

Financial Services Guide

This Financial Services Guide (FSG) dated 12 February 2025 is issued with the authority of Alpine Financial Advice Pty Ltd ABN 76 660 833 385 Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) No. 541401 (Alpine).

Lack of Independence

Alpine Financial Advice Pty Ltd are receiving commissions on the sale of life risk insurance products that are not rebated in full to clients: s923A(2)(a)(i) or other gifts or benefits: s923A(2)(a)(i)–(iii) and s923A(2)(b).

It is designed to assist you in determining whether to use any of the services offered by Alpine and contains information about:

- Alpine, which, as the AFS Licensee, is responsible for the financial services
- The financial services and products Alpine can provide
- How Alpine, your financial adviser and other related parties are paid for the financial services provided to you
- Any associations or relationships that could create potential conflicts of interest
- Details of our Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Whom to contact should you have a complaint or require records of advice

What other documents might you receive

You might receive the following documents to help you make an informed decision on any financial strategy or recommend financial product.

Statement of Advice (SOA)

All personal advice provided to you will be outlined in an SOA. The SOA will contain personal advice, the basis on which it is given, the reasons it is in your best interests, details of fees, commissions and information on relevant associations.

Where further advice is provided that involves a significant change you will be provided with a SOA. Where further advice is provided that does not involve a significant change your financial adviser will make a record of the advice (ROA).

Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)

You will receive a PDS if your financial adviser has provided advice on a particular product. A PDS will contain the key features of the financial product, significant risks and benefits, and fees associated with the financial product.

Who is Alpine

Alpine holds an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) issued by ASIC and is wholly Australian owned and operated.

When you receive personal advice, your SOA will detail all remuneration and other benefits associated with the advice.

Fees

Fees and any ongoing fees may be either a fixed rate fee, a percentage or based on an hourly rate or a combination of both, and will reflect the complexity of your personal situation and the time and effort in our work for you.

Fees may also include brokerage on direct share trades.

Brokerage is an amount marked up on the cost of the trade.

Commissions

For clients to whom Alpine provided financial services relating to Life Insurance, Alpine may receive a commission from the product issuer (usually at the end of each month or annually).

Ongoing commissions may be paid for as long as you hold the product.

Commissions may be up to 66% initial (inc GST) and 22% ongoing (inc GST) of the premium for life insurance products.

For example, for a Life Insurance product with an annual premium of \$1,000 whose product issuer pays 66%, Alpine will receive an initial amount of \$660. Your financial adviser may receive up to 100% of this benefit, i.e. \$660.

Referral Fees

If a third party referred you, Alpine may forward referral payments or commissions to the third party. These amounts do not involve additional costs and will be disclosed in your SOA.

All Fees and Commissions are subject to GST.

What kinds of financial services and products are available

Your financial adviser can offer a range of insurance, investment, superannuation and retirement strategies and products.

Alpine maintains an Approved Products List (APL) a copy which can be supplied to you upon request.

What advice is available to you

Alpine can provide advice and strategies on the following, but not limited to:

- Savings and wealth creation
- Financial management
- Investments including Direct Shares
- Superannuation
- Pre Retirement
- Retirement
- Self managed superannuation funds
- Financial protection and insurance
- Estate planning
- Centrelink
- Salary packaging
- Business succession
- Finance and gearing

What initial services are provided by Alpine

- Identification of your financial goals and objectives
- Collection and analysis of your existing personal and financial situation
- Investigation and consideration of possible financial planning strategies and products that will assist you to meet your goals and objectives that they are in your best interests.
- Presentation of a written recommendation, referred to as a Statement of Advice
- Implementation of your strategy

What ongoing services can be provided by Alpine

- Revision of your personal and financial situation at suitable agreed intervals
- Discussion of whether their recommendations remain appropriate should your personal circumstances or the legislative environment change
- Implementation of any recommendations made as part of their ongoing service to you

If your circumstances change over time your initial advice, recommendations, strategies, and products may no longer be appropriate for you. Your financial adviser can periodically review this initial advice to determine its appropriateness or you can contact your financial adviser for a review when your circumstances change.

How will you pay for the services provided and what do they cost

All fees are payable to Alpine.

Alpine can be paid by fees or commissions, or a combination, for both the initial and ongoing service. Alpine will discuss and agree both the rate and method of payment with you before any financial services are provided.

If you have an ongoing fee arrangement, you will be required to provide annual written consent before any fees can be deducted. This consent must be provided within a specific timeframe (from 60 days before to 150 days after the anniversary of the ongoing fee arrangement). If consent is not provided within this period, the ongoing fee arrangement will terminate.

Your consent will outline:

- The fees that will be charged over the next 12 months.
- The services you will be entitled to receive.

