



# Financial Services Guide

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## Important information

We recommend you read this Financial Services Guide (FSG) because it contains important information designed to help you decide whether to use any of the financial services offered by us, as described in this Guide, including:

- who we are and how we can be contacted
- information about Charter Financial Planning Limited (Charter), our Licensee
- the initial and ongoing advice and services we provide
- our fees and how we are paid in connection with those services
- your privacy
- how we deal with complaints

This FSG comprises two parts and is only complete when the business profile and adviser profile are together.

## Our practice



Growing Your Wealth With Passion

Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd (ABN 49 107 459 067), Corporate Authorised Representative (ASIC Number 237692), trading as Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd is authorised by Charter to provide financial services.

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## Our team

We have a dedicated team of advisers, paraplanners and support staff to help deliver quality financial planning services to you.

Attached to this document is your adviser's profile. The profile contains information about your adviser; their contact details, qualifications, experience and any memberships they may hold. It also outlines the types of advice, strategies and products about which your adviser can provide advice.

## Documents you may receive

We will provide you a number of documents as you progress through our financial planning process. When we provide personal advice, it will normally be documented and provided to you in a Statement of Advice (SoA), known as a financial plan. The financial plan contains a summary of your goals and the strategies and any financial products we may recommend to achieve your goals. It also provides you with detailed information about product costs and the fees and other benefits we will receive as a result of the advice we have provided.

If we provide further personal advice, a financial plan may not be required. We will keep a record of any further personal advice we provide you for seven years. You may request a copy of such records by contacting our office during that period.

If we recommend or arrange a financial product for you, we will provide a product disclosure statement (PDS) or investor directed portfolio service (IDPS) guide where relevant. These documents contain the key features of the recommended product, such as its benefits and risks as well as the costs you will pay the product provider to professionally manage your investment or insurance.

## Advice we can provide

### Our financial planning process

We treat each client as an individual and our advice process allows us to tailor a plan that best meets your goals.

#### Identify your goals

We help you identify your financial and lifestyle goals. The type of advice you need could depend on your life stage, the amount of money you want to invest and the complexity of your affairs.

We help you to identify the range of issues that need to be addressed to meet your goals. You may choose to address some or all goals and issues.

#### Consider the opportunities and risks

We assess your current situation and investigate a range of strategies and financial product options for you to reach your goals.

#### Bridging the gap

Based on discussions with you and the research conducted by us, we will devise a strategy to bridge the gap between where you are now and where you want to be.

#### Bring your plan to life

We work closely with you to implement your financial strategy. We help you complete any necessary paperwork and we're available to attend meetings with your accountant, solicitor and general insurer so your strategy is implemented efficiently.

#### Staying on track

With time, your circumstances will change and your financial plan will need to be adjusted. We design an ongoing service program to ensure your plan stays on track to meet your goals.

Sometimes life takes us in unplanned directions. When you need a little extra help, just ask us for additional advice. We are there to help you – whatever the occasion.

## Approved products

Charter maintains a broad approved list, containing investment and insurance products that have been researched by a number of external research houses as well as our in-house research team. It includes products issued by AMP companies and a diversified selection of Australian and International fund managers.

Charter periodically reviews the products on the approved list to ensure they remain competitive with similar products to address your needs and objectives.

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

Generally, we recommend products and portfolio administration services (PAS) which are on the approved list, provided they are appropriate to your needs. This may entitle us and Charter to receive additional benefits as disclosed in the other benefits section of this FSG. However, we may, subject to Charter's approval, recommend other products and PASs where it is appropriate for you.

## Transaction services

If you do not require advice from us, but you would like us to help you complete a particular transaction, we can also arrange for you to apply for the kinds of products referred to in your adviser's profile. In these cases, we can act on your instructions and arrange for the transaction to be complete without providing you with personal advice.

In these circumstances we will generally ask you to confirm your instructions in writing and to sign a letter to acknowledge you have declined our offer of advice and that you understand the risks of a transaction service. You will be provided with a copy of the letter for your own records.

You can contact us directly with any instructions relating to your existing financial products. We will accept instructions from our existing clients via telephone, mail or email.

# The cost of our advice

## Advice costs

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

- A set dollar amount; or
- A percentage of the funds that you invest.

