



# Queensland Country Bank

## Supplementary Brochure: Financial Services Guide

Effective from 26 February 2025

This Supplementary Brochure, dated 26 February 2025, is issued by Queensland Country Bank Limited to update the Financial Services Guide dated 8 January 2024 ('the FSG'). It contains the following amendments, which should be read in conjunction with the original brochure.

### Amendments to Financial Services Guide

Effective 26 February 2025

#### Page 3 – Our products and services

Replace:

"Electronic banking facilities, including: internet banking; phone banking and mobile banking"

With:

"Electronic banking facilities, including: internet banking and mobile banking"

#### Page 3 – Our products and service - Payment products including:

Remove: "Cheque facilities"

#### Page 5 – Our business partners and commissions

##### Internal payments and travel facilities

Replace:

"In respect to the provision of Multi-currency Cash Passport ('Cash Passport') and Cash Passport Platinum Mastercard ('Cash Passport Platinum'), the product issuer is Heritage and People's Choice Limited trading as Heritage Bank ABN 11 087 651 125 AFSL 244 310. We act under an agreement with Mastercard Prepaid Management Services Australia Pty Ltd ABN 47 145 452 044 AFSL 386 837 ('Mastercard') who arranges for the issue of these products, in conjunction with the product issuer."

With:

"In respect to the provision of Multi-currency Cash Passport ('Cash Passport') and Cash Passport Platinum Mastercard ('Cash Passport Platinum'), the product issuer is EML Payment Solutions Limited ABN 30 131 436 532, AFSL 404131. We act under an agreement with Mastercard Prepaid Management Services Australia Pty Ltd ABN 47 145 452 044 AFSL 386 837 ('Mastercard') who arranges for the issue of these products, in conjunction with the product issuer."



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## Page 4 – Our business partner and commissions

### Replace:

"We act under agreements with either, the third party product issuer, or with an agent appointed by the product issuer ('our business partner') in relation to general insurance; consumer credit insurance and international payments and travel facilities, including foreign payment services; telegraphic transfers; foreign cheques; travel money and foreign currency. Details of these arrangements are provided as follows."

### With:

"We act under agreements with either, the third party product issuer, or with an agent appointed by the product issuer ('our business partner') in relation to general insurance; travel insurance, consumer credit insurance and international payments and travel facilities, including foreign payment services; telegraphic transfers; foreign cheques; travel money and foreign currency. Details of these arrangements are provided as follows."

### Insurance

#### Include:

"We act under an agreement with the product issuer, Zurich Australian Insurance Limited (ABN 13 00 296 640, AFSL 232507), arranged and administered by Cover-More Insurance Services Pty Ltd (ABN 95003 114 145, AFSL 241713), and promoted and distributed by Insurance Australia Limited (ABN 11 000 106 722; AFSL 227681) under the CGU Brand and its distribution partners (including Queensland Country Bank Limited ABN 77 087 651 027 AFSL 244 533) in arranging for the provision of the travel insurance products referred to in this document."



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## Page 6 – Our business partners and commissions

Replace table on Page 6 with the following:

Product	Product Issuer/ Service Provider	Commission
General Insurance Products	CGU	Up to 25%
Travel Insurance	Cover-More	Up to 25%
Debt Insurance (CCI)	MLC	20%
Telegraphic Transfers	Convera	20% revenue
Foreign Currency ordering	Convera as agent for the product issuer, Travelex	20% revenue
Foreign Cheque Deposit	Convera	20% revenue
Cash Passport/Cash Passport Platinum	Mastercard under agreement with the product issuer, EML Payment Solutions Limited	1.1% of the in branch load or reload amount; or AUD\$15 whichever is the greater
Merchant Terminal	First Data Merchant Solutions Australia Pty Ltd	10% of net revenue  (commission payable for each successful referral)

## Page 7 – Associations

Remove: "Member Cheques"

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# Our Financial Services Guide (‘FSG’)

This FSG is issued by Queensland Country Bank Limited ABN 77 087 651 027 AFSL 244 533 and is provided to assist you in deciding whether to use any of the services described in the FSG.

