

Our Remuneration

We, Northstar Financial Planning Ltd t/a Quoteleader act as intermediary between you, the consumer, and the product provider with whom we place your business.

The background

Pursuant to provision 4.58A of the Central Bank of Ireland's September 2019 Addendum to the Consumer Protection Code, all intermediaries, must make available in their public offices, or on their website if they have one, a summary of the details of all arrangements for any fee, commission, other reward or remuneration provided to the intermediary which it has agreed with its product producers.

What is commission?

For the purpose of this document, remuneration is the payment earned by the intermediary for work undertaken on behalf of both the provider and the consumer. The amount of remuneration is generally directly related to the value of the products sold.

There are different types of remuneration/commission models:

Single commission model: where payment is made to the intermediary shortly after the sale is completed and is based on a percentage of the premium paid/amount invested/amount borrowed.

Trail/Renewal commission model: Further payments at intervals are paid throughout the life span of the product.

Indemnity commission

Indemnity commission is the term used to describe a commission payment made before the commission is deemed to be 'earned'. Indemnity commission may be subject to a clawback (see below) if the consumer lapses or cancels the product before the commission is deemed to be earned.

Other forms of indemnity commission are advances of commission for future sales granted to intermediaries in order to assist with set up costs or business development.

Profit Share arrangements

In some cases, the intermediary may be a party to a profit-share arrangement with a product provider and will earn additional commission. Northstar Financial Planning Limited trading as Quoteleader has no such arrangements in place.

Life Assurance/Investments/Pension products

For Life Assurance products commission is divided into initial commission and renewal commission (related to premium), fund based or trail (relating to accumulated fund).

Trail commission, bullet commission, fund based, flat commission or renewal commission are all terms used for ongoing payments. Where an investment fund is being built up through an insurance-based investment product or a pension product, the increments may be based on a percentage of the value of the fund or the

annual premium. For a single premium/lump sum product, the increment is generally based on the value of the fund.

Life Assurance products fall into either individual or group protection policies and Investment/Pension products would be either single or regular contribution policies. Examples of products include Life Protection, Regular Premium Life Assurance Investments, Single Premium (lump sum) Insurance-based Investments, and Single Premium Pensions.

Investments

Investment firms, which fall within the scope of the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007 (the MiFID Regulations), offer both standard commission and commission models involving initial and trail commission. Increments may be based on a percentage of the investment management fees, or on the value of the fund.

Clawback

Clawback is an obligation on the intermediary to repay unearned commission. Commission can be paid directly after a contract is concluded but is not deemed to be 'earned' until after a specified period of time. If the consumer cancels or withdraws from the financial product within the specified time, the intermediary must return commission to the product producer.

Fees

A firm may also be remunerated by fee by the product producer such as policy fee, admin fee, or in the case of investment firms, advisory fees. Northstar Financial Planning Limited trading as Quoteleader does not receive any fees from product producers. Payment is received by commission only.

Preferred Provider Rate

A firm may have an arrangement in place with a product provider whereby that provider is their preferred provider' with the result of enhanced commission being paid to the firm. Northstar Financial Planning Limited trading as Quoteleader does not have any preferred provider arrangements with product producers.

Other Fees, Administrative Costs/ Non-Monetary Benefits

The firm may also be in receipt of other fees, administrative costs, or non-monetary benefits.

Northstar Financial Planning Limited trading as Quoteleader may receive non-monetary benefits from product producers by way of staff attendance at seminars.

Single Contribution Products	Initial Commission	Clawback Period	Trail Commission
Single Contribution Pension			
Aviva	5%		1% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	5%		0.75% p.a.
Irish Life	5%		0.75% p.a.
New Ireland	5%	5 Years	1% p.a.
Standard Life	5%		1% p.a.
Zurich Life	5.5%		0.5% p.a.
Single Contribution PRSA			
Aviva	4%		0.5% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	7.5%		0.25% p.a.
Irish Life	5%		0.75% p.a.
New Ireland	7%	5 Years	0.5% p.a.
Standard Life	5%		0.5% p.a.
Zurich Life	5.5%		0% p.a.
ARF / AMRF			
Aviva	5%		1% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	5%		0.75% p.a.
Irish Life	5%		0.75% p.a.
New Ireland	5%	n/a	1% p.a.
Standard Life	4%		1% p.a.
Zurich Life	5%		0.5% p.a.
Annuity			
Aviva	3%		n/a
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	3%		n/a
Irish Life	3%		n/a
New Ireland	3%	n/a	n/a
Zurich Life	3%		n/a
Investment Bond			
Aviva	5%		1% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	4%		0.75% p.a.
Irish Life	3%		0.5% p.a.
New Ireland	4%	3 Years	1% p.a.
Standard Life	4%		1% p.a.

Regular Contribution Products	Initial Commission	Clawback Period	Renewal/ Flat Commission	Trail
Aviva	15%			1% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	25%			0.75% p.a.
Irish Life	17.5%		5%	0.5% p.a.
New Ireland	25%	5 Years	8%	1% p.a.
Standard Life	25%		5%	1% p.a.
Zurich Life	20%	4 Years	3%	0.5% p.a.
Regular Contribution PRSA				
Aviva	22.5%			0.5% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	17.5%			0.25% p.a.
Irish Life	17.5%		5%	0.5% p.a.
New Ireland	25%	5 Years	6%	0.5% p.a.
Standard Life	5%		5%	0.5% p.a.
Zurich Life	5%	4 Years	5%	0% p.a.
Savings				
Aviva	15%			1% p.a.
Aviva (Heritage Friends)	10%			0.75% p.a.
Irish Life	5.5%		5.5%	0.5% p.a.
New Ireland	10%	5 Years	2.5%	0.5% p.a.
Standard Life	15%	5 Years	n/a	1% p.a.
Zurich Life	10%	4 Years	1%	0.5% p.a.

Individual Protection	Yr1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+	Clawback Period
Aviva	200%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	2 Years
Irish Life	120%	28%	30%	28%	28%	30%	28%	28%	28%	
New Ireland	225%	50%	20%	20%	20%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	5 Years
Royal London	225%	20%	20%	20%	20%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5 Years
Zurich Life	100%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	1 Year

Group Protection	Death in Service	Clawback Period	Permanent Health Insurance	Clawback Period
Aviva	6%		12.5%	
Irish Life	6% p.a.		12.5% p.a.	
New Ireland	15%	1 Year	20%	1 Year
Zurich Life	6%	n/a	12.5%	n/a

Northstar Financial Planning Limited trading as Quoteleader is Regulated by The Central Bank of Ireland.