### Initial advice

This covers the cost of researching and preparing your financial plan and is based on a set dollar amount.

Before providing you with initial advice we will prepare an Initial Advice Agreement. The agreement sets out what our initial advice covers and how much it costs.

The initial advice fee will also be disclosed in your SoA.

### Advice implementation

This is the cost to implement the recommended strategies and products and is based on a set dollar amount.

It is usually disclosed in your initial advice agreement and it will also be disclosed in your SoA.

### Ongoing advice

An ongoing advice agreement will set out our support packages including the advice and services we will provide, the frequency these will be delivered, how much it will cost, your payment method and how the service can be terminated.

The fee covers the cost to review the strategies and the products recommended in your SoA. It may be charged as a set dollar amount or a percentage of your investments.

Ongoing advice fees may increase each year in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or by a fixed amount or fixed percentage each year. We will advise you if this fee will increase as a result of CPI.

### Additional advice

For all other advice, an additional advice fee, based on a set dollar amount, may be payable.

### Insurance

For advice in relation to insurance, we receive payments from the insurance provider, which are factored into the annual premium. These may range from:

- 0% to 130% of the first year's insurance premium paid, and/or

- An ongoing payment of between 0% and 33% per annum of the following years' premium.

### Payment methods

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

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

## Payments from other professionals

You may be referred to an external specialist to receive further advice. We may receive a referral fee or commission for introducing you to the specialist. The details of our current referral arrangements are explained below. If the value of a referral fee is not known to us until we provide you with advice, this will be disclosed in your Statement of Advice if applicable.

We have referral arrangements in place with the following professional service providers:

- You may be referred to AMP Bank for home and business lending services. We receive Up to 0.65% initial commission and up to 0.25% ongoing commission. For example, for a loan of \$100,000, we would receive up to \$650 initial commission and up to \$250 ongoing commission.

## Payments to other professionals

We may pay a referral fee when clients are referred to us from other professionals.

This will be disclosed in your Statement of Advice if applicable.

## Distribution of fees

Our advice costs and payments from other professionals are received by Charter as the Licensee. They typically retain 3% (may be scaled down to 0%) of these payments and distribute the remaining amount to us.

Please refer to your adviser profile for more information about how your adviser is paid.

## Other benefits we may receive

We may be offered or receive non-monetary benefits such as entertainment or sponsorship from some product providers at no extra cost to you. Both Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd and Charter maintain a register to record the non-monetary benefits we have received. A copy of this register will be made available within one month of a request.

### Development, management and advice recognition

- We may qualify to receive a DMA to recognise and reward 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 rate may range from 0% to 5%, depending on our ranking. It is then applied to our practice revenue and paid to us twice a year.

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

Our practice ranking is based on a scorecard, with points received for the quality of our services, compliance (audit results), our business goals and our engagement with clients through a measure called Advice Growth Index (AGI). AGI measures the value of our fee for service payments and our clients' product holdings over the previous year.

### Value participation scheme

- AMP will provide me a cash payment based on the total value of in force annual premiums on insurance products and funds under management in AMP products. AMP will pay me up to 0.25% of total funds under management in AMP wealth management products and up to 3% of total premiums on some AMP insurance products. For example:
- If my clients have invested \$300,000 of funds into an AMP product I will receive an annual payment of \$750.

If my clients pay a combined annual premium of \$1,500 for insurance with AMP, I may receive an annual payment of \$45.

## Technology and education

- Charter provides us with 'points' when our business revenue exceeds \$50,000. One point is received per \$1.23 (inc GST) over \$50,000. Points are only redeemed for office equipment and staff training to ensure you receive up to date information and advice.

## Buy out option

- We are eligible to sell our client base to Charter. The value of the sale is based on a multiple of the ongoing revenue generated from financial products.

## Business loans

- We are eligible to receive finance for approved business costs at subsidised rates through AMP Bank.

## About Charter



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Charter is a member of the AMP Group.

Charter is a Professional Partner of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) is fully committed to the FPA's Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct. Charter is also a Corporate Member of the Association of Financial Advisers (AFA)

Charter has approved the distribution of this FSG.

