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This policy relates to Perrier Ryan's collection and handling of personal information that is covered by the Privacy Act (Cth). It is not intended to cover categories of personal information not covered by the Privacy Act.

Privacy Policy

When you trust us with your personal information, you expect us to protect it and keep it safe.

We are bound by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) ('Privacy Act') and will protect your personal information in accordance with the *Australian Privacy Principles*. These principles govern how we can collect, use, hold and disclose your personal information, as well as ensuring the quality and security of your personal information.

As Tax Agents, the [Tax Practitioners Board also has guidelines](#) governing the [confidentiality](#) of client data that we hold.

If you would like more information about how we protect your privacy, please contact us.

About this policy

This privacy policy explains how we manage your personal information. We may provide more details on how we manage your personal information when we collect your personal information.

What is personal information?

Personal information includes any information or opinion, about an identified individual or an individual who can be reasonably identified from their information. The information or opinion will still be personal information whether it is true or not and regardless of whether we have kept a record of it.

The information that we seek to collect about you will depend on the products or services that we provide. If you do not allow us to collect all of the information we request, we may not be able to deliver all of those services effectively.

What kinds of personal information do we collect and hold?

When you apply for financial products or services we may ask for identification information. This could include your name, address, contact details and date of birth. We may also collect your tax file number if we are authorised to collect it and if you choose to supply it. For example, if you apply for insurance, we may collect information about what is being insured, the beneficiaries, and your health and financial situation, depending on the type of insurance.

Throughout the life of your financial product or service, we may collect and hold additional personal information about you. This could include transaction information or making a record of queries or complaints you make and, if you make an insurance claim, collecting additional information to assess the claim.



The collection of sensitive information is restricted by the Privacy Act. This includes information about your religion, racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, criminal record, and sexual orientation. It also includes health information.

Generally, we only collect this sensitive information if it is necessary to provide you with a specific product or service and you have consented to that collection. For example, we may collect health information about you to process a claim under an insurance policy or collect your Tax File Number in order to complete your tax return.

For what purposes do we collect, hold, use and disclose personal information?

The main reason we collect, use, hold and disclose personal information is to provide you with products and services. This includes:

- checking whether you are eligible for the product or service;
- providing the product or service;
- assisting you where online applications are not completed; and
- helping manage the product or service.

We may also use your information to comply with legislative or regulatory requirements in any jurisdiction, prevent fraud, crime or other activity that may cause harm in relation to our products or services and to help us run our business.

The Tax Practitioner Board has released guidance around the obligations for accounting practices to verify the identity of new clients and on an ongoing basis to existing clients. This information is available on the [TPB website](#). From 1 July 2026, accounting practices are subject to Tranche2 AML obligations which are managed by AUSTRAC.

We may also use your information to tell you about products or services we think may interest you.

How do we collect personal information?

We collect most personal information directly from you. For example, we will collect your personal information when you engage us to represent you, apply for or use a product or service or talk to us in person or on the phone.

We also collect information from you electronically. For instance, when you visit our website or if you send us electronic correspondence (see "Do we collect personal information electronically?").

Sometimes we collect personal information about you from other people or organisations. This may happen without your direct involvement. For instance, we may collect personal information about you from:

- publicly available sources of information, such as public registers;
- your representatives (including your legal adviser, mortgage broker, insurance broker, executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or attorney);
- your employer;



- other organisations, who jointly with us, provide products or services to you;
- commercial information service providers, such as companies that provide fraud prevention reports; and
- insurers, re-insurers and health care providers.

What laws require or authorise us to collect personal information?

We are required or authorised to collect:

- certain identification information about you by the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth) and *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Instrument 2007 (No. 1)*;
- your Tax File Number, if you choose to provide it, by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth); and
- certain information in relation to your application if you have applied for an insurance as required by the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth).

How do we hold personal information?

Much of the information we hold about you will be stored electronically in Microsoft data centres however some data is also shared with trusted external service providers – typically these servers/data centres are located in Australia. Some information we hold about you will be stored in paper files. We use a range of physical and electronic security measures to protect the security of the personal information we hold. For example:

- access to information systems is controlled through identity and access management;
- employees are bound by internal information security policies and are required to keep information secure;
- all employees are required to complete training about information security; and
- we regularly monitor and review our compliance with relevant requirements and industry best practice.

We take reasonable steps to destroy or permanently de-identify any personal information after it can no longer be used. Currently we outsource document destruction to Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain is a global company which provides secure document destruction services. We have satisfied ourselves that Iron Mountain has appropriate processes in place to ensure our clients' privacy.

Third party providers/software that we use to provide services are outlined in our Schedule of IT partners – available as a partner document to our Privacy Policy.

Who do we disclose your personal information to, and why?

We may provide personal information about our clients to organisations outside Perrier Ryan. To protect personal information, we engage with service providers whose privacy policies require them to comply with the Privacy Act where applicable. These engagements oblige them to only use the personal information we disclose to them for the specific role we ask them to perform.



