



AWHINA FINANCIAL

Financial Services Guide

Our guide to assisting you with your financial needs

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The Advice Process

Your Adviser will guide you through the advice process. This includes the following steps

Engagement and Discovery

In the initial stages of the advice process your Adviser will work with you to define your financial goals and objectives, and gather relevant information required to provide you appropriate advice. Your Adviser will generally collect relevant information within a Client Data Form and file notes. You can expect to be asked questions related to your income, expenses, assets, liabilities, insurances and superannuation. It is important that you provide accurate information and keep your Adviser informed of any changes to your relevant circumstances. Your Adviser will ask you to consent to your personal information being collected and stored. Please refer to the 'Privacy' section for more information on how we manage your privacy.

Where your goals relate to investment or superannuation advice your Adviser will also work with you to define your level of risk tolerance. A Risk Profile Questionnaire may be used to document and agree upon your level of risk tolerance.

Strategy and Personal Advice

After obtaining relevant information, your Adviser will conduct research and develop a strategy to assist you to meet your goals and objectives. The strategy is typically developed utilising specialised financial planning software.

Where personal financial product advice is being provided, the strategy will be documented in a Statement of Advice. The Statement of Advice will include amongst other things, the basis of the advice, explanation of the strategies and products recommended and relevant disclosures including costs of advice and products. The Statement of Advice includes an authority to proceed section where you can consent to proceed with the recommendations.

Implementation

Where you elect to proceed with the recommendations your Adviser will work with you to implement the strategy.

This may include liaising with various insurance, superannuation, or investment product issuers.

Where the recommendations include the purchase of a new financial product, your Adviser will work with you to complete the relevant Product Application Form. This may be online, or paper based.

Where the recommendations include the purchase of an insurance policy, you may also need to complete a Health Questionnaire. This could be online, paper-based or over the phone. It is important to disclose any health or personal matters truthfully. Failure to disclose certain matters may result in a claim being denied.

Your Adviser may also use an engagement document to define the arrangement with you, and the fees that may apply.

Your Adviser will also need to verify your identity to comply with Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing laws.

Where a financial product has been recommended, you will generally be provided with a copy of the relevant Product Disclosure Statement (PDS). The PDS includes detailed information on the financial product including features, benefits, conditions, costs and cooling off rights (if applicable).

The documents you will receive from us

Financial Services Guide

This Financial Services Guide (FSG) is designed to clarify who we are and what we do, and help you decide whether to use our services.

To make things simple, this guide explains:

- the services and types of products we're able to offer you
- how we and our associates are paid and any other benefits we may receive
- any potential conflicts of interest we may have
- how we protect your privacy and handle your personal information
- how we resolve disputes, and what you should do if you have one.

Please read through the whole FSG, as it's full of useful information – and is also worth holding on to for future reference. And of course, if you ever have any questions, please contact us.

Other documents you may receive

If you decide to obtain personal financial advice, your adviser will need to determine your needs, objectives and relevant financial circumstances.

At the initial advice appointment, your adviser will typically gather the relevant information by using a client data collection form. You will be asked to provide accurate information about your personal and financial situation and keep your adviser informed of any changes to your relevant circumstances.

Your adviser will also need to verify your identity.

When your adviser provides personal financial advice to you, you may receive one or more of the following documents:

- Letter of Engagement
- Statement of Advice (SoA)
- Statement of Further Advice (SoFA)
- Record of Advice (RoA)
- Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)
- Fee Disclosure Statement (FDS)
- Renewal Notice

The SoA will set out the advice that has been tailored to your specific circumstances and provide you with details of all relevant disclosures including details of any remuneration payable.

Where you receive ongoing or further advice a SoA and RoA may be provided.

A PDS will be provided if a product recommendation is made and includes detailed information on the financial product including features, benefits, conditions, costs and cooling off rights (if applicable).

An FDS will be issued to you in instances where you enter into an Ongoing Fee Arrangement with your adviser for a period greater than 12 months. The FDS will contain information about the services you were entitled to receive, the services you actually received and the fees you paid during the period. The FDS will be provided to you annually.

