



## Classes of societies in the Societies Act

### How do I know the class of my society under the Act?

- Your society will be either a Class A or B society, unless it is a member-funded society.
- Whether your society is a Class A or B society depends on its annual assets and revenues and may change from year to year.

### What are the financial thresholds?

- Class A societies are those with revenues of \$120,000 or more and assets of \$250,000 or more.
- Class B societies are those with less than \$120,000 in revenue and less than \$250,000 in assets.

### Do I need to get my financials reviewed by a professional accountant?

- Class A societies must have their financials reviewed by a professional accountant unless their bylaws allow the society to waive the requirement by special resolution. The waiver is only valid for two years.
- Societies have three options for financial review: compilation engagement, review engagement or audit engagement.
- Class B societies can choose to have an accountant review their financials, but it is not required.

### What do I need to know about member-funded societies?

- The member-funded classification is most useful for societies who will be primarily funded by members and who will not receive government funding or donations.

## Societies Act

Class	Revenues	Assets	Class Specific
<b>A</b>	\$120,000 +	\$250,000 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General reporting requirements in the Act apply</li> <li>• <b>The society must have an accountant review their financial statements unless the bylaws allow the society to waive this requirement.</b></li> <li>• The requirement must be waived by special resolution at a general meeting.</li> <li>• The waiver is only valid for two consecutive fiscal years.</li> <li>• Financial statements must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles</li> <li>○ Be approved by the directors and signed by at least two directors</li> <li>○ Consist of a balance sheet and a statement of revenue and expenditure</li> <li>○ Unless the society is member-funded, include a statement of any amounts received as government funding (itemized) and received as public donations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The accountant must perform either a compilation agreement, a review agreement, or an audit agreement according to standards published by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada</li> </ul>
<b>B</b>	\$119,999 or less	\$249,999 or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General reporting requirements in the Act apply</li> <li>• A Class B society may choose to appoint an accountant, but it isn't required.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Member funded</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded primarily by its members</li> <li>• Cannot have received any public donations or government funding in the two years preceding the current fiscal year of the society</li> <li>• A public donation is any donation that is not made by a voting member, director, officer or employee of the society or their spouse or relative.</li> <li>• Government funding includes money provided by the federal government, the Government of Yukon, or any provincial government, a council or municipality, a First Nation, a government body, or the Yukon Hospital Corp, Yukon University, or Yukon Lottery Corp.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General reporting requirements in the Act apply except section 30 (which requires that societies provide financial statements at request for a fee) and section 38 (which requires that a society's financial statement must include information on the remuneration of directors)</li> <li>• A member-funded society may choose to appoint an accountant but does not have to</li> </ul>
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