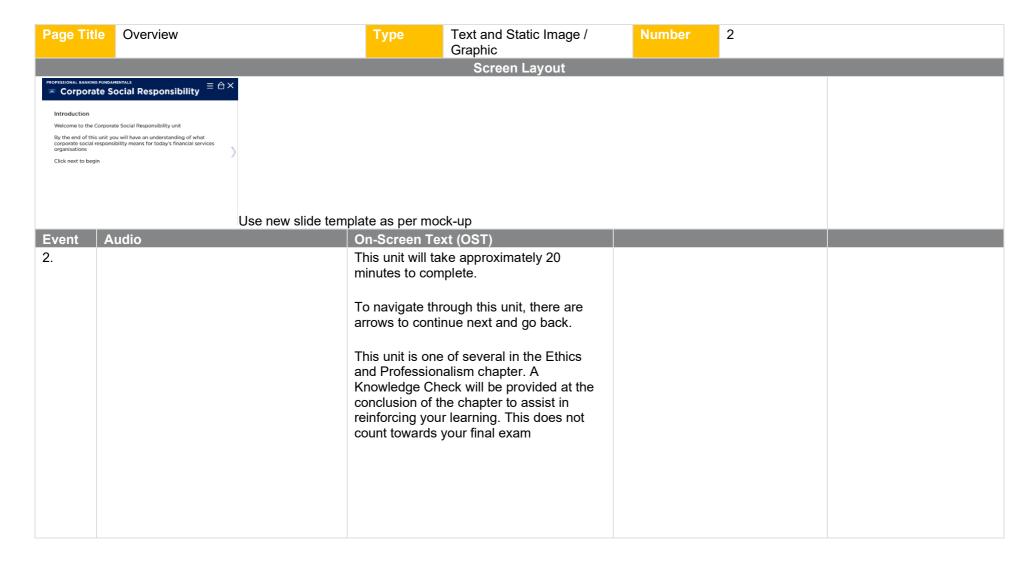


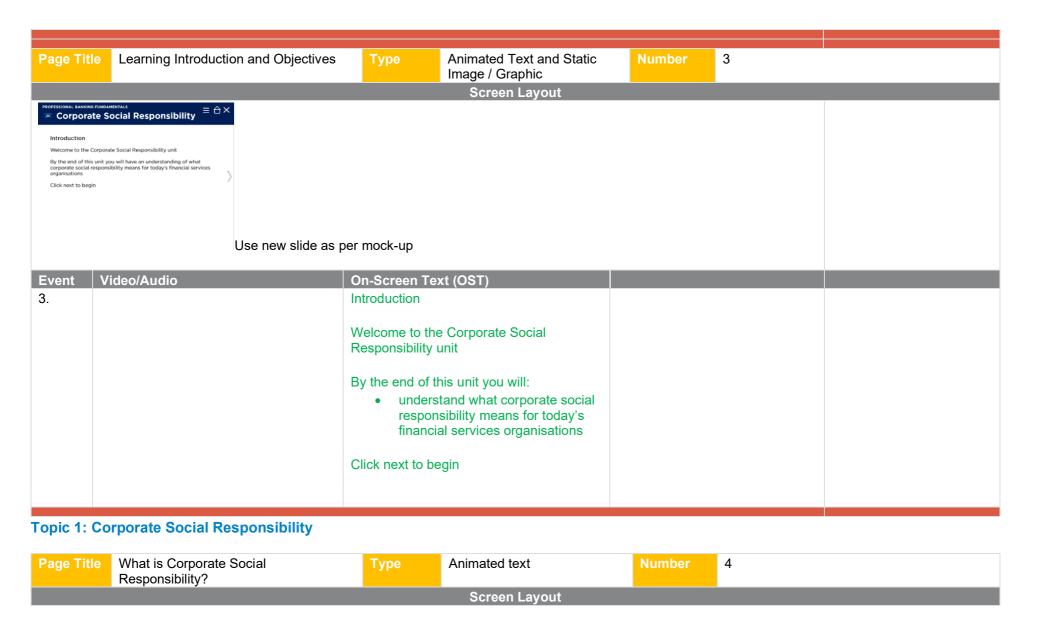


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Corporate Social Responsibility