The FSG contains important information on:

- Product Details and Advice
- Our Products and Services
- Our Business Partners and Commissions
- Our Fees and Other Rewards
- Complaint Procedures
- Privacy
- Our background, objectives and community involvement
- How to Contact Us

Any reference in this FSG to “us”, “we”, “the Bank” or “Queensland Country” is reference to Queensland Country Bank Limited.

## Product details and advice

In the course of your dealings with Queensland Country you may receive a **Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)** for certain products which will contain specific features about these products.

For other deposit products and non-cash payment products, you may receive a Product Information Brochure (PIB) similar to a PDS, Conditions of Use brochure and other disclosure documentation comprising relevant Terms and Conditions.

The PDS, PIB and Terms and Conditions documents will help you compare financial products and decide whether you wish to acquire the product. The PDS for general insurance products, travel products and foreign payment products are prepared by the product insurers.

If the product issuer provides you with personal advice on an insurance product you will receive a **Statement of Advice (SOA)** which sets out the basis on which the advice is given and the advice provided on the product.

A PIB and other documentation comprising Terms and Conditions will also be provided to you when taking out Queensland Country credit products including home loans, personal loans, car loans and credit cards.

## Our products and services

Queensland Country Bank is authorised under our Australian Financial Services licence (AFSL) to advise on and deal in, the following financial products and services:

### Deposit products

- Transaction accounts
- Savings accounts
- Fixed term deposit accounts

### Payment products including:

- Electronic banking facilities, including: internet banking; phone banking and mobile banking
- Cheque facilities
- Automatic payment facilities, including: direct debits and credits; and auto transfers
- Visa debit card

### General insurance (under an agreement with the insurer)

- Home and contents insurance
- Motor vehicle insurance
- Boat insurance
- Caravan insurance
- Motorcycle insurance
- Landlord’s insurance
- Travel insurance

### Consumer Credit Insurance (CCI)

Note: While we are licenced to provide advice in respect to CCI we act under a referral arrangement in respect to the Debt Insurance product issued by MLC Limited ABN 90 000 000 402 AFSL 230 694. Under this arrangement Queensland Country Bank does not provide financial product advice.

## Non-financial products and services

### Private health insurance cover

We act under an agreement with the private health insurer, HBF Health Limited ABN 11 126 884 786, trading as Queensland Country Health Fund ('the private health insurer'), in respect to the provision of private health insurance through the sale of private health insurance products, in branch, and referral of applicants to the private health insurer. While we can assist you in obtaining insurance cover, your policy is with the private health insurer and not with Queensland Country Bank Limited. Accordingly, Queensland Country Bank will not be responsible for the performance of the private health insurance contract. As a result of this arrangement we receive a commission based on the percentage of the first year's premium of 10% (for referrals) and 20% (for in branch sales).

## Our business partners and commissions

We act under agreements with either, the third party product issuer, or with an agent appointed by the product issuer ('our business partner') in relation to general insurance; consumer credit insurance and international payments and travel facilities, including foreign payment services; telegraphic transfers; foreign cheques; travel money and foreign currency. Details of these arrangements are provided as follows.

### Insurance

We act under an agreement with the product issuer, Insurance Australia Limited ABN 11 000 016 722 AFSL 227 681 trading as CGU Insurance ('CGU') in arranging for the provision of the general insurance products referred to in this document.

We act under a referral agreement with the product issuer, MLC Limited ABN 90 000 000 402 AFSL 230 694 in respect to the Debt Insurance (CCI) product.

In relation to these insurance products, as your insurance contract is with the insurer and not with Queensland Country Bank, we will not be responsible for the performance of the insurance contract. As a result of these relationships, we receive commission on insurance products as a percentage of the premium paid (net of all administration fees, fire services levies, GST, stamp duties and other statutory charges) for each insurance policy.

If personal advice is given by the product issuer and an insurance policy is purchased through us, the amount of commission or the manner in which the commission is to be calculated will be disclosed in the Statement of Advice provided by our business partner.

