



Registering an FSP

Everyone who provides, or offers to provide, a financial service in New Zealand must have registered as a financial service provider by 1 December 2010, or 31 March 2011 for financial advisers.

The meaning of 'Financial service' for the purpose of registration can be found in section 5 of the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008. Definitions of some of the financial services can be found [here](#).

Any individuals, companies and other entity types should register as an FSP, if they are providing a financial service.

Some people will be exempt from registering, such as lawyers, chartered accountants, tax agents, or real estate agents who only provide a financial service as a necessary incident of their practice, or a non-profit organisation providing free financial services. Check our [FAQs](#) for more information about possible exemptions.

Before applying for registration

Before you can apply for registration as an FSP, you should:

1. Join an approved dispute resolution scheme, if required. Check [here](#) to see a list of approved schemes, and for general information on dispute resolution schemes and membership; and
2. Register as a user of the FSPR site. To use the FSPR and make your application you must first have an iGovt logon and be a registered user of this site. Detailed instructions on this process are available [here](#).

Once you have your logon and account set up, then you can start your application as:

- [an individual](#);
- [a New Zealand registered entity](#); or
- [an Other entity](#).