

# Financial Services Guide

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Part 1

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This Financial Services Guide ('FSG' or the 'Guide') provides you with important information about Axial Wealth Management Pty Ltd ('Axial' or 'Licensee'), and its Employee Representatives, who will provide you with the financial services described in this Guide. It is designed to help you evaluate and make an informed decision about whether to use the financial services described in this Guide. We suggest you retain this Guide for your future reference. If any part of this Guide is not clear, please speak to your financial adviser.

This Guide consists of two parts. Part 1 of this Guide contains important information about:

- the financial services we offer as Employee Representatives of Axial;
- Axial as the holder of an AFSL;
- the financial services that Axial offer;
- the process we follow to provide financial services;
- how we, our associates, and Axial are paid;
- any arrangements which may influence our advice to you;
- how we and Axial protect your privacy; and
- who to contact if you have a complaint or if you are not satisfied with the services provided.

Part 2 of this Guide is an Adviser Profile and includes information on the services we are authorised to provide on behalf of Axial.

References in this Guide to 'me', 'I', 'us', 'we' and/or 'our' should be read as either Axial or your 'Employee Representatives' of Axial, as the context requires.

**Not Independent**

Axial Wealth Management Pty Ltd and its Authorised Representatives receive commissions from life risk insurance products held by our clients. As such, we are neither independent, impartial, or unbiased as defined in Section 923A of the Corporations Act.

# PART 1

Part 1 contains the following sections:

- Financial Services Guide (Section [1]);
- Privacy Statement (Section [2]); and
- Are you satisfied? (Section [3]).

You must read each of these sections in conjunction with Part 2, which provides more detail to allow you to make an informed decision about whether to use the financial services we offer.

Together, these documents form the complete FSG which we, as Employee Representatives, are required to provide.

## ABOUT AXIAL

Axial holds an AFSL issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [and our advisers are members of the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA)].

As an Employee Representative, we act on behalf of Axial when providing the financial services we are authorised to provide under Axial's AFSL.

Further information on these services is set out in the FSG Part 2 Adviser Profile.

As the holder of an AFSL, Axial is responsible for the financial services we provide to you. Axial acts on its own behalf when these financial services are provided to you.

## SECTION 1

### FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE

#### WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD YOU CONSIDER BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS?

If you receive personal financial advice this will be documented in a Statement of Advice (SoA), or in specific circumstances a Record of Advice (RoA), that confirms the discussions you have had with us, the recommendations we are making and the basis for those recommendations. These documents will also explain how those recommendations will work towards achieving your goals, any relevant fees received by us, and any associations with financial product providers.

When a financial product is recommended to you, you will be provided with a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) or other disclosure document issued by the product provider. Among other things, the PDS contains information about the risks, benefits, features and fees payable in respect of the product. In combination, these documents will help you make an

informed decision about whether to proceed with our recommendations.

#### WHO PROVIDES THE FINANCIAL SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS FSG

The financial services described in this FSG are provided by us as Employee Representatives of Axial.

Part 2 of this Guide contains further details about your financial adviser, and our experience, qualifications and professional memberships.

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE FINANCIAL SERVICES?

As the holder of an AFSL, Axial is responsible for the financial services we provide to you. Axial acts on its own behalf when these financial services are provided to you. In relation to the financial services offered in this FSG, Axial, as the holder of an AFSL, does not act on behalf of any other person or licensee. Axial is only responsible for the services offered in the FSG.

The law requires Axial to have arrangements in place to compensate certain persons for loss or damage they suffer from certain breaches of the Corporations Act by Axial and/or its Employee Representatives. Axial has internal compensation arrangements as well as professional indemnity insurance that satisfy these requirements.

#### WHAT FINANCIAL SERVICES DO WE OFFER?

Axial is able to provide financial product advice and to deal in a wide range of products (unless otherwise stated in Part 2 of this Guide) including:

- deposit products;
- Government debentures, stocks or bonds;
- life investment and life risk products;
- managed investment schemes including investor directed portfolio services;
- standard margin lending facilities;
- retirement savings account products;
- securities (e.g. shares); and
- superannuation products.

Some of the services you are able to access through Axial include:

- financial planning advice;
- wealth accumulation advice;
- superannuation advice, including self managed superannuation funds;
- redundancy advice;
- retirement advice;
- gearing strategies;
- cash flow advice;
- social security benefits advice;
- life and disability insurance advice;
- estate planning services (financial planning).

## **WHAT PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE?**

A range of financial products offered by many leading financial product providers are available for recommendation by us. Details of the available products we can recommend are contained in the Approved Product List (APL).