Generally, we disclose personal information to organisations that help us with our business. These may include:

- our agents, contractors and external service providers (for example software service providers);
- paraplanning service providers;
- insurers, re-insurers and health care providers;
- payment systems operators (for example, merchants receiving card payments);
- other organisations, who jointly with us, provide products or services to you;
- financial services organisations, including banks, superannuation funds, stockbrokers, custodians, fund managers and portfolio service providers;
- debt collectors;
- our legal advisers or auditors;
- your representatives (including your legal adviser, financial planner, mortgage broker, executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or attorney);
- fraud bureaus or other organisations to identify, investigate or prevent fraud or other misconduct;
- IT Service Providers;
- regulatory bodies, government agencies and law enforcement bodies in any jurisdiction.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and/or Automated Decision Making (ADM)

- To enhance the efficiency and accuracy of our services, our firm may utilize AI-assisted technologies for research, collation and refinement purposes.
- We remain responsible for the final work product, and all AI-assisted work is subject to review and verification by our professional team for accuracy and completeness.
- We are committed to maintaining client confidentiality. We ensure that AI tools are used securely and that your confidential information is not used to train public models. Tools are currently limited to Microsoft CoPilot, Claras (PRFA) and AI tools which are now embedded in accounting industry software packages, including but not limited to, MYOB, XERO, QBO, CCH. The Accounting team also has access to [Elfworks](#) to assist with tax research.
- We do not currently utilise [Automated Decision Making](#) (ADM).

We may also disclose your personal information to others outside Perrier Ryan where:

- we are required or authorised by law or where we have a public duty to do so;
- you may have expressly consented to the disclosure or the consent may be reasonably inferred from the circumstances; or
- we are otherwise permitted to disclose the information under the Privacy Act.



In situations where we feel clients would benefit, we may share contact details amongst members of the Perrier Ryan group, meaning:

- Perrier Ryan (Qld) Pty Ltd (the accounting practice) (ABN 50 657 511 469)
- Perrier Ryan Financial Advisors (ABN 81 093 344 588)
- Perrier Ryan Financial Services (ABN 60 135 319 434)
- PRFP Pty Ltd (ABN 82 629 729 871)

Do we disclose personal information overseas?

Typically we have no reason to provide your personal information to a recipient which is located outside Australia however this may occur where:

- a service provider has international offices;
- you hold an account with an overseas financial institution and where you have given us permission to make enquiries on your behalf.

We note that as Copilot is operated by Australian subsidiaries of US parent companies, data transmitted, processed, or stored within the Copilot system may be subject to extraterritorial US legal instruments, subpoenas and access requests including disclosures under the *Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act*, the *USA PATRIOT Act*."

In some circumstances, Perrier Ryan Financial Advisors Pty Ltd uses third party service providers located overseas to carry out its administration functions and provide services. At present these countries may include India and the Philippines. Where we do this, we make sure that appropriate data handling and security arrangements are in place.

Do we use or disclose personal information for marketing?

We will use your personal information to provide you with information about products, services and general update items we believe may interest you, but we will not do so if you tell us not to. We may provide this information to you by various means, including by mail, telephone, email, SMS or other electronic means – which in future may include social media (e.g Facebook or LinkedIn).

Perrier Ryan does not currently disclose your personal information to companies as part of any marketing activities and there is currently no intention to do so. Should that situation change and you don't want to receive marketing offers from us please contact us at the time and we will update our records accordingly.

Do we collect personal information electronically?

We will collect information from you electronically, for instance through email correspondence with you and/or mobile or tablet applications during meetings with you. We offer access to a secure portal to electronically exchange information and documents – our preferred portal is the MYOB portal attached to our MYOB practice management software which is guaranteed secure by MYOB. MYOB advises that they use industry-standard internet security measures to protect the information. Whilst information is not collected by the service provider, for



electronic signing, we use FuseWorks (FuseSign) which has achieved ISO27001 certification and whose servers are located in Australia. On occasion an invitation may be sent to you to join a Sharepoint group. This is protected by Microsoft's security measures.

We currently don't actively use Facebook, Twitter or any other social media platform – but in the event that we commence operations in these spaces, we will not ask you to supply personal information publicly over those (or similar) platforms. Should we commence operations in social media, we may sometimes invite you to send your details to us via private messaging, for example, to answer a question. We do have a corporate LinkedIn page however that is for a presence only – no client information is collected.

For the safety of staff and visitors and security of the building, CCTV has been deployed on the exterior of the building at 30 Lisburn Street, East Brisbane (which houses our premises). Any personal information captured on closed circuit television (CCTV) may be used for security purposes and is handled with the maintenance of the principles of Privacy as the guide. The system keeps 45-60 days of footage.