Should you commence an ongoing fee arrangement for the first time 16 July 2020 (or in circumstances where the ongoing fee arrangement is significantly varied after 16 July 2020), your adviser will also issue a Renewal Notice every 2 years. The Renewal Notice will give you the option of renewing the ongoing fee arrangement.

You may request in writing a copy of any advice document up to seven (7) years after the advice has been given.

Giving us instructions

If you want to make changes to your financial plan or provide other instructions, please contact us. Please refer to the "Contact us" section of this FSG for our contact details.

Generally, you will need to give us instructions in writing (eg fax, email or letter) or another method agreed with us.

About Us

Our Licensee

Awhina Financial Pty Ltd , ABN 62 627 292 059, Australian Financial Services License Number (AFSL 512210) of 311/34-36 Glenferrie Drive, Robina Qld 4226.

Who we are

Your adviser is an Authorised Representative

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Authorised Representative No. 001245234

Our responsibility

Your adviser provides financial advice and services on behalf of Awhina Financial Pty Ltd and accordingly we are responsible for the financial advice and services they provide.

Our advisers are committed to providing quality financial advice and a wide choice of products and/or services to suit individual client circumstances.

Your adviser is obliged by law to act in your best interests and provide appropriate advice, when providing financial advice to you.

The Adviser Profile

Prior to providing any personalised financial advice products and/or services our Advisers are required to provide you with a copy of this Financial Services Guide. This FSG is an important document that explains how your adviser provides financial product services to you. You should read this guide before using our services. It is intended to give you sufficient information to decide whether to obtain financial services from us.

For the Adviser Profile, please visit moneysmart.gov.au

This includes important information about your Adviser. This includes their Authorised Representative number and/or Corporate Authorised Representative number if applicable, accreditations, qualifications and experiences, areas of advice and types of financial services they can provide.

What we do

We are authorised by Awhina Financial Pty Ltd to provide financial advice in relation to:

- Provide financial product advice
- Deposit and Payment Products
- Deposit and Payment Products – Non-basic Deposit Products
- Government Debentures – Stocks or Bonds
- Life Products
- Investment Life Insurance Products
- Managed Investment Schemes
- Manages Investment Schemes including IDPS

- Retirement Savings Account Products
- Securities
- Superannuation- All

Awhina Financial Pty Ltd maintains an Approved Product List (APL). Subject to attaining required accreditation, your adviser is able to recommend any product on the Awhina Financial Pty Ltd APL

There may be instances where your adviser will need to consider products outside of the APL. In these cases, your adviser may apply to obtain a one-off product approval.

Contact us

For more information on anything you have read in this document or if there is anything else we can help you with, please contact us at:

Office 311, 34 Glenferrie Drive

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Privacy Notification

How we manage your personal information

We are grateful for the trust and confidence you have in us to safeguard your privacy. This notification covers us and tells you how we collect your information, what we use it for and who we share it with. It also points out some key features of our Privacy Policy. For a copy of our Privacy Policy, please ask us.

Collecting and using your personal information

We need to collect and use your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information) for a variety of purposes, including to provide you with the financial services you have requested (including answering your requests and complaints, varying products and services and managing your relevant product portfolios) and to contact you about other products and services that may be relevant to you. It is also necessary for us to collect personal information in order to prevent or investigate any fraud or crime, or any suspected fraud or crime.

We'll collect your personal information from you directly whenever we can. Sometimes we collect your personal information from other sources or third parties such as your Accountant. We do this only if it's necessary to do so, for example where:

- we can't get hold of you and we rely on publicly available information to update your contact details;
- we need information from an insurer about an insurance application you make through us;
- at your request, we exchange information with your legal or financial advisers or other representatives.
- You may not be aware that we have done so. If we collect information that can be used to identify you, we will take reasonable steps to notify you of that collection.

We may collect information about you because we are required or authorised by law to collect it. There are laws that affect financial institutions, including company and tax law, which require us to collect personal information. For example, we require personal information to verify your identity under Commonwealth Anti-Money Laundering law.

What happens if you don't provide your information to us?

If you don't provide your information to us, we may not be able to:

- provide you with the product or service you want;
- manage or administer your product or service;
- verify your identity or protect against fraud; or
- let you know about other products or services that might better meet your financial and lifestyle needs.

