

Diploma of Financial Planning

(FNS50615)

Course Overview



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“I was extremely impressed with the quality of the training that you delivered”

Tony Read - Mentor Education Diploma Graduate

Established in 2003, we are Australia's largest privately owned training organisation focused purely on Financial Services & Business training market. Many of our graduates currently work for Australia's leading financial services institutions (including Big 4 Banks) and small businesses all around Australia.

Building on the strong relationships we develop with learners completing our courses, our industry experts are available by arrangement to provide ongoing mentoring on an individual or organisation-wide basis. Learners can also benefit from access to current industry information through our state-of-the-art Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program and Best Practice Review Audits.

Exemplary Student Support

Mentor Education has gained an enviable reputation as the only financial training organisation that can deliver outstanding RG146 compliance and financial training coupled with personalised student support and customer service.

Our commitment to you

Our commitment is exemplified by the high level of student support received - our industry experts and assessors are available to personally respond to your questions and offer constructive feedback and guidance.



Student Support

To help you thrive and achieve your study goals, expert teacher support is available to you



Phone Support
Available

1300 306 146 **+61 3 8317 2953**
Monday to Friday 9am to 5.00pm (AEST)



Email Support
Response within two business days

You can get one on-one help from expert tutors via email and you are encouraged to share your work to receive feedback.

Payment Options

Mentor Education has assisted many students from a variety of backgrounds and needs. Simply speak to your course adviser for a Payment Option that will work for you.



\$77,437

The average minimum salary for Financial Services jobs on SEEK in January 2015

\$97,656

The average maximum salary for Financial Services jobs on SEEK in January 2015

Course name

Diploma of Financial Planning

Course code

FNS50615

Delivery options

Online Learning or Workshop

Course duration

Up to 18 months

Assessments

Multiple Choice Questions, Case Studies, Telephone Role-play

Nationally recognised

Yes

Potential Jobs

- Client Service Officer
- Senior Paraplanner
- Financial Planner

- Paraplanner
- Junior Financial Planner
- Senior Financial Planner

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The Diploma of Financial Planning (FNS 50615) is the industry endorsed requirement for those new to the financial planning profession or transferring to a position where they are required to provide financial advice to retail clients.

It is an Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) requirement that financial advisers complete the minimum skills and knowledge components of the Diploma before receiving authorisation to provide personal advice in the specialist areas of life insurance, superannuation and investment.



Entry requirements

There are no prerequisites for enrolling in the Diploma of Financial Planning. However, it is recommended that learners have a strong grasp of literacy and numeracy.

Learners seeking to complete the Diploma must complete DFP 1 – Financial Advice before they undertake any of the specialist courses of life insurance, superannuation and investment. Financial Plan Preparation is the final assessment task.

Who Should Enrol?

You should enrol if you are:

- Working within the financial planning profession and looking to meet ASIC's qualification requirement as an authorised financial adviser.
- Wanting to enter or re-enter the industry and require the industry endorsed RG146 qualification to provide advice to retail clients.
- Seeking to expand your existing financial services skills and industry knowledge.

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Course Outcomes

The Diploma of Financial Planning will provide you with:

- The confidence to engage with a broad client base.
- The ability to identify various financial planning needs.
- The tools to assess and consider your client's risk profile.
- The practical knowledge and technical expertise to meet the objectives of retail clients
- In the areas of insurance, superannuation and investment.
- An appreciation of best practice standards in financial services.

Assessment

Assessment tasks may be a combination of:

- Short answer questions
- Case study and scenario responses
- Projects, Portfolio
- Role Plays
- Practical Demonstration
- Journal and Self-reflection exercises



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DFP 1 - Financial Advice

Australian Industry Essentials and Fundamentals of Financial Advice must be the first subject completed before any of the specialist knowledge subject(s).

