

PRIVACY POLICY STATEMENT

PRIVACY

We are committed to protecting your privacy and confidentiality in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and it is one of our primary concerns that any personal or sensitive information you provide to us is not used for any other purpose than that intended and expected by you. This Privacy Policy describes our current policies and practices in relation to the handling and use of personal information.

WHAT INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT, HOLD AND HOW DO WE USE IT?

We will collect personal information for primary purposes, which are relevant to providing and administering our financial products and services.

To enable us to provide advice on and arrange financial services, we collect the information needed by ourselves to ensure appropriate advice to you and information required by product suppliers. We will usually provide some or all of this information to our product suppliers. Some of these companies may be located outside Australia.

When a claim is made under an insurance policy, to enable us to assist in the claim process, we and our representatives and those of the insurer (including loss adjusters, investigators, medical advisers and lawyers) collect information about the claim, some of which may be personal information. We may collect the information from you or from third parties.

We provide this information to the insurer and or their agents and those appointed to assist you in making a claim. Again this information may be passed on to your underwriters and reinsurers. We may use your personal information internally to help us improve our services and help resolve any problems.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION TO US?

We can only apply for and arrange financial service products if we have all relevant information. The insurance laws also require insured's to provide all the information required by the end insurer to help them decide whether to insure you and on what terms. Credit Providers also require specific information to help them assess any credit applications that we may facilitate on your behalf.

HOW DO WE HOLD AND PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION?

We hold the information we collect from you in our computer system and in our hard copy files. We ensure that your information is safe by following the usual security procedures expected by our clients.

WILL WE DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT TO ANYONE?

We may disclose information to:

- Financial institutions, other Australian Financial Service Licensees, Insurers, underwriters, underwriting agencies, wholesale brokers and reinsurers (for the purpose of seeking recovery from them or to assist them to assess insurance risks);
- Premium funders / Credit providers for the purposes of gaining quotations on and arranging funding of your insurance premiums / financial investments.
- An investigator, assessor, State or Federal Health Authorities, lawyers, accountants, medical practitioners, hospitals or other professional advisors (for the purposes of investigating or assessing your claim);
- A lawyer or recovery agent (for the purpose of defending an action by a third party against you or for the purpose of recovery costs including your excess);
- Contractors who supply services to us, e.g. to handle mailings on our behalf.
- An immediate family member;
- Other companies in the event of a corporate sale, merger, reorganisation, dissolution or similar event.

However, we will do our best to ensure that they protect the information in the same way that we do. We may provide this information to others if we are required to do so by law or under some unusual other circumstances which the Privacy Act permits. We do not sell, trade, or rent personal information to others.

HOW CAN YOU ACCESS, CHECK, UPDATE OR CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION?

Upon receipt of a written request from you and enough information to allow us to identify the information, we will disclose to you the personal information we hold about you. We will also correct, amend or delete any personal information that we agree is inaccurate. If you wish to access or correct your personal information please write to the Privacy Officer, C/- Shield Insurance Brokers, 26 Alexandrina Road, Mount Barker SA 5251.

We do not charge for receiving a request for access to personal information or for complying with a correction request. We do however reserve the right to charge you for all reasonable costs and outgoings specifically incurred in meeting your request for information.

YOUR CONSENT

By asking us to provide you with our financial services, you consent to the collection and use of the information you have provided to us for the purposes described above.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PRIVACY

Should you have a complaint regarding a breach of privacy please contact our Complaints Officer who will handle the matter in accordance with our formal complaints handling procedures.

Your complaint can be lodged over the phone, via mail or email or you may wish to make an appointment with our Complaints Officer at a convenient time and location. We will do all that is reasonable in the circumstances to address your complaint.

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) can investigate privacy complaints from individuals about our business if we are specifically in breach of the Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act).

Before a client can lodge a complaint with the OAIC, they will generally need to complain directly to ourselves and allow 30 days for us to respond. If they do not receive a response within 30 days, or they are dissatisfied with our response, then they may complain to the OAIC.

Complaints to the OAIC must be made in writing. Further information on the complaints process is available for clients wishing to complain regarding a Privacy Breach at www.oaic.gov.au

INFORMATION SENT OVERSEAS

In certain situations it is likely that some or all of the Personal Information that you provide to us may be disclosed to businesses that operate overseas. This would only occur where the product provider / intermediary is based overseas – e.g. Lloyds of London syndicates or brokers and other overseas based insurers and intermediaries or in situations where we utilise "Cloud Computing" services that are situated outside Australia.

In all such cases, unless we expressly inform you and obtain your consent to the contrary, we commit to making reasonable enquiries to ensure that these organisations comply with their local privacy legislation where such legislation is comparable to the Australian legislation and to comply with the key components of Australian Privacy legislation in cases where their local legislation is considered inadequate or non-existent.