

Submission

to the

Code Committee for Financial Advisers

on

The updated exposure draft of the Code of Professional Conduct for Authorised Financial Advisers

23 February 2016

Submission by the New Zealand Bankers' Association to the Code Committee for Financial Advisers on updated exposure draft of the Code of Professional Conduct for Authorised Financial Advisers

About NZBA

1. NZBA works on behalf of the New Zealand banking industry in conjunction with its member banks. NZBA develops and promotes policy outcomes that contribute to a strong and stable banking system that benefits New Zealanders and the New Zealand economy.
2. The following fifteen registered banks in New Zealand are members of NZBA:
 - ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited
 - ASB Bank Limited
 - Bank of China (NZ) Limited
 - Bank of New Zealand
 - Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, UFJ
 - Citibank, N.A.
 - The Co-operative Bank Limited
 - Heartland Bank Limited
 - The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
 - JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 - Kiwibank Limited
 - Rabobank New Zealand Limited
 - SBS Bank
 - TSB Bank Limited
 - Westpac New Zealand Limited.

Background

3. NZBA is grateful for the opportunity to submit on the updated exposure draft of the Code of Professional Conduct for Authorised Financial Advisers (**Code**).
4. NZBA commends the Code Committee for Financial Advisers' (**Committee**) commitment to meaningful consultation and engagement, and appreciates the invitation to participate in this consultation.
5. The following submission makes some brief comments on the Code.
6. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the submission further, please contact:

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7. NZBA and its members support the changes accepted by the Issues Response Paper, and encapsulated in the Code.
8. Specifically, NZBA and its members support increasing the availability of the “transactional advice” relief (Code Standard 8 – Suitability of Advice relief). NZBA and its members submit that there is a real need for an effective transactional advice mechanism, and appreciate the effort the Committee has gone to in this respect. NZBA and its members agree that accessibility to financial advice is very important and consider such accessibility will be increased by effective relief for advisers giving personalised advice on discrete issues. NZBA members will address specific issues with the drafting of Code Standard 8 in their own individual submissions.
9. NZBA and its members also support the changes made to the Minimum Standards of Competence, Knowledge and Skills and the Minimum Standards of Continuing Professional Training.