

# Privacy Policy

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## SECTION A – INTRODUCTION

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of Freedom Wealth Services Pty Ltd's ("**Freedom Wealth Services**") process to ensure that it continues to maintain the highest levels of professional integrity and ethical conduct, Freedom Wealth Services has adopted this Privacy Policy ("**Policy**") to manage personal information in an open and transparent manner.
- 1.2 The provisions of this Policy will assist Freedom Wealth Services in complying with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles in protecting the personal information Freedom Wealth Services holds about its clients.

### 2. WHEN DOES THIS POLICY APPLY?

- 2.1 This Policy applies to all representatives and employees of Freedom Wealth Services at all times and the requirements remain in force on an ongoing basis.

### 3. GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
APP entity	means an agency or organisation as defined in section 6 of the Privacy Act 1988.
Australian law	means (a) an Act of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory; or (b) regulations, or any other instrument, made under such an Act; or (c) a Norfolk Island enactment; or (d) a rule of common law or equity.
Collects	Freedom Wealth Services collects personal information only if Freedom Wealth Services collects the personal information for inclusion in a record or generally available publication.
Court/tribunal order	means an order, direction or other instrument made by: (a) a court; or (b) a tribunal; or (c) a judge (including a judge acting in a personal capacity) or a person acting as a judge; or (d) a magistrate (including a magistrate acting in a personal capacity) or a person acting as a magistrate; or (e) a member or an officer of a tribunal; and includes an order, direction or other instrument that is of an interim or interlocutory nature.
De-identified	personal information is <i>de-identified</i> if the information is no longer about an identifiable individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.
Holds	Freedom Wealth Services <i>holds</i> personal information if it has possession or control of a record that contains the personal information.
Identifier of an individual	means a number, letter or symbol, or a combination of any or all of those things, that is used to identify the individual or to verify the identity of the individual, but does not include:  (a) the individual's name; or (b) the individual's ABN (within the meaning of the <i>A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999</i> ); or

	(c) anything else prescribed by the regulations.
Permitted general situation	As defined in s16A of the Privacy Act 1988
Personal information means	means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable: (a) whether the information or opinion is true or not; and (b) whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Sensitive information	means (a) information or an opinion about an individual's: (i) racial or ethnic origin; or (ii) political opinions; or (iii) membership of a political association; or (iv) religious beliefs or affiliations; or (v) philosophical beliefs; or (vi) membership of a professional or trade association; or (vii) membership of a trade union; or (viii) sexual orientation or practices; or (ix) criminal record; that is also personal information; or (b) health information about an individual; or (c) genetic information about an individual that is not otherwise health information. (d) biometric information that is to be used for the purpose of automated biometric verification or biometric identification; or (e) biometric templates.

## **SECTION B – CONSIDERATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVACY**

### **4. PRIVACY STATEMENT**

4.1 Freedom Wealth Services' Director/Compliance Officer/Responsible Manager must ensure that at all times the provisions of this policy are implemented in the day to day running of Freedom Wealth Services.

4.2 The Director/Compliance Officer/Responsible Manager must ensure that at all times this Policy:

- (a) is current and reflects the latest applicable Australian laws; and
- (b) contains the following information:
  - (i) the kinds of personal information that Freedom Wealth Services collects and holds;
  - (ii) how Freedom Wealth Services collects and holds personal information;
  - (iii) the purposes for which Freedom Wealth Services collects, holds, uses and discloses personal information;
  - (iv) how an individual may complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, or other relevant legislation that binds Freedom Wealth Services, and how Freedom Wealth Services will deal with such a complaint;

- (v) whether Freedom Wealth Services is likely to disclose personal information to overseas recipients;
- (vi) if Freedom Wealth Services is likely to disclose personal information to overseas recipients, the countries in which such recipients are likely to be located if it is practicable to specify those countries in this policy.

4.3 Freedom Wealth Services must ensure that the Freedom Wealth Services' Privacy Statement is available free of charge and in such form as appropriate. Freedom Wealth Services will make the Privacy Statement available on its website.

4.4 If the Privacy Statement is requested in a particular form, Freedom Wealth Services will take such steps as are reasonable to provide the Privacy Statement in the form requested.

