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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to analyse and advise on general life insurance needs in line with current Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) regulation (Financial Services Reform Act) in the insurance specialist and generic knowledge areas.

The unit applies to those who apply specialist product knowledge and well-developed interpersonal and communication skills in the provision of general advice in life insurance.

Work functions in the occupational areas where this unit may be used are subject to regulatory requirements. Users are advised to check with the relevant regulatory authorities to confirm those requirements.

Unit Sector

ASIC

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Establish relationship with client and identify objectives, financial situation	1.1 Establish client's knowledge level, objectives, financial and business details 1.2 Identify client's expectations of cash flow and relevant taxation obligations 1.3 Explain range of products and services available according to client objectives and financial situation 1.4 Outline fees associated with applicable products and services and explain charging methodology

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	1.5 Inform client of role of adviser and licensee or principal responsible for adviser's conduct 1.6 Inform client of complaints-handling procedures
2. Analyse client's objectives, needs, financial situation and risk profile	2.1 Assess client needs using information gathered and taking into account client's product or service expectations and specific needs 2.2 Consult client throughout analysis and seek further clarification where necessary 2.3 Analyse need for specialist advice and refer client to appropriate adviser for higher level or specialist advice as required 2.4 Assess and agree on product risk profile of client 2.5 Apply ASIC generic and specialist knowledge applicable to products or services being offered
3. Develop and present strategies and solutions appropriate to client	3.1 Determine appropriate strategy to provide for identified needs and outcomes 3.2 Complete required research, analysis and product modelling according to organisational policies and procedures 3.3 Draft product or service solution for presentation to client that meets client needs and outcomes according to organisational policies and procedures 3.4 Explain and discuss proposed products or services with client according to organisational policies and procedures, legislative and regulatory requirements 3.5 Explain required details, terms and conditions of products or services to client and confirm client understanding 3.6 Disclose impacts and possible risks of products or services to client and confirm client understanding 3.7 Provide client with written supporting documentation following organisational procedures, and guide client through key aspects of documentation 3.8 Discuss and clarify any concerns and issues client has regarding proposed products or services 3.9 Seek client's preferred products or services and confirm client's preference
4. Coordinate implementation of agreed products or services	4.1 Seek formal agreement from client for proposed plan, policy or transaction 4.2 Explain associated fee and cost structures, and confirm client understands all details 4.3 Explain timeframes for execution and processing to client and confirm client understanding

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	4.4 Confirm that proposal and other documents are completed and signed off by client as required 4.5 Confirm that signed agreement and copies of appropriate documentation are exchanged
5. Provide arrangements for ongoing service, where requested by client	5.1 Confirm that type and form of ongoing service, including review of products or services, is agreed with client 5.2 Explain and confirm fees and costs for ongoing and specifically defined service, and confirm client understands all details 5.3 Implement procedures for agreed ongoing service according to organisational policies and procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance but not explicit in the performance criteria.

SKILL	DESCRIPTION
Numeracy	Interprets financial product or service information and completes calculations to achieve required outcomes
Oral communication	- Clearly articulates requirements using language appropriate to audience and environment - Elicits information and confirms understanding using active listening and questioning techniques
Reading	Identifies and interprets information from applicable sources
Writing	Records and consolidates workplace documentation using clear, specific and industry-related terminology
Self-management	Develops and maintains knowledge of products and of the required regulatory frameworks that define their use
Technology	Completes work tasks using the main features and functions of digital tools

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit. Supersedes and is not equivalent to FNSASICM503 Provide Tier 1 personal advice in life insurance.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for FNSASICM513 Provide general advice in life insurance

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

- provide general advice in life insurance to at least two different clients.

In the course of the above, the candidate must:

- identify and analyse each client's objectives, needs and financial details
- comply with industry-specific legislative and regulatory requirements for life insurance
- advise clients accurately and ethically about specific life insurance products and services, and relevant tax implications
- demonstrate knowledge of product or service offered
- match product or service to client needs
- finalise product or service offering, ensuring required documentation is completed accurately following organisational procedures.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

General knowledge

- overview of current economic environment, including:
 - characteristics and impact of economic and business cycles
 - interest rates and exchange rates
 - inflation
 - government monetary and fiscal policy
- operations of financial markets, including:

- roles played by intermediaries and issuers
- structure and interrelationships within the financial markets
- interrelationship between industry sectors
- financial products, including:
 - concept of a financial product – general definition, and specific inclusions and exclusions
 - types of financial investment products
 - types of financial risk products

Core insurance knowledge

- operation of insurance markets, including:
 - definition of insurance product
 - characteristics of and participants in the Australian insurance market
 - roles played by intermediaries
- types of insurance products, including risk insurance products, investment life insurance products and general insurance products
- aspects of insurance products, including:
 - conditions, exclusions and levels of coverage of risk transfer products
 - organisational standards for documentation
 - pricing
 - fee structures and charging methodologies
- taxation issues in relation to insurance products and markets
- advisory functions for life insurance, including:
 - role of insurance adviser, broker and agent
 - participants in the insurance advisory services market
 - range of services provided
 - profile and financial information of the client
 - appropriateness of a risk assessment
 - ethical considerations relevant to advisory functions
- key legal environment factors, including disclosure and compliance covering:
 - role of representative and adviser
 - legal principles relating to key Acts relevant to performance evidence
 - relationship between ethics and regulatory requirements, including good faith, faith, utmost good faith, full disclosure of remuneration and fees, and any other conflicts of interest that may influence adviser's recommendation
 - relevant industry standards and codes of conduct
 - regulators' guidelines relevant to the provision of general or wholesale advice in life insurance
 - resolution procedures for internal and external complaints

Specialist knowledge

- key aspects of life insurance, including:
 - types and classes of life insurance products and policies
 - standard cover and relevant deviations
 - product development
 - policy wordings
 - underwriting
 - insurance claims
 - premium rating and risk assessment
 - investment strategy in relation to investment components of life insurance products.

Assessment Conditions

Skills in this unit must be demonstrated in a workplace or simulated environment where the conditions are typical of those in a working environment in this industry.

This includes access to:

- office equipment, technology, software and consumables used to provide general advice in life insurance
- clients requiring general advice in life insurance
- organisational records
- organisational policies and procedures.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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