Tranche 2 AML obligations

From 1 July 2026, Accounting practices now come under the regulation of AUSTRAC as a result of changes to the AML-CTF Act 2006. As a result, new clients (and in some instances existing clients) will be asked to provide identification or information regarding business structures in order for us to meet our mandatory obligations under the regulations. We complete our ID Verification using the BGL ID system which is faster and more secure than manual processes. It is a purpose-built verification solution designed to help accounting practices meet these obligations quickly, easily and securely. Verification is instantaneous. The solution is ISO27001 certified.

We may also need to collect more detailed information from time to time about who owns or controls business entities to satisfy the obligations around confirming/establishing beneficial ownership.

BGL is listed in our Schedule of IT partners – available as a partner document to our Privacy Policy.

Access to and correction of personal information

You can request access to the personal information we hold about you. You can also ask for corrections to be made. To do so, please contact us.

There is no fee for requesting that your personal information is corrected or for us to make corrections. In processing your request for access to your personal information, a reasonable cost may be charged. This charge covers such things as locating the information and supplying it to you.

There are some circumstances in which we are not required to give you access to your personal information or credit information.



If we refuse to give you access to or to correct your personal or credit information we will give you a notice explaining our reasons except where it would be unreasonable to do so.

If we refuse your request to correct your personal information, you also have the right to request that a statement be associated with your personal information noting that you disagree with its accuracy.

If we refuse your request to access or correct your personal information, we will also provide you with information on how you can complain about the refusal.

How we will manage an actual or suspected data breach¹ under this policy

Perrier Ryan will manage the process of dealing with an actual or suspected breach in accordance with the *Data Breach Response Plan* which has been developed in accordance with OAIC Guidelines.

¹As defined by OAIC

Resolving your privacy concerns and complaints – your rights

If you are concerned about how your personal information is being handled or if you have a complaint about a breach by us of the Australian Privacy Principles, please contact us.

We will acknowledge your complaint as soon as we can after receipt of your complaint. We will let you know if we need any further information from you to resolve your complaint.

We aim to resolve complaints as quickly as possible. We strive to resolve complaints within five business days but some complaints take longer to resolve. If your complaint is taking longer, we will let you know what is happening and a date by which you can reasonably expect a response.



If you are unhappy with our response, there are other bodies you can go to.

Under the Privacy Act you may complain to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) about the way we handle your personal information.

The Commissioner can be contacted at:

GPO Box 5218

Sydney NSW 2001

Phone: 1300 363 992

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

<https://www.oaic.gov.au>

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints/complain-to-an-organisation-or-agency/>

Contact us

You can contact us by:

- calling 07 3391 7566
- emailing contact@perrierryan.com.au
- visiting www.perrierryan.com.au
- writing to us at PO Box 1420, Coorparoo DC Qld 4151, Attention: Privacy Officer

Changes to the Privacy Policy

We may change the way we handle personal information from time to time for any reason. If we do so, we will update this Privacy Policy. An up-to-date version is available on www.perrierryan.com.au or by calling us on 07 3391 7566.

Meaning of words

We, us or our means:

Perrier Ryan (Qld) Pty Ltd trading as Perrier Ryan and its associated entities of Level 1, 30 Lisburn Street, East Brisbane Qld 4169.

Perrier Ryan means Perrier Ryan (Qld) Pty Ltd (ABN 50 657 511 469) and its related bodies corporate, including:

- Perrier Ryan Financial Advisors (ABN 81 093 344 588)
- Perrier Ryan Financial Services (ABN 60 135 319 434)
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Information we are required to disclose to you

As a Tax Agent, our work for you is performed in accordance with *Tax Agent Services Act 2009*. Under this Act, the *Tax Agent Services (Code of Professional Conduct) Determination 2024* requires that we make the following disclosures to you:

1. Matters that could significantly influence your decision to engage us (or continue to engage us) for a Tax Agent Service from 1 July 2022 onward, include the following:
 - None Applicable
2. The Tax Practitioner's Board maintains a register of Tax Agents and BAS Agents. You can access and search this register here: <https://tpb.gov.au/public-register>
3. If you have a complaint about our Tax Agent Services, you will need to contact your Accountant in the first instance with details by mail. If they are unable to resolve your complaint with 3 business days, please contact Paul Ryan (Director) by email. Your complaint will be investigated by the Director and/or a staff member who is not involved in the subject matter of the dispute where possible. We will provide you with email acknowledgement of receipt of your complaint and our understanding of the circumstances. The email will inform you that we will attempt to resolve your complaint within 14 days and will outline the dispute resolutions process. If you are unhappy with the outcome that we propose to you, you can then make a complaint to the Tax Practitioner's Board (TPB) using the link listed above. the TPB will send you an email to acknowledge the receipt of your complaint and review and risk assess your complaint. If you are unhappy with how the TPB has dealt with your complaint, the above link includes details about your review rights and who can further assist you.