

Financial Services and Credit Guide

Hudson Advisory Group

Authorised Representative of Charter Financial Planning Limited 1 | P a g e

About our practice

Summary of the business

Name	Hudson Advisory Group
Australian Business Number	63 128 458 391
Authorised representative number	321509

Our office contact details

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This guide provides information about our advisers including their contact details, qualifications, experience, the services they may offer and financial products they can provide advice on.

Our advice and services

We can provide you with personal and general advice about specific services and financial products listed below. We can also arrange for financial products to be issued without advice from us.

Individual advisers within our practice may not be qualified to provide advice in all of the services and products noted below. Their individual profile guides will note any limitations to the advice they are qualified to provide. At all times we will ensure the appropriate adviser is available to you to provide advice consistent with your goals.

The following table sets out the areas of advice we can help you with as well as the products and services we can arrange.

Any additional advice or services we can offer you, or limitations to the list below, will be outlined in **Our Financial Advisers and Credit Advisers** on page 11.

We ca	an provide advice on	We ca servi	an arrange the following products and ces
	Investments strategies (strategic asset allocation and goals based investing)		Superannuation, including retirement savings accounts
	Budget and cash flow management		Self-managed superannuation funds (SMSF)
—	Debt management (including borrowing for personal and investment purposes)		Borrowing within your SMSF Managed investments
	Salary packaging Superannuation strategies and retirement		Investor directed portfolio services (for example, administration platforms)
	planning Personal insurance Centrelink and other government benefits		Deposit and payment products (for example term deposits, cash management accounts and non-cash payment products)
	Ongoing advice and services, including regular		Standard margin loans
	portfolio reviews	—	Retirement income streams, including pensions and annuities
			Personal and group Insurance (life cover, disability, income protection and trauma)
			Life investment products including whole of life, endowment and bonds
			Securities (including listed securities)
			Exchange traded funds and Listed investment companies
			Arranging for listed securities, shares and debentures to be bought and sold via a platform and broker.
			Limited selection of investment guarantees

Charter maintains an approved products and services list, which includes products issued by AMP companies and a diversified selection of approved Australian and International fund managers. These have been researched by external research houses as well as our in-house research team.

Charter periodically reviews these products to ensure that they remain competitive with similar products that address similar client needs and objectives. Generally, we recommend products that are on the approved products and services list. However, if appropriate for your needs, we may, subject to Charter's approval, recommend other products.

A copy of the approved products and services list can be supplied to you upon request.

If we recommend a new platform or portfolio administration service, we use those issued or promoted by the AMP Group or as otherwise approved by Charter and where appropriate to your circumstances. As at March 2017, the lenders whose products are most commonly recommended by Accredited Mortgage Consultants authorised by Charter are:

- AMP Bank
- ANZ
- NAB
- Commonwealth Bank
- AFG Home Loans

- Members Equity (ME) Bank
- Bankwest
- Westpac
- ING Direct
- Bank of Melbourne

Tax implications of our advice

Under the Tax Agent Services Act 2009, Hudson Advisory Group is authorised by the Tax Practitioners Board to provide tax (financial) advice services on matters that are directly related to the nature of the financial planning advice provided to you. We will not consider any other tax matters in our advice to you. Where tax implications are discussed they are incidental to our recommendations and only included as an illustration to help you decide whether to implement our advice.

Transaction services

If you do not require advice, we can also arrange for you to apply for limited types of financial products where we can take your instructions and arrange for the transaction to be completed, without providing personal advice. If you wish to proceed without our advice, we will ask you to confirm your instructions, which we will document in writing. You can ask us for a copy of this documentation at any time.

Your relationship with us and using our services

You can contact us directly with any instructions relating to your financial products. This includes giving us instructions by telephone, mail or email. We can only accept your instructions via email once you have signed an authority form.

We will work with you to agree what advice and services we will provide and when and how often we will provide them.

Where you agree to ongoing advice and services, the details will be documented and provided to you in a service agreement. This includes the frequency of contact between us, service standards that may apply, any ongoing fee arrangements and how the service can be terminated.

If at any time you wish to terminate your relationship with us, please contact us using the details shown in this guide.

Providing information to us

It is important that we understand your circumstances and goals, so that we can provide you with appropriate advice and services. You have the right not to provide us with any personal information. Should you choose to withhold information, or if information you provide is inaccurate the advice or services we provide you may not be appropriate for you.