Your financial adviser is required to retain a record of your consent for at least five years in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Compensation arrangements

Alpine holds Professional Indemnity (PI) Insurance cover with Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's (via SURA Professional Risks Pty Ltd) for the activities covered under its AFS Licence. The limit of the indemnity is \$2,500,000 for all claims in one year arising out of its AFS licence activities. The PI Insurance cover satisfies the requirements for compensation arrangements under s. 912B of the Corporations Act 2001.

How are Alpine and their financial advisers paid

All fees and commissions disclosed in the SOA are payable to Alpine.

What other benefits may product providers give to Alpine

Some product providers may give Alpine non commission benefits such as entertainment, training and support, or sponsorship. Both Alpine and your financial adviser maintain a Register in line with industry standards to document any alternative forms of payment received. These registers are publicly available and must be provided within 7 days after request.

Does Alpine have any relationships or associations with financial product Issuers

None.

What information should you provide to receive personal advice

Alpine will collect your personal objectives, lifestyle goals, details of your current financial situation and any other relevant information typically via a client questionnaire known as a Fact Find.

The information obtained will be assessed to assist in providing advice that is in your best interests.

You have the right to withhold personal information, but this may compromise the effectiveness of the advice you receive.

You should read any warnings contained in the Client Questionnaire and SOA carefully before making any decision relating to a financial strategy or product.

How can you give instructions about your financial products

You may specify how you would like to give Alpine instructions. For example you may nominate to instruct by telephone, fax, sms, email or other means

What information is maintained in your file and can you examine the client file and who may access it

Alpine will maintain a record of your personal information including details of your objectives, financial situation and any recommendations made to you. If you wish to examine your file or receive a copy of your record of advice please ask your financial adviser and they will make arrangements for you to do so.

Alpine is committed to complying with a privacy policy to protect the privacy and security of your personal information. Please ask your financial adviser if you wish to obtain a copy of our privacy policy.

When advice is provided to you, you may request a record of that advice within 7 years of receiving the advice and this can be done by contacting Alpine directly.

What should you do if you have a complaint

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

- Contact Alpine about your complaint.

If you do not get a satisfactory outcome, you have the right to take your complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne Vic 3001, telephone toll free 1800367287. Alpine is a member of this Service.

This FSG is issued by:

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Authorised Representative Profile (ARP) - About your Alpine Authorised Representative

Your Financial Adviser	Benjamin Anderson	ASIC Authorised Representative Number	412893
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Business Names of Financial Adviser (if any)	Maze Financial Planning
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Contact details

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About your financial adviser

Your adviser will be Benjamin Anderson and Maze Financial Planning who are both authorised to act on behalf of Alpine.

With years of extensive experience within the financial planning industry and related industries, Ben brings this experience to his clients in all areas of wealth accumulation, wealth protection, and retirement planning. This brings a vast amount of knowledge to the Maze Financial Planning Pty Ltd team and their clients. He is a Director and senior adviser at Maze Financial.

Ben has a Diploma in Financial Services (Financial Planning), a Certificate IV of Financial Services (Mortgage Broking) and a full Self-Managed Superannuation Fund accreditation.

Alpine authorises your financial adviser to provide personal financial product advice on and/or to deal in the following financial products:

- Deposit and payment products limited to basic deposit products and deposit products other than basic deposit products.
- Debentures, stocks or bonds issued or proposed to be issued by a government.
- Life Products including: Investment Life Insurance Products and Life Risk Insurance Products.
- Interests in managed investment schemes including Investor directed portfolio services.
- Retirement savings accounts ("RSA") products
- Securities.
- Standard Margin Lending Facility.
- Superannuation.

The Authorised Representative's fees and commission schedule

The cost of providing a financial product or service to you will depend on the nature and complexity of the advice, financial product and/or service provided. The payment options for the provision of financial services will be discussed with you by your financial adviser and are as follows:

- Fee for service
- Implementation/transaction fees
- Commission
- Ongoing service fees
- Or a combination of the above depending on what best suits the client.

Please note that the type of payment option can also depend on the type of product and/or advice implemented and your financial adviser will discuss this with you.

Fee Schedule	Total (excluding GST)
Initial Consultation	\$0 - \$2,000
Hourly Rate	\$0 - \$500
Statement of Advice preparation and presentation	\$0 - \$5,000
Implementation Fee	\$0 - \$5,000
Ongoing management/review fees	0-55% pa to 1.10% of the amount of investment products or \$0-\$10,000 pa

All Advice and Servicing fees received for the financial services provided are paid to Alpine. As the authorising Licensee, Alpine charges the financial adviser a monthly fee and forwards the balance to the financial adviser.

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