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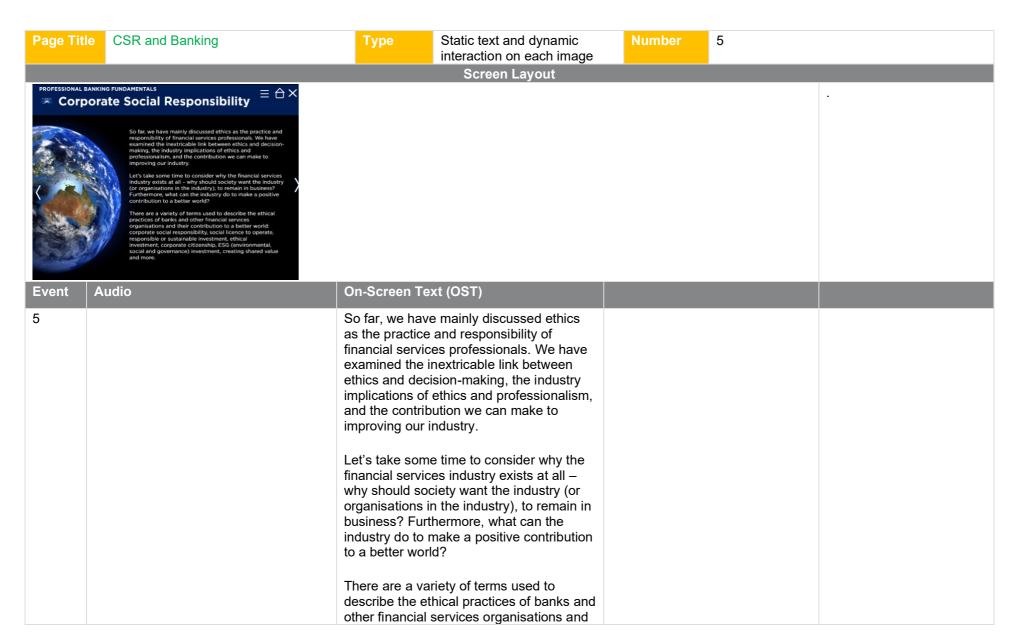


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In this unit we look at CSR and its relationship with ethics and professionalism. It is a 'big picture' topic that invites us to reconsider Socrates' big question, "How should we live?"





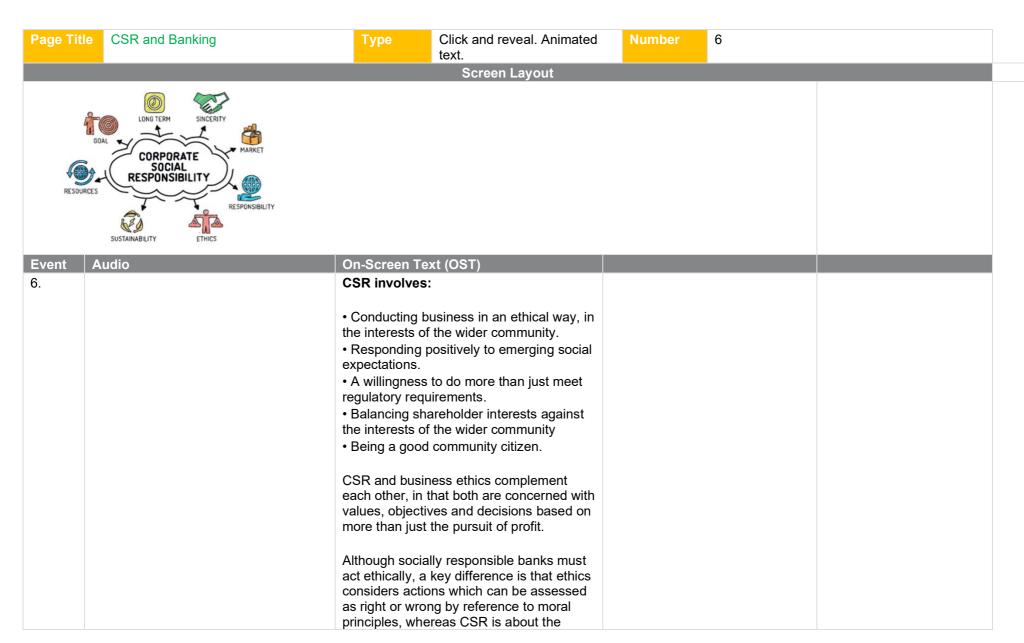


their contribution to a better world: corporate social responsibility, social licence to operate, responsible or sustainable investment, ethical investment, corporate citizenship, ESG (environmental, social and governance) investment, creating shared value and more.

