10 (iii)	Correction of material prior period errors	Confirm there are no changes to the 2019–20 closing balances except for adjustments for 'AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors' and 'TPP06-08 Accounting for Privately Financed Projects'. Proposed changes are accompanied by journals, explanations and proposed disclosures.	–	–	–
11	Monthly management reports	Perform variance analysis with meaningful explanations for actuals versus budget, and year-to-date actuals for the previous year.	✓	✓	✓
12	Changes to legislation	Identify and document changes to legislation affecting agency structures and/or financial reporting requirements.	✓	✓	✓
13	Delegations	Ensure all material transactions are supported by appropriate delegations.	✓	✓	✓
14	Prior year Management Letter and Engagement Closing Report issues	Agreed action plans are in place to address prior year Management Letter and Engagement Closing Report issues. Explanations are provided for any unresolved issues(s).	✓	✓	✓

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15 (iv)	Complete Commonwealth Funding Agreement – Revenue Assessment Form for Commonwealth Funding Agreements	Complete and return the 'Commonwealth Funding Agreement – Revenue Assessment Form for Commonwealth Funding Agreements' for all new and amended Commonwealth Funding Agreements entered or amended during the 2020–21 financial year.	✓	–	–	
16	New and updated accounting standards	Supporting workpapers evidencing how management has considered the requirements of new and updated accounting standards.	✓	✓	✓	
Key	✓	Completed	!	Not completed	–	Not applicable

- (i) The NSW Education Standards Authority's property, plant and equipment are not subject to a comprehensive revaluation as they are carried at depreciated replacement cost.
- (ii) The NSW Education Standards Authority did not have any changes in accounting policy arising from the first-time implementation of 'AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors'.
- (iii) No correction of prior period errors were identified at the date early close procedures were performed.
- (iv) The Department of Education was the only agency required to submit an assessment for 'Commonwealth Funding Agreements' to NSW Treasury.