



# Financial Services Guide

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# The documents you will receive from us

## Financial Services Guide

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

It also contains information on how you can pay for our services and how we ensure your satisfaction with our advice.

## Other documents you may receive

In addition to this Financial Services Guide, when we provide you financial advice we will also present you with a written Statement of Advice (SOA).

This will describe the strategies, products and services we recommend and outline any fees or commissions we will receive and any associations we have with financial product providers or other parties that have not already been disclosed in this Financial Services Guide.

If you receive further financial advice from us, we will present you with either another Statement of Advice or keep our own written Record of Advice (ROA). You can request a copy of this by contacting us any time up to seven years from the date of the advice provided.

We will also provide you with a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) or offer document for all financial products we recommend, where applicable, to help you make informed decisions.

## Giving us instructions

If you want to make changes to your financial plan or provide other instructions, please contact us.

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

# About our Licensee

MLC Financial Planning, with Garvan Financial Planning is recognised as one of Australia's leading financial advice networks, with over 500 experienced advisers across Australia managing over \$14 billion of investments.

Our network received a Highly Commended rating in the CoreData Research Advisory Group of the Year awards for 2012. This award recognises the quality of customers' experiences when seeking financial advice.

MLC Financial Planning is a professional partner of the Financial Planning Association, the professional body representing qualified financial planners in Australia, and therefore adheres to set standards in terms of ethics, conduct and continuing professional development.

## Our associations and relationships

We are authorised representatives of GWM Adviser Services Limited ABN 96 002 071 749 trading as MLC Financial Planning, Australian Financial Services & Credit Licence Number 230692.

As a member of the National Australia Group of companies, GWM Adviser Services Limited is responsible for the financial advice and services we provide. MLC Financial Planning supports us with essential services and resources to ensure you receive sound financial advice.

A number of companies within the National Australia Group—including MLC Investments Ltd, Navigator Australia Ltd, NULIS Nominees (Australia) Limited, MLC Ltd, WealthHub Securities Ltd, Jana Investment Advisers Pty Ltd, PFS Nominees Pty Ltd, MLC Nominees Pty Ltd and National Australia Bank Ltd—are financial product providers whose products we may recommend.

We generally recommend products that are listed on our approved product list. In some categories these may be all NAB Group products. Before any products are added to this list a review process is undertaken and products are required to meet minimum standards. If these products are not appropriate for your circumstances then we may recommend a product outside of this list. At all times, we will ensure that our recommendations are in your best interests.

# About us

## Who we are

Personal Financial Solutions started in 2012 and have represented our clients in their best interest for short term and long term wealth gains. Personal Financial Solutions started out as home based business giving expert advice to friends and family and has outgrown the family home.

Personal Financial Solutions has clients based all over Australia from Western Australia , Alice Springs, Victoria, South Australia.

We are representatives of and offer our services on behalf of MLC Financial Planning.

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grad dip wealth creation, professional certificate in SMSF,  
Authorised Representative No. 428753

The Financial Services we offer are provided by  
NL & RW Phillips, 72329505092 trading as Personal Financial  
Solutions Authorised Representative No. 428752

MLC Financial Planning has authorised us to provide you with  
this Financial Services Guide.

## What we do

We are authorised by MLC Financial Planning to provide financial advice in relation to:

- Wealth Accumulation
- Income & Asset Protection
- Tax Strategies
- Superannuation
- Retirement & Redundancy Planning
- Estate Planning
- Government Benefits
- Debt Management

and to provide advice and deal in the following financial products:

- Basic Deposit Products
- Non-basic Deposit Products
- Non-cash Payment Facilities
- Life Products – Investment Life Insurance
- Life Products – Life Risk Insurance
- Superannuation
- Retirement Savings Accounts
- Managed Investment Schemes, including Investor Directed Portfolio Services (IDPS)
- Derivatives
- Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Securities
- Standard Margin Lending Facilities

## 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:

Address- 1/50-52 OG Road, Klemzig, SA, 5087  
Phone – 08 8520 3005  
Fax – 08 8520 2006  
Email – [robert@personalfinancialsolutions.com.au](mailto:robert@personalfinancialsolutions.com.au)

# How we manage your personal information

This Privacy Notification 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, ask us.

## Collecting your personal information

We need to collect your personal information for a variety of purposes, including to provide you with the financial services you have requested 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 provide your personal information to the following types of service providers:

- other advisers, paraplanners and organisations who work with us to provide the financial services you have requested;
- insurance providers, superannuation trustees and product providers related to the financial services you have requested;
- 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;
- 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 authorities and other organisations when required by law.