It is also important that you keep us up to date by informing us of any changes to your circumstances so we are able to determine if our advice continues to be appropriate.

Our fees

The fees charged for our advice and services may be based on a combination of:

- A set dollar amount; or
- A percentage based fee.

Our agreed advice and service fees may include charges for:

- Initial advice; and
- Ongoing advice.

Please note that for services in relation to insurance, banking deposit products, some loan products and older investment products, commissions may be paid by the product provider as follows:

- Initial commission a percentage of the value of your investment contributions; and
- Ongoing commission a percentage of the value of your investment balance, usually calculated at the end of each month in which you hold the investment.

Payment methods

We offer you the following payment options for payment of our advice fees:

- BPAY, direct debit (savings), credit card or cheque; and
- Deduction from your investment.

All fees and commissions will be paid directly to Charter as the licensee. They retain an amount (a licensee fee) to cover their licensee costs and the balance is passed on to us. The amount is determined annually, based on a number of factors, including our business revenue and the number of advisers in the practice.

For details of our service fees, see our Schedule of fees below.

Other costs

Where other costs are incurred in the process of providing our advice and services to you, you will be liable for these costs. However, we will agree all additional costs with you prior to incurring them.

Other benefits we may receive

The following is a list of benefits we may receive other than those explained above. These are not additional costs to you. These benefits may be monetary or things like training, events or incentives we are eligible for.

In addition to the payments we may receive for our advice and services, we may receive other support services. These can include financial and training assistance, prizes and awards or events in recognition of financial planning excellence and innovation, and business performance.

We may also participate in business lunches or receive corporate promotional merchandise tickets to sporting or cultural events and other similar items.

Development, management and advice recognition

We may qualify to receive a DMA payment to recognise our growth and professionalism. The DMA is based on a rate, calculated once per year, and determined by our ranking relative to other Charter Financial Planning practices. Up to 50% of all Charter Financial Planning practices may qualify for DMA payments. The relevant rate may range from 0% to 3.25%, depending on our ranking. It is then applied to our practice revenue of the prior year and paid to us in two instalments a year.

For example, if our DMA is set at 1% and our revenue for the prior year was \$200,000, we would receive a total of \$2,000 for that year, paid over two instalments.

How our performance is ranked

Ranking of practices is determined yearly by a points system which is a broad measure of the growth and professionalism of our practice as compared to other practices in the Charter Financial Planning network. The points system is based on a combination of factors within a balanced scorecard such as the quality of our services, compliance, our business goals and our engagement with our clients through a measure called Advice Growth Index (AGI). AGI measures the value of our fee for service revenue and the change in our clients' product holdings over the prior measurement period (usually a period of approximately 12 months).

Value participation scheme

AMP will provide us a payment based on the total in force annual premiums on some AMP insurance products and funds under management in some AMP wealth management products. The amount paid is based on the following:

- A tiered rate of up to 3% is applied incrementally to total premiums on some AMP insurance products. For example, if a client takes out a qualifying AMP insurance policy with an annual premium of \$3,000, we may receive an annual payment of up to \$90 in respect of that policy, with the rate applied dependent on the total combined premiums from all qualifying AMP insurance products.
- A tiered rate of up to 0.25% is applied incrementally to the total funds under management in qualifying AMP wealth management products. For example, if an existing client with a qualifying AMP wealth product invests a further \$40,000 into that product, we may receive up to \$100 in respect of that specific investment, with the rate applied dependent on the total qualifying funds under management.

From 1 July 2014, all investments in AMP wealth management products by new clients have been excluded from the scheme.

Buyout option

If we leave the financial services industry, we are eligible to sell the register rights of our client base to Charter Financial Planning Limited. The valuation of these rights is based on a multiple of the annual financial planning revenue generated by our practice.

Personal and professional development

Charter provides personal and professional development opportunities in the form of a multi-tiered development program, offered annually to qualifying practices.

Summit

The Summit is a national convention available to advisers from all Charter practices. Charter subsidises the expenses of those who attend the convention up to a maximum value of \$1,200 per annum per practice.

Charter Leaders program

Certain practices that meet the qualification criteria on an annual basis will be eligible to participate in the Charter Leaders program, a set of personal and professional development programs organised by Charter. The qualification criteria is based on a combination of factors including the quality of our services, our business goals and our ranking against other practices in Charter. If a practice qualifies for the Charter Leaders program, Charter will subsidise the cost of their participation up to a maximum value of \$10,000 per annum per practice.

