

# FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE

This Financial Services Guide (FSG) sets out the services that we can offer you. It is designed to assist you in deciding whether to use any of those services and contains important information about:

- The services we offer you
- Any potential conflicts of interest we may have
- Arrangements we have placed to compensate clients for losses
- How we and others are paid
- Our internal & external dispute resolution procedures and how you can access them

## FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN PERSONAL ADVICE IS GIVEN

We will provide you with further information whenever we provide you with advice which takes into account your objectives, financial situation and needs. This information may include the advice that we have given you, the basis of the advice and other information on our remuneration and any relevant associations or interests. This information may be contained in a Statement Of Advice (SOA).

When you ask us to recommend an insurance policy for you, we will usually only consider the policies offered by the insurers or insurance providers that we deal with regularly. In giving you advice about the costs and terms of recommended policies we have not compared those policies to other policies available, other than those insurers we deal with regularly.

## PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

If we offer to arrange the issue of an insurance policy to you, we will also provide you with, or pass on to you, a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), unless you already have an up to date PDS. The PDS will contain information about the particular policy which will enable you to make an informed decision about purchasing that policy.

## FROM WHEN DOES THIS FSG APPLY?

This FSG applies from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and remains valid unless a further FSG is issued to replace it. We may give you a supplementary FSG. It will not replace this FSG but will cover services not covered by this FSG.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED?

Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd is responsible for the financial services that will be provided to you or through you to your family members, including the distribution of this FSG. Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd holds a current Australian Financial Services Licensee no: 235409. You can contact us to give instructions by post, phone, fax or email via the details above.

## WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL SERVICES ARE YOU AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE ME AND WHAT KINDS OF FINANCIAL PRODUCTS DO THOSE SERVICES RELATE TO?

Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd is authorised to advise and arrange a broad range of insurances on your behalf including: Home Building and Contents, Private and Commercial Motor, Farm, Business Packages, Construction, Liability, Industrial and Professional covers.

We offer a range of services to assist you to protect your assets and guard against unexpected liabilities including: reviewing and advising on your insurance needs, identifying risk factors to avoid claims, seeking competitive premium quotations.

## WILL I RECEIVE TAILORED ADVICE

Maybe not in all cases. However, we may need information about your personal objectives, details of your current financial situation and any relevant information, so that we can arrange insurance policies for you, or to give you advice about your insurance needs. We will ask you for the details that we need to know. In some cases we will not ask for any of this information. If we do not ask, or if you do not give us all of the information we ask for, any advice you receive may not be appropriate to your needs, objectives and financial situation.

You should read the warnings contained in any SOA, or any other warnings that we give you carefully before making any decision about an insurance policy. Where we provide you with advice about your insurance arrangements, that advice is current at the time that we give it. We will review your insurance arrangements when you inform us about changes in your circumstances.

## CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY AND YOUR INSURANCE COVER

Many commercial or business contracts contain clauses dealing with your liability (including indemnities or hold harmless clauses). Such clauses may entitle your insurers to reduce cover, or in some cases, refuse to indemnify you at all. You should seek legal advice before signing and accepting contracts. You should inform us of any clauses of this nature before you enter into them.

## WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU MAINTAIN IN MY FILE AND CAN I EXAMINE MY FILE?

We maintain a record of your personal profile, including details of insurance policies that we arrange for you. We may also maintain records of any recommendations or advice given to you. We will retain this FSG and any other FSG given to you as well as any SOA or PDS that we give or pass on to you for the period required by law.

We are committed to implementing and promoting a privacy policy, which will ensure the privacy and security of your personal information. A copy of our privacy policy is available on request. If you wish to look at your file please ask us. We will make arrangements for you to do so.

## HOW WILL I PAY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED?

For each insurance product the insurer will charge a premium that includes any relevant taxes, charges and levies. We often receive a payment based on a percentage of this premium (excluding relevant taxes, charges and levies) called commission, which is paid to us by the insurers. However, in some cases we will also charge you a fee. These will all be shown on the invoice that we send you. You can choose to pay by any of the payment methods set out in the invoice. You are required to pay us within the time set out on the invoice. If there is a refund or reduction of your premium as a result of a cancellation or alteration to a policy, or based on a term of your policy (such as a premium adjustment provision), we will retain any fee we have charged you. We may also retain commission depending on our arrangements with the insurer, or charge you a cancellation fee up to the reduction in our commission.

