

PICTURE FRAMERS GUILD OF AUSTRALIA – STANDARDS SUMMARY

	Cat 1 Minimum	Cat 2 Decorator	Cat 3 Quality	Cat 4 Conservation	Cat 5 Museum
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic ▪ Driven by price 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visually acceptable ▪ Economically priced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visually enhance ▪ Protection for 5yrs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visually enhance ▪ Protection for 20yrs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visually enhance ▪ Protection for 35yrs
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stock frame ▪ Posters ▪ Open edition prints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replaceable artwork ▪ Posters ▪ Open edition prints ▪ Photographs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artwork ▪ Items of low commercial / sentimental value ▪ Prefer reversible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collectable art ▪ Original paintings ▪ LE prints ▪ Items of mod to high value reversible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Museum quality art ▪ Items of high value ▪ Reversible
Frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Accurate cut corners ▪ Corners glued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Accurate cut corners ▪ Corners glued ▪ Putty/colour corners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Profile match ▪ Accurate cut corners ▪ Corners glued ▪ Putty/colour corners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Profile match ▪ Accurate cut corners ▪ Corners glued ▪ Putty/colour corners ▪ Sufficient rebate depth ▪ Seal rebate if reqd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Profile match ▪ Accurate cut corners ▪ Corners glued ▪ Putty/colour corners ▪ Sufficient rebate depth ▪ Seal rebate if reqd
Window Mats & slips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Cleanly cut window 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Cleanly cut window ▪ Standard mat ▪ Clearance 1-3mm in frame ▪ Slips accurately cut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Cleanly cut window ▪ Standard mat ▪ Clearance 1-3mm in frame ▪ Spacers if reqd ▪ Special reqd for pastels ▪ Slips accurately cut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Cleanly cut window ▪ Conservation / cotton museum mat ▪ Clearance 1-3mm in frame ▪ Spacers if reqd ▪ Special req. for pastels ▪ Special req. for photos ▪ Remove pencil marks ▪ Slips accurately cut ▪ Seal rebate if reqd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blemish free ▪ Cleanly cut window ▪ Cotton museum mat ▪ Clearance 1-3mm in frame ▪ Spacers if reqd ▪ Special req. for pastels ▪ Special req. for photos ▪ Remove pencil marks ▪ Slips accurately cut ▪ Seal rebate if reqd
Undermount				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conservation/cotton museum mat ▪ Hinged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cotton museum mat ▪ Hinged
Attaching art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent mount OK ▪ No mask/pack tape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent mount OK ▪ No mask/pack tape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent mount (provisional) ▪ No mask/pack tape ▪ Tee hinge using appropriate materials ▪ Hinge to back of artwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tee hinge using appropriate materials ▪ Hinge to back of artwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tee hinge using Tee hinge using appropriate materials ▪ Hinge to back of artwork
Glazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Float glass ▪ Clearance reqd ▪ Clean glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Float glass ▪ Clearance reqd ▪ No blemishes ▪ Photo not to touch glass ▪ Clean glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Float glass ▪ Clearance reqd ▪ No blemishes ▪ No items to touch glass ▪ Clean glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider using UV glass ▪ Clearance reqd ▪ No blemishes ▪ No items to touch glass ▪ Clean with special cleaner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UV Glass ▪ Clearance reqd ▪ No blemishes ▪ No items to touch glass ▪ Clean with special cleaner
Backing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MDF, foam core or cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MDF, foam core or cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular or acid free foam core ▪ No MDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular or acid free foam core ▪ No MDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acid Free foam core ▪ No MDF
Fitting Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove dust / dirt ▪ Framing points ▪ Fitting strong enough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove dust / dirt ▪ Framing points ▪ No mask/pack if sealing ▪ Fitting strong enough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove dust / dirt ▪ Framing points ▪ Seal back with correct tape ▪ Fitting strong enough ▪ No cord ▪ Use "bump ons" ▪ Label information reqd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove dust / dirt ▪ Framing points ▪ Seal back with correct tape ▪ Fitting strong enough ▪ No cord ▪ Use "bump ons" ▪ Label information reqd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove dust / dirt ▪ Framing points ▪ Seal back with correct tape ▪ Fitting strong enough ▪ No cord ▪ Use "bump ons" ▪ Label information reqd

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