

FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE

Understanding the advice process and our relationship with you

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PURPOSE

This **Financial Services Guide** (FSG) explains the financial services and advice provided by Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd and your Financial Adviser (Adviser), who is an authorised representative of Dependable Financial Advice 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, our related parties and potential conflicts of interests, how we manage privacy and complaints. It also contains information about how we are paid and fees you may be charged.

This FSG contains an **Adviser Profile** for your Adviser. It contains important information about your Adviser including relevant authorised representative number and areas of authorisation.

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

NOT INDEPENDENT

Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd 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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FINANCIAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WE CAN PROVIDE

Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd can offer the following services and products. 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



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 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.

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.

Where you have entered into an ongoing fee arrangement for a period of greater than 12-months, you will receive a **Fee Disclosure Statement** (FDS) annually.

The FDS will detail services and fees paid for the previous 12-month period, and the services offered and estimated fees for the next 12-months. To ensure the ongoing fee arrangement continues, you will be required to confirm in writing annually. Confirmation may also include the requirement to sign a **Consent Form** that is provided to your relevant investment or superannuation provider.

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. In this case, you will not be provided with an FDS. You may be required to sign a Consent Form where the fee is deducted from superannuation.

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

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

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).

Remuneration	Up to	
SoA Preparation Fee	\$5,500	
Implementation Fee	\$5,500	
Hourly Rate	\$220	
Adviser Service Fee or	\$3,300 to \$7,700	\$3,300 to \$18,850
Adviser Service Fee (asset based)*	Up to 1.1%	Up to 1.1%

*Based on a % of funds invested

^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 \$200,000 investment would equal a \$2,000 fee payable.

Your Adviser

All fees and commissions are initially paid to Dependable Financial Advice 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 Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd

Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd receives all upfront advice fees and any ongoing adviser fees for the provision of services by the AFSL.

BENEFITS, INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd, your Adviser and the financial planning business do not have related parties, shareholdings or referral arrangements that may influencing my advice. Your Adviser does not pay or receive referral fees.

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 Rolanda Adams to discuss your complaint.

Phone: 0412 546 237

Online: <https://www.rolandaadams.com.au>

Email: rolanda@rolandaadams.com.au

Mail Dependable Financial Advice Pty Ltd

PO Box 996
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We will acknowledge receipt of a complaint within 1 business day. Where this is not possible, acknowledgement will be made as soon as practicable.

2. 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.
3. 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

Email 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

Dependable Financial Advice 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 here <https://www.rolandaadams.com.au> or we can provide a hard copy of our Privacy Policy document if you request.



ADVISER PROFILE

**Stephen Weinstein - Authorised Representative
Number 249513**

**Rolanda Adams Financial Services Pty Limited | CAR
No.320236**

1. PROFILE

I am a Certified Financial Planner professional with over 20 years of financial planning experience. I provide a clear understanding of current financial status, future goals, and the steps needed to reach those objectives.

2. CONTACT

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3. EDUCATION

- Advanced certificate in accounting
- Diploma of Financial Markets
- Diploma of Financial Planning – Gaining Certified Financial Planning (CFP)
- Accreditation - Self Managed Superannuation Funds
- Accreditation – ASX Listed Product Training Course
- Accreditation – Age Care Advised
- Completion of FASEA Standard Authority

I hold the following memberships:

Financial Advice Association of Australia (FAAA)

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

Investment Bonds

Centrelink/Veterans Affairs Assistance

Aged Care

Budgeting and Cashflow Management

Debt Management

Remuneration

I am remunerated by:

- By an hourly rate.

Benefits, Interest and Associations

The business and I do not have any related parties, shareholdings or referral arrangements that may influence my advice.