**Black Financial Services** 

# Financial Services Guide

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# The documents you will receive from us

### About our Licensee

#### **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.

Apogee Financial Planning Limited is recognised as one of Australia's leading financial advice networks, managing over \$6 billion of investments.

Apogee Financial Planning won CoreData's Advisory Group of the Year award in 2009, 2010 and 2012. This award recognises the quality of customers' experiences when seeking financial advice.

Apogee 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 Apogee Financial Planning Limited ABN 28 056 426 932, Australian Financial Services Licence Number 230689.

As a member of the National Australia Group of companies, Apogee Financial Planning Limited is responsible for the financial advice and services we provide. Apogee Financial Planning Limited 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

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

#### Tom Graham

**Education and Qualifications** 

Certified Financial Planner Diploma in Financial Planning, Deakin University Certified Practicing Accountant

ASIC number 249958

Tom has 15 years experience as a financial planner and over 40 years in finance industry.

The Financial Services that the above adviser offer are provided by Black Financial Services, ABN 50 062 646 637 Authorised Representative (AR) No. 408579

Black Financial Services AR No. which is 426446.

Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) membership number is 31183 - Black Financial Services

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

#### William Yang

**Education and Qualifications** Bachelor of Business Masters of Accounting and Finance Masters of Financial Planning

#### ASIC number 382964

William has 5 years as a financial planner and 7 years in financial industry.

The Financial Services that the above adviser offer are provided by Black Financial Services, ABN 50 062 646 637 Authorised Representative (AR) No. 407202

Black Financial Services AR No. which is 426446.

Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) membership number is 31183 - Black Financial Services

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#### What we do

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

- Wealth Accumulation
- Income & Asset Protection
- Tax Strategies
- Superannuation
- Self Managed Super Funds
- 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

Your advisers are limited to the product range of an approved panel of risk insurance providers for Life Risk Insurance Product recommendations.

Tom Graham is not authorised by Apogee Financial Planning to provide financial product advice in the following financial products: • General Insurance Products

#### 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:

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Phone 02 9894 4666

Fax 02 9894 4622 Email tomjgraham@blackfs.com.au; wyang@ksblack.com.au

# How we manage your personal information

#### 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.

#### 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.

You are entitled to obtain access to the information we hold about you by contacting us. In some circumstances, permitted by law, we may deny you access and in that event we will explain the reason why.

#### **Disclosing your personal information**

We may provide your personal information to the following types of service providers:

- other advisers, para-planners 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.

#### 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.

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

### 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 Apogee Financial Planning Limited 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**, by email to **info@fos.org.au** or in writing to:

The Manager Financial Ombudsman Service GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

Apogee Financial Planning Limited 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 Apogee 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 loan product; 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. Apogee Financial Planning Limited, 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 Apogee Financial Planning Limited 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.

#### **Business Equity Valuation (BEV)**

In the event of our death or permanent disablement, or if we were to leave the financial planning industry, Apogee Financial Planning Limited provides a buyer of last resort option called BEV. This helps manage the transition of ownership to ensure you continue to receive advice. BEV is subject to us meeting certain compliance requirements and standards.

In addition, we are part of a corporate structure and have a succession agreement in place to manage the transition of ownership should we leave the business.

### 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.

Initial consultation	Our initial advice fee ranges between \$500 and \$2,000 for a single strategy and \$1,500 and \$8,000 for multiple strategies.
	If, in developing your financial plan, we identify that you have a complex situation that requires extensive planning and development, our initial advice fee will change. In this case, we will provide you with an upfront quote of the amount payable before we proceed with developing your financial plan.
	Our initial advice fee covers the cost of researching and preparing your financial plan.
	Before providing you with initial advice we will prepare an initial advice agreement.
	The initial advice agreement sets out what our initial advice will cover and how much it will cost.
Advice preparation	The fees will depend on the size of the investment portfolio and the complexity of the advice:
	The minimum fee charged is \$550 while the maximum fee is \$22,000.
Ongoing fee for advice	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.
	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.
Ad hoc advice	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.
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.
Insurance products	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.
Pre-existing arrangements	For existing clients already in an established commission arrangement, we may receive commission on investment products held. 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. Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not an additional cost to you.