In order to provide you with our services, 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.

## Consent to marketing activity

We presume you consent to being contacted by us 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.

## 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.

## 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 or by referring to the 'Your confidence in our advice' section'.

## Contacting us

If you would like to know more about our privacy policy, please contact us. For more information about your privacy, you can visit the Federal Privacy Commissioner's website at [www.privacy.gov.au](http://www.privacy.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.

If you are unhappy with the advice you receive or other aspects of our service, please let us know so we can act on it immediately.

## **Our complaints procedure**

If we have not satisfactorily resolved your complaint, please put your complaint in writing or contact our Advice Dispute Resolution Team on **1800 611 950**.

Please address the envelope 'Notice of Complaint' and send it to:

**Advice Dispute Resolution Team  
MLC Financial Planning  
PO Box 1086  
North Sydney NSW 2059**

If your complaint isn't resolved within 45 days or to your satisfaction, then you may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), an independent complaints handling body. We are a member of FOS. FOS provides a free, accessible, fair and independent dispute resolution service to consumers.

You can contact FOS on **1300 78 08 08**, at [www.fos.org.au](http://www.fos.org.au), by email to [info@fos.org.au](mailto:info@fos.org.au) or in writing to:

**The Manager  
Financial Ombudsman Service  
GPO Box 3  
Melbourne VIC 3001**

MLC Financial Planning holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements (Section 912B) of the Corporations Act. This insurance also covers the conduct of advisers who were authorised by MLC Financial Planning at the time of providing the advice, but are no longer representatives 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. MLC Financial Planning, 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 MLC Financial Planning 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.

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<b>Initial consultation</b>	<At our expense / Free of charge.>
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<b>Advice preparation</b>	<p>If you elect to pay us a fee for advice the following fees will apply. The fees will depend on the size of the investment portfolio and the complexity of the advice:</p> <p>The minimum fee charged is \$1650 while the maximum fee is \$22,000.</p>
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<b>Implementation (fee for advice)</b>	<p>If you elect to pay us a fee for advice the following fees will apply. The fees will depend on the size of the investment portfolio and the complexity of the advice:</p> <table><tr><td>Portfolios less than \$100,000:</td><td>Implementation fee of between \$330 and \$3,300</td></tr><tr><td>Portfolios \$100,000 - \$300,000:</td><td>Implementation fee of between \$2,200 and \$7,700</td></tr><tr><td>Portfolios in excess of \$300,000:</td><td>Implementation fee of between \$5,500 and \$20,000</td></tr></table> <p>Borrowed funds – if we recommend you acquire investments using borrowed funds then your implementation fee will be a minimum of \$330 and a maximum of \$10,000.</p>	Portfolios less than \$100,000:	Implementation fee of between \$330 and \$3,300	Portfolios \$100,000 - \$300,000:	Implementation fee of between \$2,200 and \$7,700	Portfolios in excess of \$300,000:	Implementation fee of between \$5,500 and \$20,000
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<b>Ongoing fee for advice</b>	<p>If you elect to pay a fee for the ongoing review of your financial planning strategy, the ongoing fee is based on the complexity of ongoing advice and the services provided. The minimum fee is \$330 while the maximum is 2.5% of the value of your portfolio each year. For example for investment valued at \$200,000 the maximum ongoing fee would be \$5,000 pa.</p> <p>Borrowed funds – if we recommend you acquire investments using borrowed funds then your ongoing fee will be a minimum of \$330 and a maximum of \$10,000 pa.</p>
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<b>Ad hoc advice</b>	Where you do not wish to participate in an ongoing service fee arrangement but require ongoing advice on an ad hoc basis, an hourly fee of between \$165 and \$330 may apply.
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<b>Insurance products</b>	The relevant insurer will pay initial commission between 0% and 130% and ongoing commission between 0% and 33% of the annual premium for as long as you hold the product. Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not an additional cost to you.
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<b>Pre-existing arrangements</b>	For existing clients already in an established commission arrangement, we may receive commission on investment products or margin lending products held. For investment products the relevant product issuer will pay initial commission between 0% and 5.5% and ongoing commission between 0% and 0.88% of the value of your investments for as long as you hold the product. For margin loans the relevant product issuer will pay an ongoing commission between 0% and 0.88% of the outstanding loan balance. Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not an additional cost to you.
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