Summary of our Privacy Policy

Our full Privacy Policy can be located on our website

Our Commitment

At Synchron, we recognise that your privacy is important.

We are committed to providing you with the highest levels of client service. The Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012 (Act) sets out a number of Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). Our aim is to both support and ensure that we comply with these principles.

Use and Disclosure

We are subject to certain legislative and regulatory requirements which necessitate us obtaining and holding detailed information which personally identifies you and/or contains information or an opinion about you. In addition, our ability to provide you with comprehensive financial advice and services is dependent on us obtaining certain personal information about you, which may include:

- Your name, contact details, date of birth, tax file number
- Information regarding your dependents and family commitments
- Your occupation, and employment history
- Your financial needs and objectives
- Your assets, liabilities, income, expenses insurances, and social security entitlements
- Credit card and banking details

We will destroy or de-identify your personal information when it is no longer required.

Access and Correction

You may access the personal information we retain and request corrections.

This right of access is subject to some exceptions allowed by law.

We will not provide you access to personal information which would reveal any confidential formulae or the detail of any in-house evaluative decision-making process but may instead provide you with the result of the formulae or process or an explanation of that result.

Synchron reserves the right to charge a fee for searching for and providing access to your personal information. In the event we refuse you access to your personal information; we will provide you with an explanation for that refusal.

We will endeavour to ensure that at all times the personal information about you that we hold is up to date and accurate. The accuracy of the personal information is dependant to a large degree on the information you provide, and you should advise us if there are any errors in your personal information.

Privacy Complaints

If you wish to complain about any breach or potential breach of this privacy policy or the National Privacy Principles, you should contact us by any of the methods contained in this policy statement and request that your complaint be directed to the Privacy Officer.

Your complaint will be considered within 30 days and responded to accordingly. It is our intention to use our best endeavours to resolve any complaint to your satisfaction, however, if you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to contact the Office of the Privacy Commissioner who may investigate your complaint further.

Openness

We may use and disclose personal information for the purposes for which it was provided or secondary purposes in circumstances where you would reasonably expect such use or disclosure.

Synchron may use the personal information collected from you for the purpose of providing you with direct marketing material such as articles that may be of interest to you. You may, by contacting us by any of the methods detailed in this policy statement, request not to receive such information and we will give effect to that request. Please allow two weeks for your request to be actioned.

Collection

Our main purposes for collecting personal information are to facilitate financial services advice and to update our records. At or before the time we collect personal information from you we will take reasonable steps to inform you why we are collecting that personal information, who else we might disclose that personal information to and what may happen if you do not provide personal information to us.

Data Security

We take reasonable steps to protect the information we retain from misuse, loss and from unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure.

We will not retain any of your information for any longer than it is required by us, except to satisfy statutory requirements of the Act.

We may disclose personal information to third parties or external contractors carrying out functions and duties for and on behalf of Synchron. It is a condition of our agreement with each of our external contractors that they adopt and adhere to this privacy policy.

The information we collect from you may also be disclosed to third parties if the disclosure is required by or permitted by law. You have a right to refuse us authorisation to collect information from a third party.

In the event that we or your adviser propose to sell a business of which you are a client, we or they may disclose your personal information to potential purchasers for the purpose of them conducting due diligence investigations.

Any such disclosure will be made in confidence, and it will be a condition of that disclosure that no personal information will be used or disclosed by them. In the event that a sale is affected, we or your adviser may transfer your personal information to the purchaser of the business. As a client you will be advised of any such transfer.

Identifiers

In some circumstances we are required to collect unique identifiers, for example, your Medicare or tax file number. We will not use or disclose this information other than when required to do so by law or, or when consented to by you.

Anonymity

You may deal with us anonymously where it is lawful, practicable and reasonable to do so.

Sensitive Information

Without your consent, we will not collect sensitive information about you. Exceptions to this include where the information is required by law, or for the establishment, exercise, or defence of a legal claim.

Further information on privacy in Australia may be obtained by visiting the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at http://www.oaic.gov.au/.

As a financial services organisation we are subject to certain legislative and regulatory requirements which necessitate us to obtain personal information about you, including s961B of the Corporations Act.

We collect information about you for the purpose of reporting to AUSTRAC under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006.

Contact Details

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