### International payments and travel facilities

In respect to the provision of Multi-currency Cash Passport ('Cash Passport') and Cash Passport Platinum Mastercard ('Cash Passport Platinum'), the product issuer is Heritage and People's Choice Limited trading as Heritage Bank ABN 11 087 651 125 AFSL 244 310. We act under an agreement with Mastercard Prepaid Management Services Australia Pty Ltd ABN 47 145 452 044 AFSL 386 837 ('Mastercard') who arranges for the issue of these products, in conjunction with the product issuer.

We act under an agreement with Convera Australia Pty Ltd ABN 24 150 129 749 AFSL 404 092 trading as Convera, in respect to the provision of telegraphic transfers and foreign cheque deposits.

In respect to foreign currency we act under an agreement with Convera, in its capacity as agent for the product issuer, Travelex Limited ABN 36 004 179 953 AFSL 222 444.

For each transaction involving the above products we receive a commission. When providing you with these products, the product issuer determines the exchange rate at their discretion, which includes a commission to the product issuer.

Product	Product Issuer/ Service Provider	Commission
<b>Home and/or Contents</b>		
Listed events	CGU	20%
Accidental damage	CGU	20%
<b>Landlord's Insurance</b>	CGU	20%
<b>Motor Vehicle Insurance Classes</b>	CGU	10%
<b>Motorcycle Insurance</b>	CGU	10%
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	CGU	15%
<b>Caravan Insurance</b>	CGU	10%
<b>Travel Insurance</b>	CGU	20%
<b>Debt Insurance (CCI)</b>	MLC	20%
<b>Telegraphic Transfers</b>	Convera	20% revenue
<b>Foreign Currency ordering</b>	Convera as agent for the product issuer, Travelex	20% revenue
<b>Foreign Cheque Deposit</b>	Convera	20% revenue
<b>Cash Passport/Cash Passport Platinum</b>	Mastercard under agreement with the product issuer, Heritage Bank	1.1% of the in branch load or reload amount; or AUD\$15 whichever is the greater
<b>Merchant Terminal</b>	First Data Merchant Solutions Australia Pty Ltd	10% of net revenue  (commission payable for each successful referral)

## Financial planning

We refer Members to Bridges Financial Services Pty Limited ABN 60 003 474 977 AFSL 240 837 ('Bridges'). Queensland Country Bank receives a referral fee for each referral that results in the referred person becoming a client of Bridges and obtaining either Comprehensive Advice or Single Strategy Advice ('a Conversion'). Referral fees are received per initial Conversion as follows:

Comprehensive Advice: Referral Fee received is \$1,500.

Single Strategy Advice: Referral Fee is \$300.

## Visa

We are an issuer of Visa cards. We may receive a commission from Visa when you use a Visa card issued through us. The range of commissions vary depending on:

- whether the transaction occurs within or outside Australia; and
- whether the transaction is by an electronic EFTPOS machine or a manual machine.

## BPAY®

We are a member of the electronic payments scheme known as BPAY. We receive a small commission per transaction from the merchant when you use BPAY through us.

## Associations

Queensland Country Bank Limited is a shareholder of Cuscal Limited ABN 95 087 822 455, nationally-based payment systems and financial services providers.

Through these associations we are able to provide you with the following financial services:

- Visa Cards
- BPAY
- Member Cheques

The fees and charges which may apply on the use of these services are detailed in the Fees and Charges brochure. As a shareholder of Indue Ltd and Cuscal Limited we may receive a dividend from profits that may be made by these service companies. If dividends are paid on this or any other shareholding of Queensland Country, this will be reported in our annual company accounts.

## Bank@Post

Bank@Post is a service provided by Australia Post which allows you to undertake a variety of financial transactions through Australia Post outlets using your Queensland Country Visa Credit card, Visa Debit card or CueCard. For transactions provided through Bank@Post, we pay Australia Post a set fee based on the actual transaction type conducted.

