



# **FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE**

**AUS Financial Advisers  
AFSL Number 534501**

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**Understanding the advice process and  
our relationship with you**

## PURPOSE

This **Financial Services Guide** (FSG) explains the financial services and advice provided by AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd and your Financial Adviser (Adviser), who is an authorised representative of AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd. The FSG provides information on what to expect during the financial advice process including the types of documents you are likely to receive, how we manage privacy, related parties and potential conflicts of interests, and how we manage complaints.

This FSG should be read in conjunction with the **Adviser Profile**. The Adviser Profile contains important information about your Adviser including relevant authorised representative number, qualifications, experience, areas of authorisation, how they get paid and fees that you may be charged. If you have not received an Adviser Profile, please ask your Adviser for a copy, or contact us directly.

**Please take the time to review both the FSG and Adviser Profile before engaging our services.**

### NOT INDEPENDENT

AUS Financial Advisers and our Advisers may receive commissions associated with the issue of life insurance products.

We may receive benefits from product issuers.

For these reasons, we do not represent ourselves as independent, impartial or unbiased.

Please refer to the 'Remuneration' section for more information.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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ABN 89 159 536 151

 1300 364 650

 [afsl@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au](mailto:afsl@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au)

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## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WE CAN PROVIDE

AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd can offer the following services and products.

Full Wholesale \ Retail AFSL

We do not provide advice on investment property (commercial or retail).

We do not provide advice on derivatives, general insurance or credit (home and investment loans) specifically, we can discuss these generally, and \ or refer you to a stock broker \ general insurance broker or mortgage broker who are licenced in these areas.

Your Adviser's specific authorisations are included within their personalised Adviser Profile.



### Superannuation and Retirement Planning

- Personal Superannuation
- Corporate Superannuation
- Industry and Public Sector Superannuation
- Pensions and Annuities
- Self-Managed Superannuation
- Centrelink / Veterans' Affairs Assistance
- Aged Care



### Wealth Creation and Investments

- Cash and Term Deposits
- Investment Bonds
- Managed Investments
- Exchange Traded Products
- Listed Securities (Shares and other products)
- Derivatives
- Margin Lending
- Gearing



### Wealth Protection

- Term Life Insurance
- Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Insurance
- Trauma Insurance
- Income Protection Insurance
- Business Insurance
- Insurance Claims Assistance



### Other Financial Planning Services

- Budgeting and Cashflow Management
- Debt Management
- Estate Planning Assistance

## THE ADVICE PROCESS AND DOCUMENTS YOU MAY RECEIVE

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.

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.



### 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.

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).



### 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.

## GENERAL ADVICE

Your Adviser may provide you with general advice that does not consider your personal circumstances, needs or objectives. Your Adviser will give you a warning when they provide you with general advice. You should consider whether you need personal advice which takes into account your individual situation before you make any decisions.

## FURTHER ADVICE

Depending on your relevant circumstances, you may require further advice such as adjustments to superannuation contributions, insurance benefit amounts, or a review of your strategy.

Further advice can generally be documented in a **Record of Advice** and relevant file notes. In some instances, a Statement of Advice may be required. You may request, in writing, a copy of any advice document up to seven (7) years after the advice has been given.

An **Ongoing Fee Arrangement** may be utilised to formalise the ongoing services that your Adviser has agreed to provide for a fee.

Alternatively, you may agree to a **Fixed Term Arrangement** with your Adviser. This arrangement will outline the services you will be provided for a fee over a specific term not greater than 12 months.

You may be required to sign a **Consent Form** that is provided to your relevant investment or superannuation provider. The Consent Form will detail the services offered and estimated fees for the next 12 months.

You may cease any fee arrangements or disengage from your Adviser by providing written notice to your Adviser or product issuer.

## HOW TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Your Adviser may accept your instructions by phone, letter, or email. In some instances, your Adviser can only accept written instructions from you, and they will let you know when this is required. Your Adviser will also need to verify your identity prior to acting on instructions.

## REMUNERATION

Before providing you with advice, your Adviser will agree with you the fees that apply and explain any benefits we receive.

### Your Adviser

The cost of providing financial advice or service to you will depend on the nature and complexity of the advice, financial product and/or service provided. Your Adviser or the financial planning business may be remunerated by:

- Advice and service fees paid by you
- Commissions paid by insurance providers

Please refer to the Adviser Profile for more detailed estimates and ranges of fees and commissions.

All fees and commissions are initially paid to AUS Financial Advisers before being distributed to your Adviser or to the financial planning business.

Your Adviser may also receive non-monetary benefits which include benefits of less than \$300, benefits related to education and training (including attendance at professional development days and conferences), and provision of software related to the financial products being recommended.

Any referral arrangements or related party arrangements your Adviser has in place will be disclosed in the Adviser Profile and your Statement of Advice.

### The Licensee

Corporate Authorised Representatives and Authorised Representatives pay a “dealer fee” in

which AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd receives for the provision of services required under its AFSL.

## BENEFITS, INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The Licensee, your Adviser and the financial planning business have arrangements with the following parties that may be capable or reasonably seen to be capable of influencing their advice. Arrangements may include payments or benefits and/or where another party may benefit financially should you utilise certain services or products.

Where applicable the specifics of any benefits or payments made or received will be disclosed to you in writing and agreed at the time of providing advice.