## **SECTION C – COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (SOLICITED PERSONAL INFORMATION)**

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### **5. PERSONAL INFORMATION (OTHER THAN SENSITIVE INFORMATION)**

5.1 This Section C applies to the collection of personal information that is solicited by Freedom Wealth Services.

5.2 Freedom Wealth Services must not collect personal information (other than sensitive information) unless the information is reasonably necessary for one or more of Freedom Wealth Services' functions or activities.

5.3 Freedom Wealth Services' functions or activities include:

(a) Provide financial product advice for the following classes of financial products:

- (i) deposit and payment products limited to:
  - (A) basic deposit products;
  - (B) non-basic deposit products;
- (ii) derivatives;
- (iii) debentures, stocks and bonds issued by a government;
- (iv) life products including:
  - (A) investment life insurance products;
  - (B) life risk insurance products;
- (v) interests in managed investments schemes including IDPS;
- (vi) retirement savings accounts;
- (vii) securities;
- (viii) superannuation;

(b) Deal in a financial product by:

- (i) applying for, acquiring, varying or disposing of a financial product on behalf of another person in respect of the following classes of financial products:
  - (A) deposit and payment products limited to:

- basic deposit products;
- non-basic deposit products;
- (B) derivatives;
- (C) debentures, stocks and bonds issued by a government;
- (D) life products including:
  - investment life insurance products;
  - life risk insurance products;
- (E) interests in managed investments schemes including IDPS;
- (F) retirement savings accounts;
- (G) securities;
- (H) superannuation;

to retail and wholesale clients.

## **6. SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Freedom Wealth Services must not collect sensitive information about an individual unless:
- (a) the individual consents to the collection of the information and the information is reasonably necessary for one or more of Freedom Wealth Services' functions or activities (as described in section 5.3); or
  - (b) the collection of the information is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order; or
  - (c) a permitted general situation exists in relation to the collection of the information by Freedom Wealth Services; or
  - (d) a permitted health situation exists in relation to the collection of the information by Freedom Wealth Services.

## **7. MEANS OF COLLECTION**

- 7.1 Freedom Wealth Services must only collect personal information by lawful and fair means.
- 7.2 Freedom Wealth Services must only collect personal information about an individual from the individual (rather than someone else), unless it is unreasonable or impracticable to do so or the individual has instructed Freedom Wealth Services to liaise with someone else.
- 7.3 Freedom Wealth Services will collect personal information from an individual when:
- (a) Freedom Wealth Services' Application Form is completed;
  - (b) a Client provides the information to Freedom Wealth Services' representatives over the telephone or via email;
  - (c) a Client provides the information to Freedom Wealth Services on the website;
  - (d) a Client accesses Freedom Wealth Services' website using a log in;



- (e) a Client accesses third party information providers websites using a log in;
- (f) taxation documents are completed by the Client or provided to Freedom Wealth Services in relation to a Client;
- (g) a Lost Superannuation Search is conducted in respect of a client; and
- (h) marketing companies provide Freedom Wealth Services with sale leads.

## **8. INFORMATION COLLECTED BY FREEDOM WEALTH SERVICES**

8.1 The information Freedom Wealth Services collects may include the following:

- (a) name;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) postal or email address; or
- (d) phone numbers;
- (e) other information Freedom Wealth Services considers necessary to their functions and activities.

## **9. PURPOSE OF COLLECTION**

9.1 If an individual is acquiring or has acquired a product or service from Freedom Wealth Services, the individual's personal information will be collected and held for the purposes of:

- (a) checking whether an individual is eligible for Freedom Wealth Services' product or service;
- (b) providing the individual with Freedom Wealth Services' services;
- (c) managing and administering Freedom Wealth Services' services;
- (d) protecting against fraud, crime or other activity which may cause harm in relation to Freedom Wealth Services' products or services;
- (e) complying with legislative and regulatory requirements in any jurisdiction;
- (f) to assist Freedom Wealth Services in the running of its business;
- (g) managing a Client's affairs;
- (h) distributing information to the Australian Tax Office; and
- (i) distributing information to other product issuers.

9.2 Freedom Wealth Services may also collect personal information for the purposes of letting an individual know about products or services that might better serve their needs or other opportunities in which they may be interested. Please refer to Section G for further information.