In the interests of simplicity, we will use the term 'corporate social responsibility' to encompass all these terms to some extent as an indication of a bank's commitment to its broader ethical responsibilities towards other parties, including its responsibility to the environment and future generations.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is about how a bank manages its business in order to have an overall positive impact on society. It can be described as an obligation, beyond that required by the law, for a bank to pursue long term goals that are good for society.







bank's obligations to all stakeholders, not just shareholders.

CSR is a form of corporate self-regulation integrated into a business model. Its policy functions as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a bank monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards and international norms.

The process of CSR aims to embrace responsibility for the bank's actions and, through its activities, encourage a positive impact on the environment, consumers, employees, communities and other stakeholders. Therefore, CSR may guide a bank's mission, what it stands for, and what it promises to provide to customers.



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Lets now have a look at other Financial Service Providers

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		Organisations are complex and often must deal with multiple stakeholders who have different needs and expectations. Until the 1980s it was very common for most companies to prioritise the needs of shareholders (who were the owners of the company) over other stakeholders. The primary responsibility of the company was to generate profit for shareholders. Economists like Milton Friedman argued vigorously that the social responsibility of business was to increase profits for shareholders.	

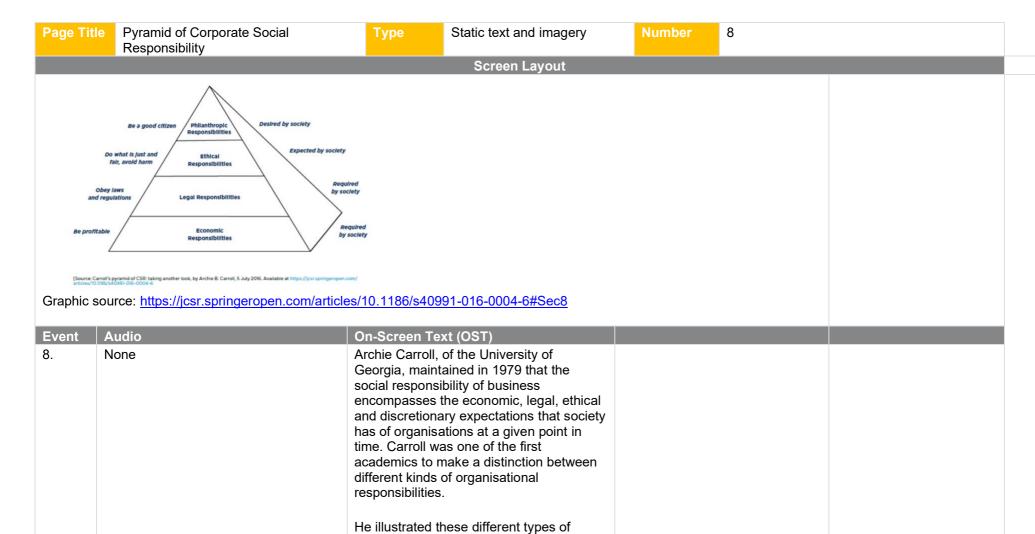


A more contemporary view of organisations, like banks, is that they have a responsibility to all stakeholders. They need to balance and consider the needs of customers, staff, shareholders, government, the broader community, the environment, suppliers and their industry peers alike. There is an implication therefore that taking an ethical perspective requires us to have a deep understanding of what is important to all stakeholders.

We must understand their values, the norms they would like us to uphold and the rules they think are important.

So, to be ethical our organisations today must develop ways of engaging with all stakeholders and ensuring that the organisation's values, policies, codes and processes reflect a balanced understanding of what is regarded as acceptable business. Businesses must be trusted and have a form of societal legitimacy in order to be regarded as ethically valid.