When you pay us your premium it will be banked into our trust account. We retain the commission from the premium you pay us and remit the balance to the insurer in accordance with our arrangements with the insurer. We will earn interest on the premium while it is in our trust account or we may invest the premium and earn a return. We will retain any interest or return on investment earned on the premium.

## HOW ARE ANY COMMISSIONS, FEES OR OTHER BENEFITS CALCULATED PROVIDING THE FINANCIAL SERVICES?

Our commission will be calculated based on the following formula:

$$X = Y\% \times P$$

In this formula:

X = our commission

Y% = the percentage commission paid to us by the insurer. Our commission varies from 10 to 27%

P = the amount you pay for any insurance policy (less any government fees or charges included in that amount).

In the event that we receive other fees or other benefits from the insurer, any fees or benefits will be paid from the insurer's premium (not in addition to those amounts). We do not often pay any commissions, fees or benefits to others who refer you to us or refer us to an insurer. If we do, we will pay commissions to those people out of our commissions or fees (not in addition to those amounts), in the range of 10 to 50% of our commission or fees

If requested, we will inform you of any fees, commission or other payments we, our associates or anyone referring you to us (or us to any insurer) will receive in relation to the policies that are the subject of the advice.

See below for information on the Steadfast association and commission.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY RELATIONSHIPS OR ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE INSURANCE POLICIES OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL RELATIONSHIPS?

Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd is a Steadfast Group Limited (**Steadfast**) Network Broker. Steadfast has exclusive arrangements with some insurers and premium funders (**Partners**) under which Steadfast will receive between 0.5 - 2% commission for each product arranged by us with those Partners. Steadfast is also a shareholder of some Partners.

We may receive a proportion of that commission from Steadfast at the end of each financial year (or other agreed period).

As a Steadfast Network Broker we have access to member services including model operating and compliance tools, procedures, manuals and training, legal, technical, banking and recruitment advice and assistance, group insurance arrangements, product comparison and placement support, claims support and group purchasing arrangements. These member services are either funded by Steadfast, subsidised by Steadfast or available exclusively to Steadfast Network Brokers for a fee.

You can obtain a copy of Steadfast's FSG at [www.steadfast.com.au](http://www.steadfast.com.au)

If we arrange premium funding for you, we may be paid a commission by the premium funder. We may also charge you a fee (or both). The commissions that we are paid by the premium funder is usually calculated as a percentage of your insurance premium (including government fees or charges). If you instruct us to arrange or issue a product, this is when we become entitled to the commission.

Our commission rates for premium funding are in the range of 0-3.25 % of the funded premium. When we arrange premium funding for you, you can ask us what commission rates we are paid for that funding arrangement compared to the other arrangements that were available to you. The amount of our commission and any fee that we charge will be set out in the premium funding contract.

On occasion, we may refer you to an alternate Financial Service Organisation if you require a product that cannot be transacted through Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd. If you purchase a product, such as Life Insurance (Steadfast Life) or Builders Warranty Insurance (Insurance House), we may be paid a commission. Our commission rates for referrals are in the range of 5 – 33 % of the amount you pay for any insurance policy (less any government fees or charges included in that amount)

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT?

You can contact us to give instructions by post, phone, fax or email on the contact details on this FSG.

### HOW CAN I INSTRUCT YOU

1. Contact us and tell us about your complaint. We will do our best to resolve it quickly.
2. If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within 20 business days, please contact Andrew Arcuri on 03 8415 4000 or put your complaint in writing and send it to Andrew Arcuri at the address noted at the beginning of this FSG. We will try and resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.
3. **Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd** is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (**AFCA**). If your complaint cannot be resolved to your satisfaction by us you have the right to refer the matter to the AFCA. The AFCA can be contacted at:  
Mailing address - Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne, VIC 3001  
Phone - 1800 931 678  
Email - [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Website - [afca.org.au](http://afca.org.au)

## WHAT ARRANGEMENTS DO YOU HAVE IN PLACE TO COMPENSATE CLIENTS FOR LOSSES?

Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd has a Professional Indemnity (PI) insurance policy in place.

The PI policy covers us and our representatives (including our authorised representatives) for claims made against us and our representatives by clients as a result of the conduct of us, our employees or representatives in the provision of financial services.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any further questions about the financial services Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd provides, please contact us. Please retain this document for your reference and any future dealings with Arcuri & Associates Pty Ltd.