## Relationships and associations

### Charter Financial Planning

Your adviser 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 are affiliated with Charter, including:

Product issuer	Product brands used by issuer
The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Ltd	AMP
National Mutual Funds Management Limited	AMP
NMMT Ltd	Summit Generations AXcess
N.M. Superannuation Pty Limited	Summit Generations North
Multiport Pty Ltd	Multiport
ipac asset management limited	iAccess
AMP Bank Limited	AMP
AMP Capital Funds Management Limited	AMP
AMP Capital Investors Limited	AMP
AMP Superannuation Limited	AMP
AMP Life Limited	AMP
The Cavendish Group	Cavendish
Australian Securities Administration Limited (ASAL) and Super IQ Pty Ltd (49% interest held by AMP Group)	Ascend Self Managed Super

If we recommend a product issued by the AMP Group, 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.

## Privacy

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 accessed via the AMP Privacy Policy from March 2014.
- 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 opt-out as set out in the AMP Privacy Policy);
- 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, and 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 [www.amp.com.au/privacy](http://www.amp.com.au/privacy) or you can contact us.

### Appointing a new financial adviser

Another financial adviser may be appointed to you if your adviser leaves Charter or is unable to attend to

your needs due to an extended absence from the business. In these circumstances, Charter will write to you advising you of the change. Your personal information will be passed on to the new adviser.

If you choose to appoint a new financial adviser, your new adviser will be provided access to your policy information. They will be responsible for providing you with ongoing advice relating to those policies and all future advice fees deducted from the policy/(ies) will be paid to your new adviser.

## Professional Indemnity

Professional indemnity insurance is maintained by Charter and your adviser to cover advice, actions and recommendations which have been authorised by Charter and provided by your adviser. The insurance satisfies the requirements imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 and financial services regulations.

## What to do if you have a complaint

If you have any complaints about the services provided to you, you should take the following steps:

- Contact your financial adviser and tell them about your complaint.
- If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within three days, please lodge your complaint in writing to:

Charter Financial Planning Limited  
Attention: National Complaints Manager  
Channel Services  
Level 8, 33 Alfred Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Email: [advicecomplaints@amp.com.au](mailto:advicecomplaints@amp.com.au)

Charter 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 in the following table.

Type of complaint	External complaints service
Financial advice, investments, superannuation or insurance matters	Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) on 1300 780 808 Email: <a href="mailto:info@fos.org.au">info@fos.org.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.fos.org.au">www.fos.org.au</a>
Personal information held	The Privacy Commissioner on 1300 363 992

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) may be contacted on 1300 300 630 to find out which body may be best to assist you in settling your complaint.

## About Chris Matthies

Version 5.0 (Chris Matthies)

This profile is part of the Financial Services Guide and is only complete when the business profile Version 18.0, issued on 23 March 2015, is attached.

Your financial adviser, Chris Matthies BBus(Accounting)/AdvDipBus(Accounting), Dip FS(FP) Authorised Representative (ASIC number 392551) is authorised by Charter to provide financial services.

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### Education and Qualifications

BBus(Accounting)/AdvDipBus(Accounting), Dip FS(FP)

### Experience

9 years in the Financial Services Industry

### Memberships

Member of the FPA

## Advice I can provide

As a credit representative of Charter I 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.

## The cost of my advice

### How I am paid

Charter will typically retain 3% (may be scaled down to 0%) of the gross revenue received for the recommended financial services and/or products. Charter will pay Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd the remaining 97% of the gross revenue received.

I am paid a salary from Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd and do not earn any fees, commissions or brokerage, but I may receive bonuses and other benefits when certain criteria such as achieving sales targets are met.

Strategies	Products
Guidance on budgeting and goal setting	Deposit and payment products (for example term deposits, cash management accounts and non-cash payment products)
Savings and wealth creation strategies	Retirement income streams
Investment planning	Direct fixed interest
Superannuation planning	Retail & wholesale managed investment schemes
Pre-retirement planning	Socially responsible investments
Retirement planning	Hedge funds
Estate planning considerations	Master trust products
Centrelink planning	Superannuation products
Risk and insurance analysis	Personal and group insurance
Business succession planning	Limited investment guarantees
Salary packaging advice	Business succession insurance
Aged care	Direct shares
	Agribusiness