

Client Agreement

This agreement is issued on behalf of Step-By-Step Mortgage & Financial Services Limited of Unit 24 Mount Osborne Business Centre, Oakwell View, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. S71 1HH who can be contacted at steventotty@btinternet.com or 01226 294191.

Authorisation Statement

Step-By-Step Mortgage & Financial Services Limited is Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Services Authority. The Financial Services Authority regulates the financial services industry in the UK and their address is 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5HS. You can check this on the FSA's Register by visiting the FSA's website www.fsa.gov.uk/register FSA No. 472563 or by contacting the FSA on 0845 606 1234.

Client Classification

Each client with whom the firm does business is categorised as to identify the level of regulatory protection. We propose to classify you as 'Retail Client' for Investment purposes.

Communications

We will communicate with you in English both verbally and written for the sending and reception of orders.

Services to be provided

With regards to investments which we have arranged for you, these will not be kept under review but we will advise you upon your request. However, we may contact you in the future by means of an unsolicited promotion should we wish to contact you to discuss the relative merits of an investment or service which we feel may be of interest to you.

On issue of this letter any subsequent advice or recommendation offered to you will be based upon your stated investment objectives, acceptable level of risk and any restrictions you wish to place on the type of investments or policies you are willing to consider. We will issue you a suitability report to confirm our recommendation. Unless confirmed we will not place any restrictions on our recommendations.

Step-By-Step Mortgage & Financial Services Limited does not handle clients' money. We never accept a cheque made out to us unless the cheque is in settlement of charges or disbursements for which we have sent you an invoice or handle cash.

We will also make arrangements for all your investments to be registered in your name unless you first instruct us otherwise in writing. We will forward you all documents showing ownership of your investments as soon as practicable after we receive them, where a number of documents are due involving a series of transactions, we normally hold each document until the series is complete, then forward them to you.

Material Interest

We will act honestly, fairly and professionally known as conducting business in 'Clients best interest' regulations. Occasionally situations may arise where we or one of our other clients have some form of interest in business transacted for you. If this happens or we become aware that our interests or those of one of our other clients conflict with your interest, we will write to you and obtain your consent before we carry out your instructions, and detail the steps we will take to ensure fair treatment.

In accordance with the rules of our regulator, The Financial Services Authority, we are prohibited from accepting any payment (commission or other non-monetary benefits) which is likely to conflict with the duty of the firm to its clients.

The principals of Step-By-Step Mortgage & Financial Services Limited have a minority shareholding in Capital Reward Ltd. Capital Reward Ltd is a subsidiary of our compliance support company and generates its income from the placement of business with certain product providers. The business placed is intended to add value to the shares in that company and the long term aim is for the shares to be sold, thereby providing a deferred cash benefit to the shareholders. The existence of the shareholding and any potential benefit will in no way influence our recommendation in relation to the most suitable product or provider.

On request we will be pleased to provide you with a list of the providers from whom such benefits may be earned. We can also confirm that the provision of the shares and their potential benefits do not affect your product terms.

Rights to Cancel

We will inform you of your statutory right to cancel. The Distance Marketing Directive normally grants you 30 days in which you may cancel a life or pension contract. However there will be occasions where no statutory rights are granted, however this will be explained before any contract is concluded.

Data Protection

The information you have provided is subject to the Data Protection Act 1998 (the "Act"). By signing this document you consent to us or any company associated with us for processing, both manually and by electronic means, your personal data for the purposes of providing advice, administration and management.

“Processing” includes obtaining, recording or holding information or data, transferring it to other companies associated with us, product providers, the FSA or any other statutory, governmental or regulatory body for legitimate purposes including, where relevant, to solicitors and/or other debt collection agencies for debt collection purposes and carrying out operations on the information or data.

We may also contact you or pass your details to other companies associated with us to contact you (including by telephone) with details of any other similar products, promotions, or for related marketing purposes in which we think you may be interested.

The information provided may also contain sensitive personal data for the purposes of the Act, being information as to your physical or mental health or condition; the committing or alleged committing of any offence by you; any proceedings for an offence committed or alleged to have been committed by you, including the outcome or sentence in such proceedings; your political opinions, religious or similar beliefs, sexual life; or your membership of a Trade Union.

If at any time you wish us or any company associated with us to cease processing your personal data or sensitive personal data, or contacting you for marketing purposes, please contact The Data Protection Officer on 01226 294191 or in writing at Unit 24 Mount Osborne Business Centre, Oakwell View, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. S71 1HH.

You may be assured that we and any company associated with us will treat all personal data and sensitive personal data as confidential and will not process it other than for a legitimate purposes. Steps will be taken to ensure that the information is accurate, kept up to date and not kept for longer than is necessary. Measures will also be taken to safeguard against unauthorised or unlawful processing and accidental loss or destruction or damage to the data.

Subject to certain exceptions, you are entitled to have access to your personal and sensitive personal data held by us. You may be charged a fee (subject to the statutory maximum) for supplying you with such data.

Law

This client agreement is governed and shall be construed in accordance with English Law and the parties shall submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Termination

The authority to act on your behalf may be terminated at any time without penalty by either party giving seven days notice in writing to that effect to the other, but without prejudice to the completion of transactions already initiated. Any transactions effected before termination and a due proportion of any period charges for services shall be settled to that date.

Declaration

Client consent

I understand and consent to the above terms and I hereby authorise the transfer of information, as described above on a confidential basis when warranted between such third parties. I agree that the client agreement will come into effect from the date of issue.

Please tick this box if you do not consent to us or any company associated with us processing any such sensitive data.

Please tick this box if you do not wish for us or any company associated with us to contact you for marketing purposes by e-mail, telephone, post or SMS.

Customer Name(s)		
Customer signature(s)		
Date of issue		

I have read and understood the terms laid out in this agreement and have chosen for the firms to be remunerated by;

<input type="checkbox"/> Payment of a fee.
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by commission (or product charges).
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by a combination of commission and fee.

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