## **SECTION D – COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (UNSOLICITED PERSONAL INFORMATION)**

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### **10. DEALING WITH UNSOLICITED PERSONAL INFORMATION**

10.1 If Freedom Wealth Services:

- (a) receives personal information about an individual; and
- (b) the information is not solicited by Freedom Wealth Services

Freedom Wealth Services must, within a reasonable period after receiving the information, determine whether or not it was permitted to collect the information under Section C above.

10.2 Freedom Wealth Services may use or disclose the personal information for the purposes of making the determination under paragraph 10.1.

10.3 If Freedom Wealth Services:

- (a) determines that it could not have collected the personal information; and
- (b) the information is not contained in a Commonwealth record,

Freedom Wealth Services must as soon as practicable, destroy the information or ensure that the information is de-identified, only if it is lawful and reasonable to do so.

## **SECTION E – NOTIFICATION OF THE COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **11. NOTIFICATION OF COLLECTION**

11.1 This section 11 applies to:

- (a) solicited information; and
- (b) unsolicited information to which section 10 does not apply.

11.2 Freedom Wealth Services must notify the individual of the following matters in the Privacy Statement:

- (a) Freedom Wealth Services' identity and contact details;
- (b) if Freedom Wealth Services collects the personal information from a third party or the individual is not aware that Freedom Wealth Services has collected the personal information, the fact that Freedom Wealth Services so collects, or has collected the information and the circumstances of that collection;
- (c) if the collection of the personal information is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order, the fact that the collection is so required or authorised (including the details of the law or court);
- (d) the purposes for which Freedom Wealth Services collects the personal information;
- (e) the main consequences (if any) for the individual if the information is not collected by Freedom Wealth Services;
- (f) any other entities to which Freedom Wealth Services usually discloses personal information of the kind collected by Freedom Wealth Services;

- (g) that Freedom Wealth Services' Privacy Statement and this Privacy Policy contains information about how the individual may access the personal information about the individual that is held by Freedom Wealth Services and seek correction of such information;
- (h) that Freedom Wealth Services' Privacy Statement contains information about how the individual may complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how Freedom Wealth Services will deal with such a complaint;
- (i) whether Freedom Wealth Services will disclose the personal information to overseas recipients; and
- (j) if Freedom Wealth Services discloses the personal information to overseas recipients – the countries in which such recipients will be located if it is practicable to specify those countries in the notification or to otherwise make the individual aware of them.

## **SECTION F – USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **12. USE OR DISCLOSURE**

- 12.1 Where Freedom Wealth Services holds personal information about an individual that was collected for a particular purpose (“the primary purpose”), Freedom Wealth Services must not use or disclose the information for another purpose (“the secondary purpose”) unless:
- (a) the individual has consented to the use or disclosure of the information; or
  - (b) the individual would reasonably expect Freedom Wealth Services to use or disclose the information for the secondary purpose and the secondary purpose is:
    - (i) directly related to the primary purpose (if the information is sensitive information); or
    - (ii) related to the primary purpose (if the information is *not* sensitive information);
  - (c) the use or disclosure of the information is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order; or
  - (d) a permitted general situation exists in relation to the use or disclosure of the information by Freedom Wealth Services; or
  - (e) Freedom Wealth Services reasonably believes that the use or disclosure of the information is reasonably necessary for one or more enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, an enforcement body.
- 12.2 Where Freedom Wealth Services uses or discloses personal information in accordance with section 12.1(e), Freedom Wealth Services will keep a copy of this disclosure (eg: the email or letter used to do so).
- 12.3 This section 12 does not apply to:
- (a) personal information for the purposes of direct marketing; or
  - (b) government related identifiers.
- 12.4 If Freedom Wealth Services collects personal information from a related body corporate, this section 12 applies as if Freedom Wealth Services' primary purpose for the collection was the primary purpose for which the related body corporate collected the information.