Internal and external experts provide financial product research, which is used to carefully select and maintain an extensive list of Approved Products for us to select from. We conduct due diligence on external research report providers that provide us with research.

We will only recommend a product to you after considering its appropriateness to your individual objectives, financial situation and needs. The recommendations will be made after conducting an investigation into the financial products and may require us to investigate and consider a financial product which is not on the APL.

## **HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THE PERSONAL ADVICE WE GIVE YOU SUITS YOUR NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES?**

To ensure your adviser provides personal advice that is appropriate, we firstly need to understand your objectives, financial situation and needs. Your adviser (referred to as 'we' below) will follow a step-by-step process as outlined below:

- 1.) We will meet with you for an initial consultation. During this meeting we will discuss your expectations and provide you with details of the services we can offer.
- 2.) We will collect all the information we need from you, including your objectives, financial situation and needs. If you do not wish to provide the information we require, we will advise you of the possible consequences of not disclosing all of this information and the impact on the recommendations given. This may include not being able to provide advice on the subject matter you request.
- 3.) We will help you identify your goals and may discuss your attitude towards investment risk.
- 4.) We may consider strategies and areas such as income, social security, insurance, cash and estate planning requirements. Where we recommend a financial product we will also conduct a reasonable investigation of the financial products that may be suitable to implement the strategies as part of the recommendations. Based on these and other considerations, we will prepare and present you with a written SoA, or in some cases depending on the circumstances, an RoA. We will explain in the SoA (or RoA) the basis for the advice, and any remuneration, benefits or associations which could have influenced the advice.

Where we recommend financial products, we will provide you with a PDS or other disclosure document containing information about each product recommended, to help you make an

informed decision about whether to invest in or acquire that product.

- 5.) We will discuss our recommendations with you, make any changes you require and ask you whether you would like us to implement those recommendations on your behalf.
- 6.) If you agree, we will then implement those recommendations.
- 7.) We will meet with you periodically to review your financial circumstances if we agree to an ongoing advice service arrangement which includes a regular review component. If an ongoing advice service arrangement is entered into, this will be documented in your Ongoing Advice Service Arrangement Letter and/or SoA. Where you have entered into an ongoing fee arrangement after 1 July 2013, we will renew your arrangement with you at a minimum of every two years.

We will also explain to you any significant risks of the financial products and strategies which we recommend to you. If you are unclear of the risks, do not hesitate to question us further.

In certain circumstances, we may not provide you with personal advice via a SoA or RoA, as outlined above. These circumstances may include:

- 1.) Where we provide you with only general advice, such as through seminars and newsletters;
- 2.) Further advice or verbal advice – if you previously received advice recorded in a SoA, any further personal advice provided by us may be recorded in a RoA. We will not necessarily provide you with a copy of the RoA unless you request it (see below).

## **WHAT DOCUMENTS DO YOU GET IF WE PROVIDE FURTHER ADVICE?**

Where a further review is conducted and personal advice is provided, in some circumstances we are not required to provide you with a SoA for this further advice. Where this is the case, if you have not already been provided with a RoA, you may request a copy of the RoA from us by contacting us (on any of the contact details set out in Part 2 of this Guide) for a period of seven years from when the further advice was first provided to you.

## **HOW CAN YOU INSTRUCT US?**

You may specify how you would like to give us instructions, for example, by phone, fax or email using any of the contact details set out in Part 2 of this Guide. Alternatively, you may provide instructions to us in person. Where instructions are provided by telephone, these must be confirmed in writing.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

We may provide services other than financial planning services. While we may provide these other services, you should understand that these other services are not provided under Axial's AFSL and Axial does not train, support or supervise the provision of these other services and has no responsibility in relation to these services.

Examples of the services which Axial is not responsible for include:

- consulting services; and
- administration assistance relating to Self-Managed Superannuation Funds.

## **HOW ARE WE PAID FOR OUR SERVICES?**

We (Axial) may receive:

- fees paid by clients;
- commissions paid by product providers;
- other payments by product providers; and
- other benefits.

Fees and commissions are payable (as directed by your Employee Representative) to any of Axial, your Employee Representative or to any other approved party. We may receive up to 100% of any fees and commissions received.

Details of any fees, commissions or other benefits that we, Axial or other associated persons are entitled to receive if you implement our recommendations in relation to a specific financial product, will be disclosed to you in your SoA or RoA when personal advice is given.

## **WHAT TYPE OF FEES, COMMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND OTHER BENEFITS DO WE RECEIVE FOR OUR SERVICES?**

If the fees, commissions or other benefits are not calculable at the time we provide personal advice, we will describe the manner in which they are calculated at the time the advice is given or as soon as practicable after. If you receive general advice you may request particulars of the fees, commissions and other benefits that we may receive, within a reasonable time after this FSG is given to you.