## Fees

Fees and charges are applicable to our products and services as set out in our Fees and Charges brochure.

## Staff members

Our staff members and our Directors are paid wages or are salaried employees and most employees do not receive any commission or direct financial benefits for products in relation to which they provide advice, issue or arrange. We operate a staff performance bonus system where staff may receive a bonus depending on key performance indicators for volume of sales, revenue and/or performance. Staff may also receive non-financial incentive benefits. Staff covered by an enterprise bargaining agreement receive a pay review based on individual performance and the return achieved on the assets of Queensland Country. Any commissions from third parties or business partners are paid directly to Queensland Country Bank Limited.

## Complaint procedures

### Internal complaints resolution

Queensland Country has an internal complaints handling process which has been established to resolve any complaints relating to our products and services or the complaints handling process itself, where a response or resolution is expected. Any complaint you may have concerning Queensland Country should be directed to us in the first instance. If the person you are dealing with cannot resolve the issue, please ask to speak with their manager. If the issue is still not resolved, we encourage you to complete a Complaint Notification form available at any Queensland Country branch, although such notification is not required to be provided in writing.

Queensland Country will contact you to advise the procedures that will be followed in responding to your complaint.

Queensland Country will communicate with you throughout the complaint handling process. This will include a written response provided to you within 21 days of receiving your complaint. The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you of the final outcome, or if a final response cannot be made at this time, the reasons for the delay.

### External dispute resolution

If you are not satisfied with our final response you may lodge a complaint, free of charge, with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA is an external dispute resolution scheme and can be contacted:

Online: [afca.org.au](http://afca.org.au)

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Phone: 1800 931 678

Mail: Australian Financial Complaints Authority  
GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

Time limits may apply to complain to AFCA so you should act promptly or consult the AFCA website to find out if or when the time limit relevant to your circumstances expires.

If you have any complaints or disputes concerning the services provided by third parties or our business partners (including insurers or service providers) we encourage you to make enquiries direct with these third parties. Please contact us direct if you have any problems with the handling of third party complaints.

## Privacy

To be a member of Queensland Country, the Anti Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Act 2006 (Cth) requires Queensland Country to collect and verify certain personal information including your name and either residential address or date of birth. We may ask you to supply other information in connection with your application which may not be required by law but Queensland Country may not be able to process and approve your application if it is not supplied. Subject to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), you may access personal information which Queensland Country holds about you at any time by asking.

Information about how Queensland Country collects, holds, uses and discloses personal information is set out in our Privacy Policy which is available on our website and by request from our branches or by email.



## Heritage

In February 1971 The Mt Isa Mines Employees' Credit Union Limited commenced operation as a service to the employees of Mt Isa Mines and its related companies.

During the 80's and 90's Queensland Country capitalised on its early success by firstly expanding Membership eligibility and branch locations to residents in North Queensland then later throughout the state. This expansion came with a name change to North Queensland Credit Union Limited and subsequently Queensland Country Credit Union Limited. Along with the increase in branches throughout the state, the diverse range of products and services available to Members followed.

In June 2005, Queensland Country Credit Union Limited merged with South East Community Credit Society Ltd, creating an expanded and more convenient branch network and enhanced products and services.

On 1 April 2017 Queensland Country Credit Union Limited merged with ECU Australia Ltd (ECU) and on 1 April 2018 a further merger with Queenslanders Credit Union was completed. The opportunity to build a genuine, customer-owned alternative to the big banks for all Queenslanders was the driving force behind these two mergers.

Most recently, in February 2020, the organisation converted to become a member-owned bank. This exciting change was made with a view to increasing the market share of the organisation, particularly amongst younger members of the community who are more likely to choose a bank rather than a credit union as their main providers of financial services. While the change was aimed at allowing more people to experience the unique benefits of banking with Queensland Country, it has not diminished the organisation's focus on placing the needs of our Members and communities at the centre of everything we do.

## Our culture

At Queensland Country we like to keep things simple. We're a Member owned organisation. We provide a full range of competitive financial services. And we are committed to showing our Members how much we value them.