### **13. WHO DOES Freedom Wealth Services DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO?**

- 13.1 Freedom Wealth Services may disclose personal information collected from clients and prospective clients to the following:
- (a) organisations involved in providing, managing or administering Freedom Wealth Services' product or service such as third party suppliers, e.g. printers, posting services, and our advisers;
  - (b) organisations involved in maintaining, reviewing and developing Freedom Wealth Services' business systems, procedures and infrastructure, including testing or upgrading Freedom Wealth Services' computer systems;
  - (c) organisations involved in a corporate re-organisation;
  - (d) organisations involved in the payments system, including financial institutions, merchants and payment organisations;
  - (e) organisations involved in product planning and development;
  - (f) other organisations, who jointly with Freedom Wealth Services', provide its products or services;
  - (g) authorised representatives who provide Freedom Wealth Services' products or services on its behalf;
  - (h) the individual's representatives, including your legal advisers;
  - (i) debt collectors;
  - (j) Freedom Wealth Services' financial advisers, legal advisers or auditors;
  - (k) fraud bureaus or other organisations to identify, investigate or prevent fraud or other misconduct;
  - (l) external dispute resolution schemes; or
  - (m) regulatory bodies, government agencies and law enforcement bodies in any jurisdiction.

## **SECTION G – DIRECT MARKETING**

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### **14. DIRECT MARKETING**

- 14.1 Freedom Wealth Services must not use or disclose the personal information it holds about an individual for the purpose of direct marketing.

### **15. EXCEPTION – PERSONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

- 15.1 Freedom Wealth Services may use or disclose personal information (other than sensitive information) about an individual for the purposes of direct marketing if:
- (a) Freedom Wealth Services collected the information from the individual; and the individual would reasonably expect Freedom Wealth Services to use or disclose the information for that purpose; or
  - (b) Freedom Wealth Services has collected the information from a third party; and either:

- (i) Freedom Wealth Services has obtained the individual's consent to the use or disclose the information for the purpose of direct marketing; or
  - (ii) it is impracticable for Freedom Wealth Services to obtain the individual's consent; and
- (c) in each direct marketing communication with the individual Freedom Wealth Services:
- (i) includes a prominent statement that the individual may make such a request; or
  - (ii) directs the individual's attention to the fact that the individual may make such a request; and
- (d) the individual has not made such a request.

## **16. EXCEPTION – SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

- 16.1 Freedom Wealth Services may use or disclose sensitive information about an individual for the purpose of direct marketing if the individual has consented to the use or disclosure of the information for that purpose.

## **17. REQUESTS TO STOP DIRECT MARKETING**

- 17.1 Where Freedom Wealth Services uses or discloses personal information about an individual for the purposes of direct marketing by Freedom Wealth Services or facilitating direct marketing by another organisation, the individual may request:
- (a) that Freedom Wealth Services no longer provide them with direct marketing communications;
  - (b) that Freedom Wealth Services does not use or disclose the individual's personal information for the purpose of facilitating direct marketing by another organisation;
  - (c) that Freedom Wealth Services provides the source of the personal information.
- 17.2 Where Freedom Wealth Services receives a request from an individual under section 17.1, Freedom Wealth Services will:
- (a) give effect to the request under section 17.1(a) or 17.1(b) within a reasonable period after the request is made and free of charge; and
  - (b) notify the individual of the source of the information, if the individual requests it, unless it is impracticable or unreasonable to do so.
- 17.3 This Section G does not apply to the extent that the following laws apply:
- (a) the Do Not Call Register Act 2006;
  - (b) the Spam Act 2003; or
  - (c) any other Act of the Commonwealth of Australia.

## **SECTION H – CROSS BORDER DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **18. DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFORMATION TO CROSS BORDER RECIPIENTS**

18.1 Where Freedom Wealth Services discloses personal information about an individual to a recipient who is not in Australia and who is not Freedom Wealth Services or the individual, Freedom Wealth Services must ensure that the overseas recipient does not breach the Australian Privacy Principles (with the exception of APP1).

18.2 The countries we may disclose an individual's personal information to include:

- (a) European Union;
- (b) Hong Kong;
- (c) India;
- (d) Japan;
- (e) Malaysia;
- (f) Mauritius;
- (g) New Zealand;
- (h) Philippines;
- (i) Singapore;
- (j) Switzerland;
- (k) United Kingdom; and
- (l) United States

18.3 Section 18.1 does not apply where:

- (a) Freedom Wealth Services reasonably believes that:
  - (i) information is subject to a law or binding scheme that has the effect of protecting the information in a way that is at least substantially similar to the way in which the Australian Privacy Principles protect the information; and
  - (ii) there are mechanisms that the individual can access to take action to enforce that protection of the law or binding scheme; or
- (b) both of the following apply:
  - (i) Freedom Wealth Services has informed the individual that if they consent to the disclosure of information Freedom Wealth Services will not take reasonable steps to ensure the overseas recipient does not breach the Australian Privacy Principles; and
  - (ii) after being so informed, the individual consents to disclosure;
- (c) the disclosure of the information is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order; or

- (d) a permitted general situation (other than the situation referred to in item 4 or 5 of the table in subsection 16A(1) Privacy Act) exists in relation to the disclosure of the information by Freedom Wealth Services.