The types of fees, commissions and other benefits that may be received by us and by Axial include the following:

### **Service fees**

We will discuss and agree our fee structure with you before we provide you with services. The types of

fees you can be charged are listed below. You may be charged a combination, or part of, any of these fees.

### **Fees for advice**

We may charge fees for the preparation, presentation and implementation of our advice. These fees will be based on your individual circumstances, the complexity involved in your situation and the time it takes to prepare personal financial advice for you. We will discuss these fees with you and gain your agreement to the fees before we provide you with advice.

### **Ongoing advice fees**

We may charge a fee to provide ongoing portfolio reviews and/or for the provision of ongoing services.

This fee will be agreed with you and is either a set amount, or an amount based on the amount of funds under our advice, and/or the time involved in reviewing your portfolio and circumstances.

### **Payment methods**

Our fees are either invoiced to you directly, or deducted from your investments, or a combination of these methods.

Where it is debited from your investments it is normally referred to as the Adviser Service Fee.

In most instances you will be able to select the method of payment that suits you best. We will discuss and agree the method of payment with you before we provide you with services.

## Life Insurance Product Commissions

Initial and ongoing commissions from insurance providers may be received by Axial. These commissions are paid to Axial by the company that issues the product that we recommend to you and they are included in what you pay for the product. The commissions vary and are based on the policy cost, which is the sum of the premiums you pay and may include other fees related to the product.

The initial commission is paid in the first year by the product issuer to Axial. Ongoing commissions are payments paid by product issuers to Axial in the years after the first year. These commissions may be passed onto the adviser.

If you initiate an increase to your cover, Axial may receive an initial commission and ongoing commissions on the annual increase to your policy cost. The ongoing commission on a client initiated increase is only paid in respect of the period that starts from the first anniversary of the increase.

The maximum commission that Axial may receive is set out in the table below:

Date a new product is issued	Initial commission (% of annual policy cost or increase excl. GST)	Ongoing commission pa (% of annual policy cost or increase excl. GST)
Before 1 January 2018 or before 1 April 2018 when the application was received prior to 1 January 2018	0 - 140%	0 - 38.5%
1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018*	0 - 80%	0 - 20%
1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019*	0 - 70%	0 - 20%
From 1 January 2020*	0 - 60%	0 - 20%

\* Axial may receive the pre 1 January 2018 commission rates above from the product issuer if:

- > your policy was issued before 1 January 2018 and you exercise an option or apply for additional cover under your policy after 1 January 2018; or
- > your policy was issued before 1 January 2018 and is replaced after 1 January 2018 to correct an administrative error.
- > **Note: It is Axial policy that IF we apply commission to a Life Insurance policy it is limited at 20% initial and ongoing ex GST**

You will find details of how your insurance policy cost is calculated in the relevant PDS that we provide you. Where personal advice is provided to you, you will also find details of the commission that Axial and we

are entitled to receive if you decide to purchase a life insurance product, in your SoA or RoA.

## Margin lending Products

We do not receive any commissions on Margin Loan products and where we take on an existing arrangement we will remove any commissions payable in that event.

## OTHER BENEFITS

From time to time we may accept alternative forms of remuneration from product providers or other parties, such as hospitality or support connected with our professional development (e.g. training or sponsorship to attend conferences). We maintain a register detailing any benefit we receive which is valued at between \$100 and \$300 and other benefits that relate to information technology software or support provided by a product issuer or that relate to educational and training purposes.

A copy of the register is available on request for a small charge.

## WILL ANY OTHER PARTIES BENEFIT FROM THE FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFERED IN THIS FSG?

Axial may benefit from remuneration paid in respect of the financial services offered in this FSG.

Product providers Axial recommends receive product fees if you invest in their products. Product fees are generally calculated as a percentage of the amount or value of your investment in these products.

Byron Capital Financial Advisers provide a representative to sit on our investment committee and from time to time provide stock specific advice on client portfolios. We pay Byron Capital a fee for investment research and advice.

## Preferred Stock Brokers

Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited are our preferred broker.

We engage with Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited and may engage with other brokers as part of Initial Public Offerings and Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited may receive placement fees from the issuers on these Initial Public Offerings.

Axial at times may invoice Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited for administrative work in assisting with these which is no more than 0.5% of the placement size.

E.g. If the placement amount is equal to \$10,000, Axial may invoice Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited 0.5% of this amount or \$50.