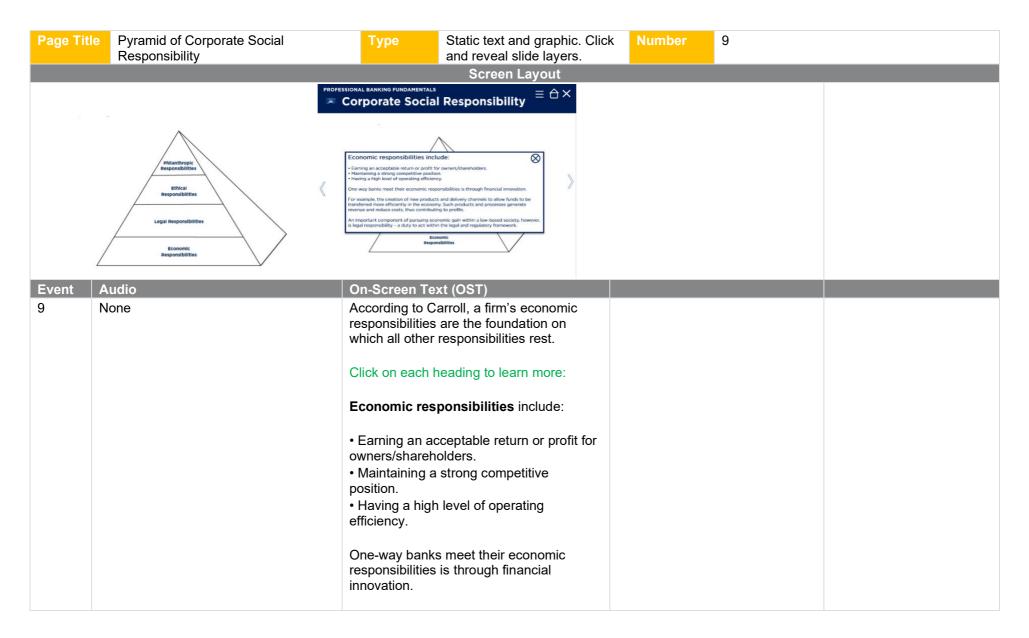
organisational responsibility in a 'pyramid

Take a few moments to familiarise yourself

of corporate social responsibility'.

with the diagram before proceeding.







For example, the creation of new products and delivery channels to allow funds to be transferred more efficiently in the economy. Such products and processes generate revenue and reduce costs, thus contributing to profits.

An important component of pursuing economic gain within a law-based society, however, is legal responsibility – a duty to act within the legal and regulatory framework.

Legal responsibilities include:

- · Complying with the law.
- · Complying with regulations.
- Providing goods and services that meet legal and regulatory requirements.

For banks, legal responsibility is determined largely by regulation. There is a long history of regulation to maintain financial stability and confidence in the financial system, as well as limit risk taking by banks.

Ethical responsibilities include:

- Behaving in accordance with moral and ethical expectations and standards.
- Not compromising ethical norms to achieve corporate goals. Not just acting for profit, but doing what is right, just and fair.
- Recognising that corporate integrity and ethical behaviour go beyond compliance with laws and regulations.