Australian Industry Essentials

Part 1	Australian Economy
Part 2	Australian Financial Markets
Part 3	Investment Funds
Part 4	Corporations Act
Part 5	Regulatory Environment
Part 6	Licensees & Representatives
Part 7	Ethics

Australian Industry Essentials

Part 1	Personal Taxation
Part 2	Social Security
Part 3	Wealth Creation Fundamentals
Part 4	Estate Planning Fundamentals
Part 5	Establishing Client Relationship
Part 6	Identify Client Objectives & Financial Situation
Part 7	Analyse Client Objectives & Financial Situation
Part 8	Develop Strategies & Solutions
Part 9	Present Strategies & Solutions
Part 10	Implement Agreed Plan
Part 11	Provide On-going Advice

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DFP 2- Insurance

This specialist knowledge area will equip you with the expertise and technical skills to provide compliant life insurance advice to clients on:

Core Area

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| Part 1 | Understanding Insurance |
| Part 2 | Operation of Insurance Markets |
| Part 3 | General Insurance |
| Part 4 | Personal Insurance |
| Part 5 | Advisory Functions |
| Part 6 | Legal Obligations and Compliance |

Specialist Area

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| Part 1 | Life Insurance Market |
| Part 2 | Term Life Insurance |
| Part 3 | Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) |
| Part 4 | Trauma Insurance |
| Part 5 | Income Protection Insurance |
| Part 6 | Business Insurance |
| Part 7 | Life Insurance, Taxation and Superannuation |
| Part 8 | Role of the Adviser |

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DFP 3 - Superannuation

This specialist knowledge area will equip you with the expertise and technical skills to provide compliant superannuation advice to clients on:

Specialist Area

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| Part 1 | Introduction to Superannuation |
| Part 2 | Superannuation Eligibility |
| Part 3 | Compulsory Contribution to Superannuation |
| Part 4 | Tax Concessions on Superannuation |
| Part 5 | Withdrawals on Superannuation and ETP's |
| Part 6 | Retirement Income Streams |
| Part 7 | Social Security Pensions |
| Part 8 | Duties of Superannuation Trustees |
| Part 9 | Self Managed Super Funds (SMSF's) |
| Part 10 | Providing Superannuation Advice |

DFP 4 - Investment Planning

This specialist knowledge area will equip you with the expertise and technical skills to provide compliant investment planning advice to clients on:

Specialist Area

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| Part 1 | Introduction to Superannuation |
| Part 2 | Superannuation Eligibility |
| Part 3 | Compulsory Contribution to Superannuation |
| Part 4 | Tax Concessions on Superannuation |
| Part 5 | Withdrawals on Superannuation and ETP's |
| Part 6 | Retirement Income Streams |
| Part 7 | Social Security Pensions |
| Part 8 | Duties of Superannuation Trustees |
| Part 9 | Self Managed Super Funds (SMSF's) |
| Part 10 | Providing Superannuation Advice |
| Part 11 | Taxation Issues for Investors |
| Part 12 | Conducting Research |

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Units of Competency

Core Units

BSBITU402	Develop and use complex spreadsheets
FNSASICZ503	Provide advice in financial planning
FNSFPL501	Comply with financial planning practice ethical and operational guidelines and regulations
FNSFPL502	Conduct financial planning analysis and research
FNSFPL503	Develop and prepare financial plan
FNSFPL504	Implement financial plan
FNSFPL505	Review financial plans and provide ongoing service
FNSFPL506	Determine client financial requirements and expectations
FNSINC401	Apply principles of professional practice to work in the financial services industry

Elective Units

FNSFPL507	Provide financial planning advice
FNSFPL508	Conduct complex financial planning research
FNSIAD501	Provide appropriate services, advice and products to clients
FNSINC501	Conduct product research to support recommendations
FNSCUS505	Determine client requirements and expectations
FNSASICU503	Provide advice in superannuation
FNSASICX503	Provide advice in life insurance
FNSASICT503	Provide advice in Managed Investments
FNSASICW503	Provide advice in Securities
FNSFMK502	Analyse financial market products for client
FNSFMK503	Advise clients on financial risk
FNSCUS506	Record and implement client instructions

Study options

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Online learning

Study online at your own pace, giving you the flexibility to achieve a nationally recognised qualification whilst also fulfilling your other life commitments.

Unlimited e-mail and phone support

Unlimited e-mail and phone support is provided by our experienced student support team between Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm, so you're never left to feel 'lost' or stuck during your studies.

Face-to-face Instructor-led Classroom

Face-to-face class-room workshop is the fastest way to achieve your RG146 or similar qualification. Conducted either face to face or via video conference and facilitated by industry professionals skilled at making the workshop experience interactive, incorporating real life examples of today's market place.

How to Enrol

To enrol, you can complete one of the following options:



1300 306 146
(option 1 'new enquiries')



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