**AUS Financial Advisers does not pay a referral commission \ fee to referral parties.**

<b>Paid \ Related Parties</b>
NIL
<b>Paid Referral Parties</b>
NIL
<b>Shareholdings</b>
NIL
<b>Product Arrangements</b>
Desktop Broker (Bell Securities \ Third Party Platform) - (dialed brokerage for securities trading)
Ord Minnett - (dialed brokerage for securities trading)

## COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about any financial service provided to you by your Adviser, you should take the following steps:

1. Contact the AUS Financial Claims team to discuss your complaint.

Phone: 1300 364 650

Online [www.ausfinancialadvisers.com.au](http://www.ausfinancialadvisers.com.au)

Email [afsl@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au](mailto:afsl@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au) or [complaints@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au](mailto:complaints@ausfinancialadvisers.com.au)

Mail AUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS – URGENT

Mr David MacManus

Level 14 / 330 Collins Street

MELBOURNE VIC 3000

2. We will acknowledge receipt of a complaint within 1 business day. Where this is not possible, acknowledgement will be made as soon as practicable.
3. We will then investigate the complaint and respond to you within 30 days. Some complex matters may require an extension to thoroughly investigate the complaint and bring it to resolution. If additional time is required, we will advise you in writing.
4. If you are not fully satisfied with our response, 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.

Phone 1800 931 678 (free call)

Online [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Email [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Mail GPO Box 3

Melbourne VIC 3001

## Compensation Arrangements

We have professional indemnity insurance in place that complies with the Corporations Act 2001.

Our insurance covers claims made against former representatives for their conduct while they were authorised by us.

## PRIVACY

Your Adviser is required to maintain documentation and records of any financial advice given to you, including information that personally identifies you and/or contains information about you.

These records are required to be retained for at least seven (7) years. If you want to access your personal information at any time, please let us know.

You have the right to not provide personal information to your Adviser. However, in this case, your Adviser will warn you about the possible consequences and how this may impact on the quality of the advice provided. Additionally, your Adviser may not be able to provide you with the advice you require.

Throughout the advice process, your personal information may be disclosed to other services providers. These may include:

- Financial product providers
- Financial planning software providers
- Administration and paraplanning service providers

We may engage third party service providers to assist in the provision of products or services.

AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd respects your privacy and is committed to protecting and maintaining the security of the personal and financial information you provide us. For detailed information on how we handle your personal information, please refer to our Privacy Policy [privacy-policy-v1.pdf](#)

# ABOUT YOUR ADVISER



## ADVISER PROFILE

**David MacManus | Authorised Representative Number 295148**

**DMFS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd | Corporate Authorised Representative Number 422019**

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### About Me

I commenced my career as a financial adviser in 2004 and became an authorised representative of AUS Financial Advisers on 25/02/2022.

I hold the following qualifications:

- \_ Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning
- \_ Diploma of Financial Planning
- \_ Fellow Chartered Financial Practitioner
- \_ SMSF Accredited
- Aged Care Specialist

I hold the following memberships:

- Financial Advice Association Australia (FAAA)

- CFP Member

I have met the following Financial Advisers Standards and Ethics Authority (FASEA) requirements:

- Education standard
- Passed the Financial Advisers Exam

## Authorisations

I am authorised in the following financial services and products

- Superannuation
- Pensions and Annuities
- Self-Managed Superannuation Funds
- Cash and Term Deposits
- Managed Investments
- Listed Securities (shares and other products)
- Investment Bonds
- Margin Lending
- Life Insurance
- Centrelink/Veterans Affairs Assistance
- Aged Care
- Budgeting and Cashflow Management

## Remuneration

I am remunerated by:

- DMFS Financial Advisers pays salaries, management fees, superannuation, distributions to David MacManus as a sole director of DMFS Financial Advisers.
- AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd (ABN 89 159 536 151 | AFSL 534501) authorises your financial adviser to distribute this document. This document forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Licensee Financial Services Guide (FSG).
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- Advice and service fees paid by you
- Commissions paid by insurance providers

The following table summarises the types of fees or commissions that applicable to the services that we provide. Before providing you with advice, your Adviser will agree with you the fees that apply. All amounts are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

**Just to note, your adviser will quote before invoices are issued, and client agreement is accepted to proceed**

Remuneration	Up to	
SoA Preparation Fee	\$5,500 (starting at \$1,650)	
Implementation Fee	\$5,500 (time based)	
Hourly Rate	\$550 for advice \$220 for admin	
Insurance Claims Handling	\$25,000 / 5%^	
Aged Care	\$550 per hour for advice \$220 per hour for administration	
Remuneration	Initial	Per Annum
Adviser Service Fee	Up to \$0	Up to \$20,000
Adviser Service Fee (asset based)*	Up to 0%	Up to 1.1%
Insurance Commission*	0% to 66%^	0% to 35%
Stock Broking Commission*	0.55%-1.1%	N/A

\*Based on a % of funds invested or insurance premiums

^Applicable from 1 January 2020 to new policies. If the policy was issued before 1 January 2020 commission of up to 130% will apply to additional cover.

For example, a 1% Adviser Service Fee based on a \$500,000 investment would equal a \$5,000 fee payable.

^Based on a % of the insurance claim paid.

Our minimum ongoing fee is \$3,750. We may enter into fixed fee agreements for larger balances \ SMSF \ Trusts. Brokerage maybe applicable in addition to a fixed fee.

All fees and commissions are initially paid to AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd before being distributed to your Adviser or to the financial planning business.

Information about how your Adviser is remunerated will be disclosed in the Adviser Profile. Your Adviser may also receive non-monetary benefits which include benefits of less than \$300, benefits related to education and training (including attendance at professional development days and conferences), and provision of software related to the financial products being recommended.

## The Licensee

AUS Financial Advisers Pty Ltd receives a dealer fees from DMFS Financial Advisers for the provision of services by the AFSL.

## Benefits, interests and associations

The financial planning business and I do not have related parties, shareholdings or referral arrangements that may influence my advice. Neither the business or I pay or receive referral fees.

## Product Arrangements

### Paid \ Related Parties

NIL

### Paid Referral Parties

NIL

### Shareholdings

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