Protecting your privacy

Protecting your privacy is essential to our business. Your file, containing your profile, personal objectives, financial circumstances and our recommendations, is kept securely.

Disclosing your personal information

We may share your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information where we have your consent) with third parties for any purposes for which we use your information. This may include to the following types of third parties:

- those involved in providing, managing or administering the products or services you have requested, including other advisers, paraplanners and organisations who work with us, including Top End Insurance & Superannuation Pty Ltd, depending on the financial services and products you have requested;
- insurance providers, superannuation trustees and product providers related to the financial services you have requested;
- professional associations and organisations that help us operate our business, such as those that provide administrative, financial, accounting, insurance, research, legal, strategic advice, auditing, computer or other business services, including our Licensee Awhina Financial Pty Ltd.
- your representatives, service providers, or other organisations, such as your accountant, solicitor, tax agent, stockbroker or bank.
- organisations involved in a business restructure or a transfer of all or part of the assets of our business; and
- government and regulatory authorities and other organisations when required or authorised by law (in some instances these bodies may share it with relevant foreign authorities)
- where you have given your consent.

We run our business in Australia. In order to provide you with our services however, we may share your information with organisations outside Australia (for example information technology service providers). You can view a list of the countries in which those overseas organisations are located in our Privacy Policy.

We may also store your information in cloud or other types of networked or electronic storage. As electronic or networked storage can be accessed from various countries via an internet connection, it is not always practicable to know in which country your information may be held. If your information is stored in this way, disclosures may occur in countries other than those listed.

Overseas organisations may be required to disclose information we share with them under a foreign law. In those instances, we will not be responsible for that disclosure.

Consent to marketing activity

We presume you consent to being contacted by us (including Apprise Financial Services Pty Ltd) about suitable products and services via the contact details you have provided. We may continue to contact you for these reasons until you withdraw your consent. You can do this at any time by contacting us (see the 'Contact us' section of this FSG). We will process your request as soon as practicable.

Gaining access to your personal information

You can gain access to your personal information that we hold about you. This is subject to some exceptions allowed by law. We will give you reasons if we deny access. You can find out how to access your information by reading our Privacy Policy, available by contacting us.

Correcting your Information

You can ask us to correct information we hold about you. You can find out how to correct your information by reading our Privacy Policy or by contacting us.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about a privacy issue, please tell us about it. You can find out how to make a complaint and how we will deal these complaints, by reading our Privacy Policy (by contacting us) or by referring to the 'Your confidence in our advice' section of this FSG.

Further information

If you have any questions or comments about our Privacy Policy and procedures, please contact us by using the contact details set out in the 'Contact us' section of this FSG.

For more information about your privacy, you can also visit the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at www.oaic.gov.au

Your confidence in our advice

Your satisfaction is very important to us and we have procedures in place to resolve any concerns promptly and fairly.

Our complaints procedure

If you're unhappy with the advice you receive or other aspects of our service, please follow the steps outlined below.

1. Please let your financial adviser know so we can act on it immediately.
2. If your adviser has not satisfactorily resolved your complaint, please contact your Superannuation Fund directly, they will work with us to try and reach a resolution that all parties are satisfied with. The contact details for your Superannuation Fund have been provided to you in the Product Disclosure Statement.
3. If your complaint isn't resolved within 45 days or to your satisfaction you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers.

The contact details for AFCA are:

Phone	1800 931 678 (free call)
Online	www.afca.org.au
Email	info@afca.org.au
Mail	GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

Furthermore, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has a free of charge info line on 1300 300 630, which you may use to obtain information about your rights and to make a complaint.

Awhina Financial Pty Ltd holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements of Section 912B of the Corporations Act. This insurance also covers the conduct of our advisers who were authorised by Top End Insurance & Superannuation Pty Ltd at the time of providing the advice, but are no longer authorised representatives of Top End Insurance & Superannuation Pty Ltd at the time of your complaint.

How you can pay for our services

You can pay for the services you receive on a fee for advice basis. This allows you to know that you are paying for our advice irrespective of any product you use, clarifies the services you are entitled to, and ensures all recommendations are driven by your needs.