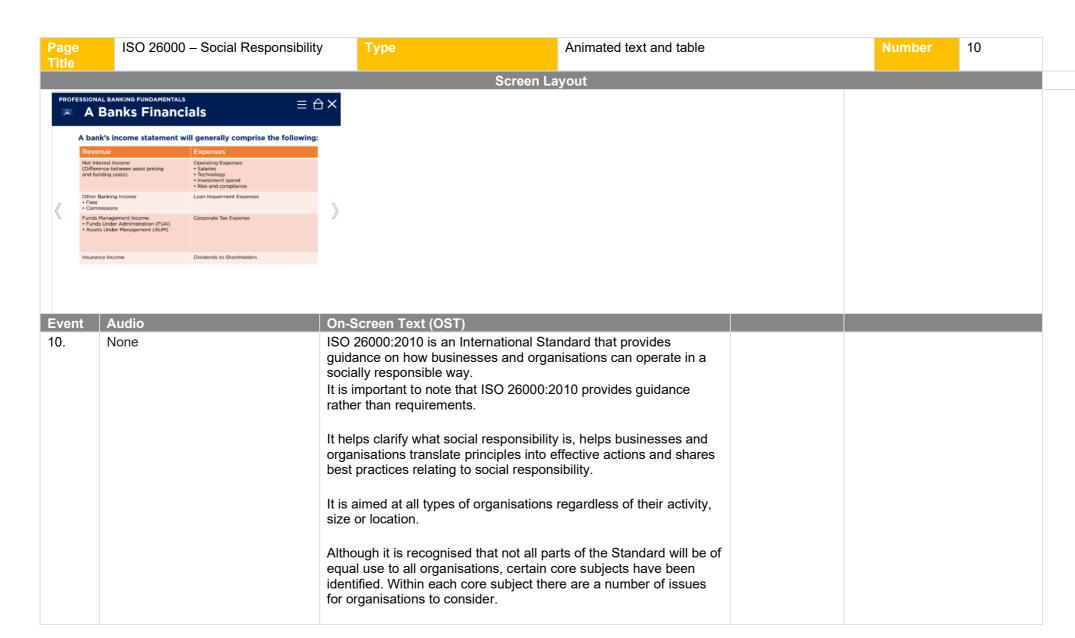


Philanthropic responsibilities -

Banks have a discretionary responsibility, which represents more proactive, strategic behaviours that may benefit the bank and society, or both. Discretionary (or voluntary) and philanthropic responsibilities include:

- Behaving in a manner that is consistent with philanthropic and charitable expectations of society.
- Contributing to the community, e.g. by participating in voluntary activities in the community.
- Being a good corporate citizen, e.g. by promoting human welfare, goodwill and quality of life.







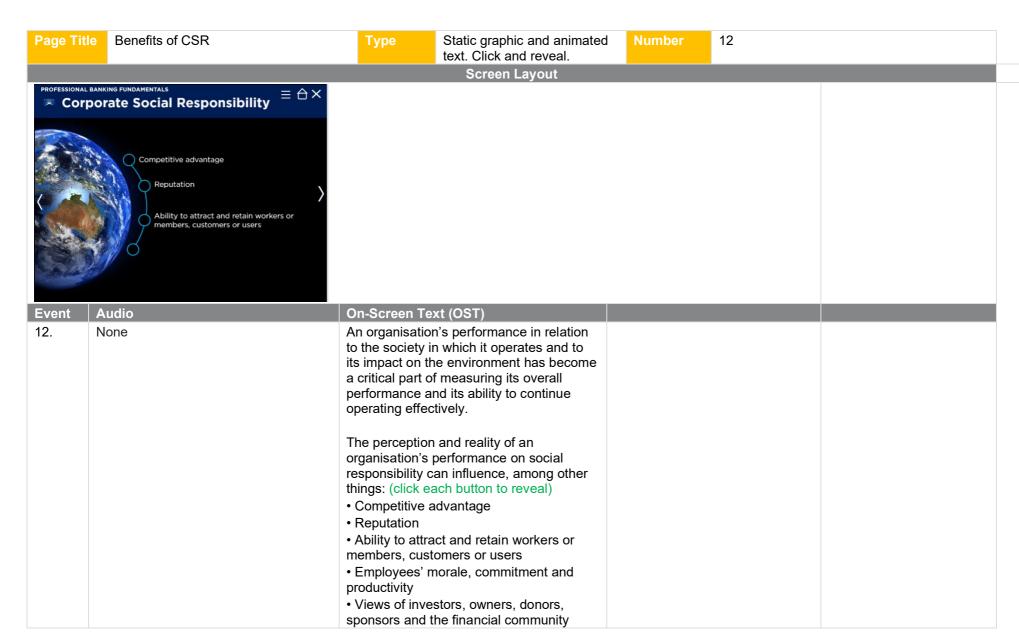
The following table outlines the core subjects

Core Subjects	Description	
Organisational governance	The way the organisation is managed.	
Human rights	Discrimination, resolving grievances, rights at work.	
Labour practices	Working conditions, health and safety, training and development.	
The environment	Prevention of pollution, sustainable use of resources, climate change mitigation, environmental protection.	
Fair operating practices	Anti-corruption, fair competition, respect for property rights.	
Consumer issues	Fair marketing and provision of information, customer service, complaint and dispute resolution, data protection and privacy.	
Community involvement and development	Education and culture, employment creation and skills development, access to technology, wealth and income creation, health, social investment.	



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 Relationships with companies, governments, the media, suppliers, peers, customers and the community in which it operates 	