Business support

We might receive financial assistance including subsidies or reimbursements for accounting, legal and bank fees; marketing or other once-off transitional support costs, to help us grow our business or implement appropriate succession planning options.

Placement fees

From time to time Charter will receive fees from brokers or product issuers (including AMP group companies) for arranging client participation in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of securities (such as shares and rights issues). The fee, which is generally a percentage of the fee paid to the broker, varies from offer to offer and by the level of participation by Charter. We may share in this fee based on the level of participation by our clients.

Relationships and associations

It is important that you are aware of the relationships that Charter has with providers of financial services and products as they could be seen to influence the advice you receive.

About our licensee

Charter Financial Planning Limited

ABN 35 002 976 294

Australian Financial Services Licensee and Australian Credit Licensee No: 234665

Charter is a member of the AMP Group and has:

- Approved the distribution of this guide
- Authorised us to provide advice and other services as described in this guide
- Authorised us to provide credit assistance services to you

Charter's registered office is located at 33 Alfred Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

About the AMP Group

Charter is a member of the AMP group of companies. We can provide advice on products from a wide range of financial product providers, some of which are part of the AMP Group and as such Charter is affiliated with:

 National Mutual Funds Management	 AMP Capital Funds Management Limited
Limited	 AMP Capital Investors Limited
 NMMT Limited	 AMP Superannuation Limited
 N.M. Superannuation Pty Limited	 AMP Life Limited
 Multiport Pty Limited	 Cavendish Superannuation Pty Ltd
 ipac asset management limited	 Australian Securities Administration
 AMP Bank Limited	Limited (ASAL)
 SMSF Administration Solutions Pty Ltd	 Super IQ Pty Ltd

If we recommend a product issued by the AMP Group or a third party product issuer, they will benefit from our recommendation by receiving product, administration and investment fees, as well as fees paid by fund managers to distribute their product. These fees are all disclosed in the relevant PDS or IDPS guide.

Authorised representatives and/or staff employed in our business may hold shares in AMP Limited, whose share price may be favourably affected by the sale of products issued by AMP Group companies.

Charter's relationships with other companies

Issuers of products do not pay to be included on the approved products and services list.

Product issuers or service providers that have been selected for inclusion may pay AMP Services Limited the following benefits up to the following amounts (these are all inclusive of GST):

- A fixed payment of up to \$495,000 for risk insurance products.
- A fixed payment of up to \$195,000 for investment products.

Our practice does not receive any part of these payments. From time to time, product issuers have access to Charter and its authorised representatives to provide education as well as give training on their products.

Confidence in the quality of our advice

If at any time you feel like you are not satisfied with our services, the following will help you understand your options and find a resolution.

- Contact your adviser and tell them about your complaint.
- If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within three days, please contact AMP Advice Complaints on <u>advicecomplaints@amp.com.au</u>, or put your complaint in writing and send it to:

Attention: National Manager, Advice Complaints Level 12, 33 Alfred Street Sydney NSW 2000

- AMP Advice Complaints will try to resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.
- If your complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, you may escalate your complaint to one of the following External Dispute Resolution Schemes listed below.

Any issues relating to financial advice, investments, superannuation or insurance matters	Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) GPO Box 3 Collins Street West Melbourne VIC 3001 1300 780 808
	www.fos.org.au info@fos.org.au
Any issue relating to your personal information	The Privacy Commissioner GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001
	1300 363 992 privacy@privacy.gov.au

You may also contact the **Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)** on 1300 300 630 (free call info line) to make a complaint and obtain information about your rights. You can also contact the **Financial Planning Association (FPA)** at http://www.fpa.asn.au to make a complaint (please note that the FPA cannot award compensation).

Professional indemnity insurance

We maintain professional indemnity insurance to cover our advice and the recommendations provided by your adviser. Charter is also covered by professional indemnity insurance and this satisfies the requirements imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 and National Consumer Credit Protection Act. The insurance covers claims arising from the actions of former employees or representatives of Charter, even where subsequent to these actions they have ceased to be employed by or act for Charter.

Your privacy

We are committed to protecting your privacy. Below we outline how we maintain the privacy of the information we collect about you.