## **SECTION I – ADOPTION, USE OR DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT IDENTIFIERS**

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### **19. ADOPTION OF GOVERNMENT RELATED IDENTIFIERS**

- 19.1 Freedom Wealth Services must not adopt a government related identifier of an individual as its own identifier unless:
  - (a) Freedom Wealth Services is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order to do so; or
  - (b) the identifier, Freedom Wealth Services and the circumstances of the adoption are prescribed by regulations.

### **20. USE OR DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT RELATED IDENTIFIERS**

- 20.1 Before using or disclosing a government related identifier of an individual, Freedom Wealth Services must ensure that such use or disclosure is:
  - (a) reasonably necessary for Freedom Wealth Services to verify the identity of the individual for the purposes of the organisation's activities or functions; or
  - (b) reasonably necessary for the organisation to fulfil its obligations to an agency or a State or Territory authority; or
  - (c) required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order; or
  - (d) within a permitted general situation (other than the situation referred to in item 4 or 5 of the table in subsection 16A(1) Privacy Act); or
  - (e) reasonably necessary for one or more enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, an enforcement body; or
  - (f) the identifier, Freedom Wealth Services and the circumstances of the adoption are prescribed by regulations.

## **SECTION J – INTEGRITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **21. QUALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 21.1 Freedom Wealth Services will ensure that the personal information it collects and the personal information it uses or discloses is, having regard to the purpose of the use or disclosure, accurate, up to date, complete and relevant.

### **22. SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 22.1 Freedom Wealth Services will ensure that it protects any personal information it holds from misuse, interference, loss, unauthorised access, modification and disclosure.
- 22.2 Freedom Wealth Services will take reasonable steps to destroy or de-identify any personal information it holds where:
  - (a) Freedom Wealth Services no longer needs the personal information for any purpose for which the information may be used or disclosed by Freedom Wealth Services;
  - (b) the information is not contained in a Commonwealth record;

- (c) Freedom Wealth Services is not required to retain that information under an Australian law, or a Court/Tribunal order.

## **23. STORAGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

23.1 Freedom Wealth Services stores personal information in different ways, including:

- (a) hard copy on site at Freedom Wealth Services' head office;
- (b) electronically secure data centres which are located in Australia and owned by either Freedom Wealth Services or external service providers, including:
- (c) Dropbox;
- (d) Google Drive; and
- (e) secure storage service providers.

23.2 In order to ensure Freedom Wealth Services protects any personal information it holds from misuse, interference, loss, unauthorised access, modification and disclosure, Freedom Wealth Services implements the following procedure/system:

- (a) access to information systems is controlled through identity and access management;
- (b) employees are bound by internal information securities policies and are required to keep information secure;
- (c) all employees are required to complete training about information security; and
- (d) Freedom Wealth Services regularly monitors and reviews its compliance with internal policies and industry best practice.

## **SECTION K – ACCESS TO, AND CORRECTION OF, PESRONAL INFORMATION**

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### **24. ACCESS**

24.1 Freedom Wealth Services must give an individual access to the personal information it holds about the individual if so requested by the individual.

24.2 Freedom Wealth Services must respond to any request for access to personal information within a reasonable period after the request is made.

24.3 Freedom Wealth Services must give access to the information in the manner requested by the individual, if it is reasonable and practicable to do so and must take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to give access in a way that meets the needs of Freedom Wealth Services and the individual.

24.4 Freedom Wealth Services must not charge an individual for making a request, and must not impose excessive charges for the individual to access their personal information.

