



**RAIL
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MAPPING DOCUMENT:

AI in the Public Sector

Demonstrating RAIL alignment to the
Australian Government AI Framework

Overview



This document maps the RAIL (Responsible use of AI Licence) 'AI in the Public Sector' module content to the Australian Government's official AI policy framework and related documents.

In so doing, we demonstrate how the training module strongly aligns with and supports the implementation of the [Policy for the responsible use of AI in government](#) and related standards. The elective module is designed to accurately represent the official definitions, requirements, and guidelines while translating them into practical, actionable guidance for public servants at all levels.

Importantly, incorporation of this elective module into broader RAIL Certification also fulfills the policy's recommendation for staff training on AI fundamentals, thereby ensuring RAIL is a suitable program for agencies looking to ensure compliance.



Topic 1: Understanding AI in Government Context



Module Content	Source Document Reference	Notes
OECD definition of AI	Policy for the responsible use of AI in government, p.9	Module cites the official definition adopted by the Australian Government
Application of AI across APS	Standard for AI transparency statements, Attachment A (pp.7-8)	Usage patterns and domains align with the official classification system
Policy for responsible use of AI in government	Policy for the responsible use of AI in government, pp.4-7	Module accurately represents the policy's purpose and aims
Governance framework (Accountable Officials)	Standard for accountable officials, pp.4-5	Correctly describes AO roles and responsibilities
Transparency requirements	Standard for AI transparency statements, pp.4-6	Accurately outlines the mandatory transparency statement requirements

Topic 1: Understanding AI in Government Context (Cont.)



Module Content

Australian AI Ethics Principles

Information classification and data handling

Source Document Reference

Australia's AI Ethics Principles (pp.33-42 in the background document)

Engaging with AI (ASD guidance), pp.42-52 & Interim guidance on government use of public generative AI tools (referenced in module)

Notes

All eight principles are presented in full

Emphasis on data security aligns with ASD's guidance

Topic 2: Safe AI Use in Day-to-Day Public Service



Module Content	Source Document Reference	Notes
Approved vs. Shadow AI	Policy for the responsible use of AI in government & Engaging with AI (ASD guidance)	Concept aligns with the policy's scope applying to all AI use
Information classification with AI	Engaging with AI (ASD guidance), pp.42-52	Consistent with security guidance
Risk assessment basics	Policy for the responsible use of AI in government, Attachment B (pp.17-18)	References the official risk matrix and assessment approach
High-risk use cases	Standard for accountable officials, p.6 ("Reporting high-risk use cases")	Explains reporting requirements
Safe prompt techniques	Aligns with Engaging with AI (ASD guidance) general principles	Examples demonstrate secure information handling
Common public service tasks	Builds on Standard for AI transparency statements (usage classification)	Practical applications of the theoretical framework

Topic 2: Safe AI Use in Day-to-Day Public Service (Cont.)



Module Content

Agency-approved AI systems

Documentation and transparency

Source Document Reference

Engaging with AI (ASD guidance), pp.47-48 ("Does your organisation understand the limits and constraints of the AI system?")

Standard for AI transparency statements, pp.4-6

Notes

Emphasises benefits of approved systems

Connects individual practice to organisational transparency

Topic 3: Practical Applications and Future Readiness



Module Content	Source Document Reference	Notes
Human judgment in AI-assisted environment	Australia's AI Ethics Principles, especially "Human-centred values" and "Accountability" principles	Emphasises human oversight and responsibility
Human-centered design	Australia's AI Ethics Principles, "Human-centred values" principle	Applies the principle to service design
Transparency requirements in practice	Standard for AI transparency statements, pp.4-6	Practical implementation of the transparency standard
Documentation approaches	Standard for accountable officials & Standard for AI transparency statements	Connects individual documentation to organisational requirements
Monitoring and evaluating AI systems	Engaging with AI (ASD guidance), p.52 ("Does your organisation conduct health checks of your AI system?")	Aligns with recommended practices
Adapting to evolving AI capabilities	Policy for the responsible use of AI in government, p.7 ("Adapt over time")	Reflects the policy's forward-leaning approach
Understanding evolving regulations	Standard for accountable officials, p.7 ("Keeping up-to-date with changes")	Connects to AO responsibilities

Additional Notes



1. Staff Training Alignment:

The RAIL module itself serves as an implementation of the "Guidance for staff training on AI" recommendation in the *Policy for the responsible use of AI in government*. The module covers the three core areas mentioned in the guidance document:

- Introduction to AI
- Explanation of generative AI
- Foundations of safe and responsible use

2. Example Usage:

Examples in the module such as the 'Stephanie PowerPoint' task (Topic 1, Scene 11.3) are directly quoted from the DTA's "*Interim guidance on government use of public generative AI tools*," offering clear alignment with official examples.

3. Risk Classification:

The module's approach to risk assessment and high-risk use cases aligns with the risk matrix in the Policy document (Attachment B).

4. Accountability Emphasis:

Throughout the module, consistent emphasis on human accountability and responsibility is designed to reflect the "Accountability" principle in Australia's AI Ethics Principles and the overall governance framework.

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