## **WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY INFLUENCE OUR ADVICE TO YOU?**

Axial has an Approved Product List which includes a range of financial products from product providers not associated with Axial. Following a review of your individual objectives, financial situation and needs, Axial will recommend financial products that are in your best interests. We will follow our non-approved product process if our review indicates that a product is better suited to your individual needs and circumstances that is not on our APL.

Any other relationships or associations we have that may influence our advice to you will be disclosed in Part 2 of this FSG.

## **WHAT FEES DO WE PAY TO SOMEONE WHO REFERS YOU TO US?**

No benefits are paid or received for referrals.

## SECTION 2

### PRIVACY STATEMENT

#### WHY WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We collect personal information, including sensitive information (e.g. health information), from you to provide you with services including financial advice.

We may also use your information to comply with legislative or regulatory requirements in any jurisdiction, to prevent fraud, crime or other activity that may cause harm in relation to the particular products or services provided, and to help us run our business.

If you do not provide all the information we request, we may no longer be able to provide a product or service, including financial advice, to you.

#### COLLECTING AND DISCLOSING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We may disclose your personal information to anyone we engage to do something on our behalf such as a service provider, and other organisations that assist us with our business. We may also disclose your personal information to third parties such as a complaints body to whom a complaint relating to a product or service is referred, your past and present employers, any party acquiring an interest in our business and anyone acting on your behalf.

We may also collect from the parties listed above any personal information they may hold about you which relates to our provision of financial advice.

We may disclose your personal information to an entity which is located outside Australia. Details of the countries where the overseas recipients are likely to be located are in our privacy policy.

As a provider of financial services, we have obligations to disclose some personal information to government agencies and regulators in Australia, and in some cases offshore. We are not able to ensure that foreign government agencies or regulators will comply with Australian privacy laws, although they may have their own privacy laws. By using our products or services, you consent to these disclosures.

Axial is also required, pursuant to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (AML/CTF Act) and its corresponding rules and regulations to implement certain client identification processes. We may be required to obtain information about you at the time of providing

financial services to you, and from time to time in order to meet our legal obligations.

We have certain reporting obligations pursuant to the AML/CTF Act and information obtained from or about you may be provided to external third parties and regulators in accordance with the requirements imposed on us.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are required or authorised to collect personal information from you by certain laws. Details of these laws are in our privacy policy.

Our privacy policy is available at [www.axialwealth.com.au](http://www.axialwealth.com.au). It covers:

- how you can access the personal information we hold about you and ask for it to be corrected;
- how you may complain about a breach of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), or a registered privacy code and how we will deal with your complaint; and;
- how we collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information in more detail.

We will update our privacy policy from time to time.

Where you have provided information about another individual, you must make them aware of that fact and the contents of this privacy statement.

We will use your personal information to contact you or send you information about other products and services offered by us or our preferred suppliers. If you do not wish to receive marketing communications from us, please contact us.

#### DEFINITIONS

“We”, “our”, “us” means Axial Wealth Management Pty Ltd and its Employee Representatives.



## SECTION 3

### ARE YOU SATISFIED?

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Axial endeavour to provide you with quality financial advice. If you have a complaint or concern about the service provided to you, you can:

- 1.) Contact us first about your concern by:

**Writing to:**

Advice Complaints  
Axial Wealth Management Pty Ltd  
PO Box 24016  
Melbourne VIC 3001

**Email:**

info@axialwealth.com.com.au

**Phone:** 03 9661 0445

- 2.) We will review your concerns and provide a full written response within 30 days of receipt of your complaint unless the matter is complex or circumstances beyond our control delay our review of your complaint. If this occurs, we will notify you within 30 days of the reason for the delay and provide you the option to escalate the matter to AFCA if you are dissatisfied. If you disagree with our final response to your complaint, you may also escalate your concerns to AFCA, at no cost to you. You may contact AFCA by:

**Writing to:**

Australian Financial Complaints Authority  
GPO Box 3  
Melbourne VIC 3001

**Email:**

info@afca.org.au

**Website:**

www.afca.org.au

**Phone:**

1800 931 678

- 3.) The Financial Advice Association of Australia Limited (FAAA), is the peak professional body for financial planning in Australia. The FAAA provides the leadership and professional framework that enables members to deliver quality financial advice to their clients. All FAAA members are bound by professional, technical and ethical standards as provided in the FAAA Code of Professional Practice. The FAAA has effective and appropriate policies and procedures in place to assist you with your complaint and ultimately help protect consumers and those planners doing the right thing. You may contact the FAAA Professional Standards Team by:

**Email**

Professional.standards@faaa.au

**Website:**

www.faaa.au

**Phone:**

1300 337 301

Before you send your concern to any of these respective bodies, please contact them first to understand the process of lodging your concern with them.

