



## **FINANCIAL ADVISER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

### **Who am I?**

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### **It is important that you read this information.**

It will help you (the client) make an informed decision whether I as a financial adviser that gives advice for products, is suitable for your needs and whether to seek, follow or accept the financial advice I give. This Disclosure Statement is required under the Financial Markets Conduct (Regulated Financial Advice Disclosure) Amendment Regulations 2020.

### **What sort of adviser am I?**

I am a Financial Adviser that gives advice on behalf of OFS Insurance Brokers who is a licensed Financial Adviser Provider by the Financial Market Authority of New Zealand (FMA) <https://www.fma.govt.nz/>. The Financial Services Legislation Amendment Act 2019 requires OFS Insurance Brokers to hold a current license for Advisers to provide Financial Advice Services to you the Client.

To view my registration and OFS Insurance Brokers license go to the Financial Service Providers Register <https://fsp-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/> and search our Financial Service Provider (FSP) number FSP34627, or click on the link to go directly to our registration <https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/fsp/app/ui/fsp/version/searchSummaryCompanyFSP/FSP34627/90.do>

As a Licensed Financial Advice Provider, we have standard conditions on our license, these conditions are not specific to OFS Insurance Brokers and does not limit or restrict advice that may be given.

### **What financial advice can we provide to you?**

I can give financial advice on Insurance Products for Commercial and Domestic Clients.

Our Insurance product providers are Insurance businesses in New Zealand that are licensed under the Reserve Bank under section 19 of the Insurance (Prudential Supervisor) Act 2010. The Insurers have a financial strength rating from an approved rating agency. To view the Insurer ratings, click on the link <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/regulation-and-supervision/insurers/licensing/register>.

OFS Insurance Brokers insurance product providers are required to have financial strength ratings with a minimum of **A-** and above. When you receive a quote from us you will be supplied the current strength ratings for the product providers that we have quoted for. If you accept the financial advice, we will supply a current rating for the product provider that you have selected.

### **Limitations and restrictions**

I am committed to providing my clients with good financial advice that is suitable for my client's needs. I only provide financial advice on Insurance Products.

### **What fees do we charge?**

We will charge fees that are payable by you the client when our advice is followed, accepted and the insurance policy is purchased. The fees we charge are for our service, placement, implementation, and administration of the insurance policies that you choose to accept and purchase. The total fees payable may increase with the number of insurance policies that you choose to purchase.

The fees are payable by you and are due by the effective date of the policy which is on the invoice.

### **How do we act with Integrity?**

To ensure that I prioritise your interests above my own, I follow an advice process that ensures recommendations are made based on your individual goals and circumstances. I complete annual and ongoing training about how to manage conflict of interests and a register of interests is maintained. OFS Insurance Brokers monitors these registers and provides additional training where necessary. OFS Insurance Brokers performs an annual review of the compliance programme.

You should be aware there are potential conflicts of interest that you the Client may need to take into consideration when you decide to seek and accept financial advice from us. I will make you aware of any conflicts when giving advice.

### **How do we get paid for the financial advice and Products that we provide to you?**

OFS Insurance Brokers and I **do not receive** any commission or other incentives for giving Financial Advice. OFS Insurance Brokers **does receive** commission when the client accepts our financial advice and purchases an insurance policy. Our advisers are all paid salary and receive no commission. The commission is paid by the Insurer (product provider's) for the insurance business on each insurance policy that the Client purchases. **The commission is paid to us can be between the range of 0-30% of the insurer portion (total premium of the Insurance Policy less government levies and taxes).**

#### *NZbrokers Management Limited*

OFS Insurance Brokers is a member of NZbrokers Management Limited, NZbrokers Management Limited provides services such as IT, education, training, technical insurance product and claims support and group member benefits to OFS Insurance Brokers. When a client accepts our financial advice as your adviser and purchases a policy NZbrokers may receive a service fee or technology fee from the Product Provider.

### **How can you depend on the Advice you receive?**

I have not been subject to any other reliability events that would influence you the client in deciding whether to seek or obtain advice from me as your adviser.

### **How to make a Complaint**

If you have a problem, concerns, or you are dissatisfied with either a product or financial advice service that has been provided by OFS Insurance Brokers or myself and you require action to be taken please tell us so that we can help and fix the issue. To make a Complaint please follow this link <https://www.ofs.nz/complaints-policy> which will give details on our Complaints Process and how to make a Complaint.

If a complaint is received, OFS Insurance Brokers will approach all complaints with an open mind, listen, and treat each complainant as an individual and with courtesy and respect. We will promptly acknowledge the complaint at the earliest possible opportunity and every attempt will be made to resolve your complaint in a timely manner, with staff escalating as necessary to Senior Management or Complaints Manager.

You will receive a written decision, remedies, and resolution as soon as practicable after OFS Insurance Brokers has decided the outcome.

### **What to do if you are not satisfied after making a Complaint**

If you feel your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction using the OFS Insurance Brokers complaints process, or you are unsatisfied with the response or resolution, you can contact **Financial Services Complaints Ltd. FSCL** is a dispute resolution scheme of which we are a member. This service **will cost you nothing** and is an independent service that will help investigate or resolve the complaint. You can click on this link to find out how to make a complaint to Financial Services Complaints Limited <http://www.fscl.org.nz/complaints/how-make-complaint>

*You can contact FSCL at:*

**Postal Address: P.O. Box 5967, Wellington 6145**

**Email: [info@fscl.org.nz](mailto:info@fscl.org.nz)**

**Telephone: 0800 347 257**

**Website: <http://www.fscl.org.nz/>**

### **What are my duties as an adviser?**

As a financial adviser I give financial advice to clients on OFS Insurance Brokers behalf, when giving advice I must:

- Hold a Level 5 New Zealand Certificate in Financial Services or equivalent, or be working towards it for completion by 15 March 2023
- Maintain competence, knowledge, and skills for giving financial advice by completing and continuing professional development
- Abide by the Code of Professional Conduct for Financial Services and have ethical behaviour, good conduct and provide client care - <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/a96d1b4800/code-of-professional-conduct-for-financial-advice-services.pdf>
- Listen to you the client carefully to discover their needs
- Recommend products or services that meet the client needs and explain why
- Give clear and concise communication
- Protect client's information
- Give priority to the client's interests when giving financial advice

**Who licenses and regulates us?**

The Financial Markets Authority. You can report information about us to the Financial Markets Authority at: <https://www.fma.govt.nz/contact/> or email [questions@fma.govt.nz](mailto:questions@fma.govt.nz) but if you want to complain you should use our dispute resolution procedures described under ***How to make a Complaint?*** And ***What to do if you are not satisfied after making a complaint?***

**Signed**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lowe'.

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