We will agree with you the amount you pay based upon:

- a flat dollar fee;
- an hourly rate;
- the amount you invest; or
- a combination of the above.

You can pay in the following ways:

- as a fee for advice that will be deducted from your investments as a one-off payment or in instalments;
- by direct invoice from us for initial and ongoing advice;
- via commission we may receive from a financial product provider when you commence an insurance contract; or
- a combination of the above.

If you are not already on a fee for advice package, you can move to this payment at any time.

Other payments we may receive

We will provide you with details of all fees, commissions or other benefits we may receive when we provide advice to you and, where possible, will give actual dollar amounts. If we cannot provide this accurately, we will provide worked-dollar examples.

Even if you don't receive personal financial advice from us, you can still request the details of any fees, commissions or other benefits we receive in relation to any other financial service we provide you.

Benefits we may receive

Sometimes in the process of providing advice, we may receive benefits from product providers.

Conferences

We may attend conferences and professional development seminars that have a genuine education or training purpose. Top End Insurance & Superannuation Pty Ltd, or our employer, may pay for the costs of our travel and accommodation, and events and functions held in conjunction with the conference or seminar.

Non-monetary benefits

We keep a register detailing certain non-monetary benefits that we receive e.g. benefits valued between \$100 and \$300, and those that relate to genuine education or training and technology software or support.

You can view an extract of the register by contacting us. Please be aware that Top End Insurance & Superannuation Pty Ltd may charge you for the cost of providing this information to you.

Referrals

If you have been referred to us or we refer you to someone else, we may have arrangements in place to or receive a referral fee, commission, or other benefit.

Details of any arrangement will be provided in our advice to you.

How we charge for our services

All fees and commissions are inclusive of GST and the fees could be greater than those disclosed below in complex cases. In these instances, we will inform you of the exact fee payable promptly in writing.

Our fees and other charges

Your Adviser retains all fees from the services provided to you. These fees are initially paid to Apprise Financial Services Pty Ltd who passes them onto your Adviser. Apprise Financial Services Pty Ltd receives all fees including commissions for your Adviser and your Advisers Corporate Authorised Representative, and passes these fees on to your Adviser as soon as practical after receipt and is not beneficially entitled to any of these fees.

Our fees and how are they calculated?

Your Adviser may receive;

- Fees paid directly by you, based on time, the amount invested or some other agreed criteria;
- Upfront Advice fees may be charged at a maximum of \$6,600.00
- Ongoing Advice fees may be charged at a maximum asset based fee of 2.2% of assets under advice or a mutually agreed flat ongoing advice fee.
- Commissions paid by a third party such as an insurer or a fund manager. These will vary according to your circumstances, but will generally be as follows;
- Life insurances and other risk insurances; the maximum legal upfront commission on your initial annual premium and up to the legal maximum trail commission on your ongoing annual premium.
- Managed funds and similar investments: upfront commissions on managed funds and similar investments are banned and therefore not paid to your adviser, however, grandfathered ongoing commissions are permitted and may be received by your adviser unless the law changes banning this form of remuneration.

Your Adviser will agree to a basis for charging fees before providing any chargeable services to you.

If you agree to pay your Adviser directly, you will be given a written estimate of the fee before any significant work is done. You will not be charged more than this fee.

If you prefer your Adviser to be paid by a third party, the fees in the initial and subsequent years will be shown in your statement of advice. If the amount cannot be calculated (for example, a commission based on the future balance of an investment), then an example will be provided in a form that satisfies the Corporations Act disclosure rules.

Fees will be advised in detail in writing in your SOA. Fees will also be advised in detail in the PDS documents for recommended financial products.

Any fees that are paid to a third person for referrals will be detailed in your SOA.

Apprise Financial Services Pty Ltd and your adviser do not receive any direct adviser incentives but may receive non-cash benefits from product providers from time to time. These benefits could be construed as a conflict of interest, however, all advisers have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the client at all times. They are not additional charges to you and are paid out of the provider's own resources. They may include lunches, tickets to events and occasional gifts such as bottles of wine at Christmas time etc.

Any Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact your Adviser should you have any questions about your Adviser's services and how your Adviser and Awhina Pty Ltd can help you improve your financial position.