Our Members are the most important visitors to our premises, online banking channels, and Contact Centre. After all, they are part-owners in Queensland Country. When you join Queensland Country, you are issued one Membership Share. That means you become a part-owner and get to use Queensland Country for all your savings, loans and other financial products and services that we provide. Members are also entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors who set the operating policies for Queensland Country as well as supervise the performance of the organisation. Entities which hold a deposit account under section 79 of Queensland Country's constitution, or are under 18 years of age are not entitled to vote.

With branches stretching from as far north as Weipa, west to Mount Isa and south to Stanthorpe, we love looking after our fellow Queenslanders.

## Values and priorities

The mission of the Directors and staff at Queensland Country is to make our Members proud.

Our key objectives are:

- to deliver the highest quality products and services to help our Members fulfil their financial needs
- to provide a positive, friendly working environment where staff feel highly valued and are able to meet their career aspirations
- to contribute strongly to the community as a responsible, highly ethical corporate citizen
- to be a significant contributor to the Queensland Country movement and its ideals
- to maintain a strong level of financial performance to enable us to achieve our goals

## Strength and security

Our strength and financial security are derived from our diverse asset base.

At any time, around 90% of savings deposited with Queensland Country are loaned back to Members through personal, home and investment loans. Our spare funds are invested conservatively. These are mainly in deposits with large regulated Australian Financial Institutions. Queensland Country does not invest in the stock market or overseas.

Member-owned banks are regulated by the same government regulator as the major banks - the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). APRA's supervision is designed to minimise the chance that a Financial Institution will be unable to meet its obligations to depositors. Credit Unions, Banks and Building Societies must all comply with the same set of APRA rules (known as Prudential Standards). Queensland Country complies with all Prudential Standards and are in a strong and stable financial position.

## Community grants and sponsorship

Queensland Country is committed to making a real difference in the lives of our Members, our people and in the communities where we operate. One of the most valuable ways we achieve this is through financial assistance to community organisations by way of sponsorships and our Community Grants Scheme.

### Sponsorships

Queensland Country provides sponsorship support for a wide range of activities and groups that offer a tangible benefit to the community and encourage active participation in local events.

Sponsorships allow Queensland Country to proactively support community events and be recognised for our positive contribution to the community. We understand and acknowledge that grass-roots organisations and events play a major role in the development of a community, and we try to become actively involved in these activities wherever possible.

As a result, an event sponsored by Queensland Country is likely to benefit the community group / event in the following ways:

- financial support
- ongoing assistance
- higher awareness for the group / event due to Queensland Country's involvement
- flow-on positive effect to the wider community due to increased stability / success of a sponsored event
- assistance in-kind, such as expertise, financial or banking services

As a Queensland based organisation, we focus on providing sponsorship in every area that our branches lie, from as far north as Weipa, west to Mount Isa and south to Stanthorpe.

### Community Grants Scheme

Each year Queensland Country provides funding for not-for-profit groups across Queensland as part of our Community Grants Scheme. This scheme supports groups in our branch areas for a wide range of activities, facilities and services that offer tangible and sustainable benefits to the community, and encourage active participation in these local communities.

We understand and acknowledge that community groups play a large role in the development of a community, and that it can be difficult for these small organisations to self-fund activities and services. Queensland Country aims to offset costs or fully fund projects that improve the lives of our Members and the communities in which they live, and that are deemed to be widely beneficial to the community. This assists local groups to develop and expand their activities and reach within their community. Our Community Grants are provided for programs in the areas of:

- Arts, culture and heritage
- Sport and recreation
- Education
- Health
- the environment

## How to contact us

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us:

**Branch** Visit our website for a listing of all our branches

**Post** PO Box 679, Aitkenvale QLD 4814

**Phone** 1800 075 078

**Website** [queenslandcountry.bank](https://queenslandcountry.bank)

**Email** [info@queenslandcountry.bank](mailto:info@queenslandcountry.bank)



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