### **25. EXCEPTIONS**

25.1 Freedom Wealth Services is not required to give an individual access to their personal information if:

- (a) Freedom Wealth Services reasonably believes that giving access would pose a serious threat to the life, health or safety of any individual, or to public health or public safety; or



- (b) giving access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of other individuals; or
- (c) the request for access is frivolous or vexatious; or
- (d) the information relates to existing or anticipated legal proceedings between Freedom Wealth Services and the individual, and would not be accessible by the process of discovery in those proceedings; or
- (e) giving access would reveal intentions of Freedom Wealth Services in relation to negotiations with the individual in such a way as to prejudice those negotiations; or
- (f) giving access would be unlawful; or
- (g) denying access is required or authorised by or under an Australian law or a Court/Tribunal order; or
- (h) Freedom Wealth Services has reason that unlawful activity, or misconduct of a serious nature, that relates to our functions or activities has been, or may be engaged in and giving access would be likely to prejudice the taking of appropriate action in relation to the matter; or
- (i) giving access would be likely to prejudice one or more enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, an enforcement body; or
- (j) giving access would reveal evaluative information generated within Freedom Wealth Services in connection with a commercially sensitive decision-making process.

## **26. REFUSAL TO GIVE ACCESS**

- 26.1 If Freedom Wealth Services refuses to give access in accordance with section 24 or to give access in the manner requested by the individual, Freedom Wealth Services will give the individual a written notice that sets out:
- (a) the reasons for the refusal except to the extent that, having regard to the grounds for the refusal, it would be unreasonable to do so; and
  - (b) the mechanisms available to complain about the refusal; and
  - (c) any other matter prescribed by the regulations.
- 26.2 Where Freedom Wealth Services refuses to give access under section 25.1(j) Freedom Wealth Services may include an explanation of the commercially sensitive decision in its written notice of the reasons for denial.

## **SECTION L – CORRECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **27. CORRECTION OF INFORMATION**

- 27.1 Freedom Wealth Services must take reasonable steps to correct all personal information, having regard to the purpose for which the information is held where:
- (a) Freedom Wealth Services is satisfied the information is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading; or
  - (b) the individual requests Freedom Wealth Services corrects the information.
- 27.2 Where Freedom Wealth Services corrects personal information about an individual that Freedom Wealth Services previously disclosed to another APP entity and the individual

requests Freedom Wealth Services to notify the other APP entity of the correction, Freedom Wealth Services must take reasonable steps to give that notification, unless it is impracticable or unlawful to do so.

## **28. REFUSAL TO CORRECT INFORMATION**

28.1 If Freedom Wealth Services refuses to correct personal information as requested by the individual, Freedom Wealth Services will give the individual a written notice that sets out:

- (a) the reasons for the refusal except to the extent that it would be unreasonable to do so; and
- (b) the mechanisms available to complain about the refusal; and
- (c) any other matter prescribed by the regulations.

## **29. REQUEST FROM A CLIENT TO ASSOCIATE A STATEMENT WITH THEIR INFORMATION**

29.1 If:

- (a) Freedom Wealth Services refuses to correct personal information as requested by the individual; and
- (b) the individual requests that Freedom Wealth Services associate a statement noting that the information is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading, with the individual's information,

Freedom Wealth Services must take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to associate the statement (as described in section 29.1(b)) with the individual's personal information. The statement should be associated with the information in such a way that will make the statement apparent to users of the information.

## **30. DEALING WITH REQUESTS**

30.1 Freedom Wealth Services must:

- (a) respond to requests under this Section L within a reasonable period after the request is made; and
- (b) must not charge the individual for the making of the request, for correcting the personal information or for associating the statement with the personal information.

## **SECTION M – MISCELLANEOUS**

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### **31. POLICY BREACHES**

31.1 Breaches of this Policy may lead to disciplinary action being taken against the relevant party, including dismissal in serious cases and may also result in prosecution under the law where that act is illegal. This may include re-assessment of bonus qualification, termination of employment and/or fines (in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)).

31.2 Staff are trained internally on compliance and their regulatory obligation to Freedom Wealth Services. They are encouraged to respond appropriately to, and report all breaches of the law and other incidents of non-compliance, including Freedom Wealth Services' policies, and seek guidance if they are unsure.

31.3 Staff must report breaches of this Policy directly to the Director/Compliance Officer/Responsible Manager.

## **32. RETENTION OF FORMS**

- 32.1 The Compliance Officer will retain the completed forms for seven (7) years in accordance with Freedom Wealth Services' Document Retention Policy. The completed forms are retained for future reference and review.
- 32.2 As part of their training, all staff are made aware of the need to practice thorough and up to date record keeping, not only as a way of meeting Freedom Wealth Services' compliance obligations, but as a way of minimising risk.

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