

## Financial Services Guide

The financial services referred to in this financial services guide (FSG) are offered by:

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This 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 and how we (and others) are paid for those services.
- any potential conflict of interest we may have.
- our internal and external dispute resolution procedures and how you can access them.
- arrangements that are in place to compensate clients for losses.

### Not Independent

We are not considered independent, impartial or unbiased in accordance with s923A of the Corporations Act 2001 as we may receive commissions, gifts and other benefits when we provide personal advice relating to insurance products and other financial products. However, in the provision of all our services we act for you, the client.

### 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 from those insurers we deal with regularly.

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 from the insurer. The PDS will contain information about the particular policy, which will enable you to make an informed decision about purchasing that policy.

### How can I instruct you?

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

### Who is responsible for the financial services provided?

Centrewest holds a current Australian Financial Services Licence (**AFSL**) and 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. Contact details for Centrewest are detailed within this FSG.

Centrewest is a subscriber to the Insurance Brokers Code of Practice (**the Code**). The Code has been developed by the National Insurance Brokers Association (**NIBA**) as part of a national self-regulatory scheme and is intended to promote good relations between insurance brokers, policyholders and others in the insurance industry, as well as efficiency in transactions by laying out standards of good practice and levels of service that are expected of brokers. A copy of this Code is available upon request.

### What kinds of financial services are you authorised to provide to me and what kinds of financial product/s do those services relate to?

Centrewest is authorised to advise and deal in general insurance products to wholesale and/or retail clients under Centrewests' AFSL. We will do this on your behalf as your broker unless we tell you otherwise.

### 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, at the time of any scheduled status review or upon renewal of your insurances.

### 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.

### 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 (including relevant taxes, charges and levies) called commission, which is paid to us by the insurers. In most cases, you will also be charged a fee. For retail clients, these will all be shown on the Tax Invoice and Schedule that is sent to you. You can choose to pay for our services 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 will also retain commission depending on our arrangements with the insurer, or charge you a cancellation fee equal to the reduction in commission.

When you pay us your premium it will be banked into our trust account. We will 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 for providing the financial services?

Our commission will be calculated based on the formula:  $X=Y\% \times P$

In this formula:

**X** = our commission

**Y%** = the percentage commission paid to us by the insurer. Our commission varies between 0% and 30%.

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

Any fees that we charge you will be based upon a flat fee for every transaction. The fee is usually under \$500 per transaction but may vary, any fee outside this range will be agreed on prior to offering advice. All fees will be shown on your invoice and advised by your Broker.

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 commission or fees (not in addition to those amounts), in the range of 0% to 50% of our commission or fees.

If we give you personal advice, 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.

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 commission 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 a premium funding contract on your behalf, this is when we become entitled to the commission. Our commission rates for premium funding are in the range of 0% to 3% of 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.

Our employees that will assist you with your insurance needs will be paid a market salary. Other employee remuneration may include bonuses or incentives for achievement of set targets. These achievement or targets maybe sales or the achievement of key performance indicators and are not solely volume based. The bonuses & incentives are payable annually to the employee, or in some cases when set targets have been achieved.

### **Do you have any relationships or associations with the insurers who issue the insurance policies or any other material relationships?**

Centrewest is a Steadfast Group Limited (**Steadfast**) Network Broker and certain Directors hold shares in Steadfast. As a Steadfast Network Broker we have access to services including model operating and compliance tools, procedures, manuals and training, legal, technical, HR, contractual liability advice and assistance, group insurance arrangements, product comparison and placement support, claims support, group purchasing arrangements and broker support services. These services are either funded by Steadfast, subsidised by Steadfast or available exclusively to Steadfast Network Brokers for a fee.

Steadfast has arrangements with some insurers and premium funders (**Partners**) under which the Partners may pay Steadfast commission of between 0.5 – 1.5% for each product arranged by us with those Partners or alternatively a fee to access strategic and technological support and the Steadfast Broker Network. Steadfast is also a shareholder of some Partners. You can obtain a copy of Steadfast's FSG at [www.steadfast.com.au](http://www.steadfast.com.au).

### **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 Centrewest's Privacy Policy is available on request. A copy is also available Centrewest's website [www.centrewest.com.au](http://www.centrewest.com.au). If you wish to look at your file please ask us. We will arrange for you to do so.

### **What should I do if I have a complaint?**

1. Contact us and tell us about your complaint. We will do their best to resolve it quickly.
2. If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within 5 working days, please contact Complaints Manager on 08 9349 7900 or put your complaint in writing and send it to the address noted on this FSG. We will try and resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.
3. Centrewest 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 provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to customers. The AFCA can be contacted at:  
Mailing address: GPO Box 3, Melbourne, VIC 3001  
Phone: 1800 931 678  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Website: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

### **What arrangements are in place to compensate clients for losses?**

Centrewest has a professional indemnity insurance policy (**PI policy**) in place. The PI policy covers us and our representatives (including authorised representatives) for claims made against us by clients as a result of the conduct of us, our employees or representatives in the provision of financial services. The PI policy also covers us for claims relating to the conduct of representatives who no longer work for us. This policy satisfies the requirements for compensation arrangements under section 912B of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

### **From when does this FSG apply?**

This FSG applies from **1<sup>st</sup> July 2021** 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.

### **Any questions?**

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