Privacy Collection Statement

As part of the financial planning process, we need to collect information about you. Where possible we will obtain that information directly from you, but if authorised by you we may also obtain it from other sources such as your employer or accountant. If that information is incomplete or inaccurate, this could affect our ability to fully or properly analyse your needs, objectives and financial situation, so our recommendations may not be completely appropriate or suitable for you.

We are also required under the Anti-Money-Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (AML/CTF) 2006 to implement client identification processes. We will need you to present identification documents such as passports and driver's licences in order to meet our obligations.

We keep your personal information confidential, and only use it in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Some of the ways we may use this information are set out below:

- Your adviser and Charter may have access to this information when providing financial advice or services to you;
- Your adviser may, in the future, disclose information to other financial advisers, brokers and those who are authorised by Charter to review customers' needs and circumstances from time to time, including other companies within the AMP group;
- Your information may be disclosed to external service suppliers both here and overseas who supply administrative, financial or other services to assist your adviser and the AMP group in providing financial advice and services to you. A list of countries where these service providers are located can be found in the AMP Privacy Policy;
- Your information may be used to provide ongoing information about opportunities that may be useful or relevant to your financial needs through direct marketing (subject to your ability to optout as set out in the AMP Privacy Policy); and
- Your information may be disclosed as required or authorised by law and to anyone authorised by you.

Your adviser and Charter will continue to take reasonable steps to protect your information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or improper disclosure. You can request access to the information your adviser or Charter holds about you at any time to correct or update it as set out in the AMP Privacy Policy. The AMP Privacy Policy also contains information about how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

For a copy of AMP's Privacy Policy visit http://www.amp.com.au/privacy or you can contact us.

Our Financial Advisers and Credit Advisers

About Michael Wood

Experience	Over 10 years industry experience
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Credit representative number	4920 45

The advice and services I can provide

I am authorised to provide all the services listed in the Our advice and services section.

I am also a Credit Representative of Charter and am authorised to provide credit advice regarding how to structure debt, suitability of existing loan structures and repayment options. If you require advice involving mortgages or other lending products, I can refer you to an Accredited Mortgage Consultant.

How I am paid

I receive the following from our practice:

- salary
- dividends

Michael is a 100% percent Shareholder of Hudson Advisory Group Pty Ltd.

Schedule of fees

These prices should be used as a guide only. We will discuss your individual needs and agree our fees with you. The actual agreed fees will depend on factors such as the complexity of your circumstances and goals and the scope of the advice.

Initial service fees

- Investigation determining your current financial position, goals and objectives.
- Diagnosis identifying the issues impeding the achievement of your goals and objectives.
- Solutions developing a number of alternative strategies and making a recommendation as to the most appropriate solution to achieve your goals and objectives
- Implementation putting your recommended strategy in place

These are fees paid when you have agreed to receive our advice:

Initial service	Fee amount
 Investments strategies (strategic asset allocation and goals based investing) Budget and cash flow management Debt management (including borrowing for personal and investment purposes) Salary packaging Superannuation strategies and retirement planning Personal insurance Estate planning Centrelink and other government benefits 	From \$1,000 - \$10,000

Ongoing service fees

- Offering you the opportunity to review your strategy, position, goals and objectives each year (an additional cost may be incurred).
- Providing you access to your financial planner via phone and email throughout the year to answer your questions.
- Keeping product providers up to date with your details.
- Updating you with any changes that may affect your strategy or situation.
- Keeping in touch with our quarterly newsletter and invitations to our popular information session evenings

We provide ongoing services to help you stay on track to meet your goals. The cost of these services are as follows:

Ongoing service	Fee amount
Offering you the opportunity to review your strategy, position, goals and objectives each year Providing you access to your financial planner via phone and email throughout the year to answer your questions. Keeping product providers up to date with your details. Updating you with any changes that may affect your strategy or situation. Keeping in touch with our quarterly newsletter	Between \$750pa and \$4,950pa
Manage an Investment Portfolio. Provide ongoing advice in relation to an investment such as Managed Funds or Shares.	0.5% of funds under management. For example, if your account balance was \$100,000, your fee would be \$500pa.

Commissions

I do not receive commissions on investments through new superannuation, managed funds or retirement products. However, some products, particularly older products, may attract commissions.

Any commission amounts will be disclosed to you when providing my advice.