

**BDCU Alliance Bank Visa Credit Card Conditions of Use**

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The Credit Card is offered to you on the terms set out in these Credit Card Conditions and in the Financial Table. The terms govern the use of the card and all transactions on the account.

Please read the Financial Table and these conditions carefully. You should also read the information statement *Things You Should Know About Your Proposed Credit Contract* which appears in the Information Statement at the end of these conditions.

If you have any questions concerning these documents, please contact us.

(N.B. This document does not contain all the information we are required by law to give you before the contract is made. Further information is contained in the Financial Table.)

## I. Definitions

In these conditions and the Financial Table:

**account** means the account we set up to record transactions under the contract.

**additional cardholder** means a person you nominate and to whom we issue an additional card.

**additional percentage rate** means the annual percentage rate or rates set out in the Financial Table and, if varied, the rate as varied.

**ATM (or Automatic Teller Machine)** is an EFT terminal, which we advise can be used to obtain a cash advance with the use of the card and PIN.

**available credit amount** means the amount obtained by subtracting from the credit limit:

- the debit balance (if any) of the account at that time;
- any uncleared funds that have been applied to the account (if any); and
- the amount of all authorised transactions not yet debited to the account (if any).

**balance transfer** means a transfer to the account, in accordance with clause 11 to follow, of an amount from a credit or charge account held by you or any other person with another credit provider in Australia.

**biller** means an organisation which tells you that you can make payments to it using BPAY,

**BPAY®** means the electronic payment scheme called BPAY operated in co-operation between Australian financial institutions, which enables you to effect bill payments to billers who participate in BPAY, either via telephone or Internet access or by any other method approved by us from time to time.

**BPAY® payment** means a payment transacted by us on your behalf using BPAY.

**business day** means a day that is not Saturday or Sunday or a public holiday, special day or bank holiday in the place in which any relevant act is to be done.

**card** means a credit card we issue to you or to any additional cardholder for use on the account.

**card details** means the information provided on the card and includes, but is not limited to, the card number and expiry date.

**cardholder** means you or any additional cardholder.

**cash advance** means a transaction on the account which results in you receiving actual cash (whether at a branch or via an EFT terminal or by other means) and is deemed to include:

- a funds transfer to another account held by you or a third party with us or another financial institution;

**charge** means an amount debited to the account, including a cash advance, purchase, balance transfer, fee, interest charge, tax and any other amount you have agreed to pay us or be liable for under the contract.

**contract** means the credit contract between you and us, comprising these Credit Card Conditions and the Financial Table.

**Credit code** means National Credit Code.

**credit limit** means the credit limit for the account set out in the Financial Table and, if varied, the credit limit as varied.

**cut off time** means the time advised to you, prior to you confirming the payment instructions, by which your payment instructions must be received by us in order for those instructions to be processed that business day by BPAY or by us for any other payment or transfer instructions.

**delinquent account** means the status of the account when you have not met the payment conditions under the contract.

**EFT terminal** means the electronic equipment, Electronic system, communications system or software controlled or provided by or on behalf of us or any other third party for use with the card and PIN to conduct an EFT transaction and includes, but is not limited to, an ATM and EFTPOS.

**EFT transaction** means a funds transfer initiated by giving an instruction to us through electronic equipment and using the card, PIN and/or card details, but not requiring a manual signature.

**EFTPOS (or Electronic Funds Transfer Point of Sale Terminal)** is an EFT terminal which we advise can be used to make purchases with the use of the card.

**Electronic equipment** includes, but is not limited to, an EFT terminal, computer, television and telephone.

**Financial Table** means the Financial Table which is set out in the letter we send you advising of our approval of your application for the card. It forms part of your contract with us.

**inactive accounts** means a credit card account that has not been operated either by deposit or withdrawal for a period of 24 months.

**minimum monthly payment** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 17.2 to follow. It will be included in the "Minimum Payment" amount in your statement of account.

**merchant** means a business which accepts the card as payment for goods and services.

**AML/CTF Identification Check** – is a procedure undertaken by us to satisfy the identity verification requirements under the anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act.

**PIN** means the Personal Identification Number which is issued to a cardholder by us for use with a card at an ATM.

**purchase** means any transaction (other than a cash advance) with a merchant, the payment for which is authorised by a cardholder to be made on the account and includes an order made for goods or services which are not taken.

**unauthorised** means without the knowledge or consent of a cardholder.

**unpaid daily balance** means the unpaid balance of the account (being the excess of all amounts debited over all amounts credited to the account) at the end of each day.

**We, us, or our** refers to BDCU Alliance Bank.

**you, your** means the account holder. If there is more than one account holder, each is liable jointly and severally under the contract.

## 2. The Credit Card contract

When the account is first used (for example, when a card is first used, a balance transfer is made or a payment is made to the account, you will be accepting our offer and be bound by the contract.

## 3. Account Activation and Card Security

- 3.1 All cards issued remain our property and must be returned or destroyed if we ask you to do so.
- 3.2 A card can only be used if the account to which it relates has been activated and the card has been signed by the cardholder. A card is only valid for the period printed on it. It cannot be used before its commencement date or after its expiry date.
- 3.3 The account is a single account for all cards which may be issued under the contract.
- 3.4 The account will be activated when you do one of the following:
  - (a) Telephone us to activate the account
  - (b) give us your written instruction to activate the account.
- 3.5 You must sign the card as soon as you receive it and before you use it. You must also ensure that each additional cardholder signs his or her card as soon as it is received and before it is used.
- 3.6 Subject to these conditions, you are liable for all charges on the account including charges incurred by an additional cardholder. You must ensure that all cards are used in accordance with these conditions.
- 3.7 You or an additional cardholder must notify us immediately on becoming aware that a card is lost, stolen or used without your authority, or that a PIN has become known to someone else (or you suspect that it has become known to someone else) by:
  - (a) telephoning the Card Service Centre 24 hour toll free hotline in Australia on the numbers listed below; or
  - (b) advising any financial institution that displays the Visa logo



If the loss, theft or misuse occurs OUTSIDE Australia you or an additional cardholder must notify an organisation displaying the VISA sign and also then confirm the loss, theft or misuse of the card or breach of PIN security:

- (i) with us by telephone or priority paid mail as soon as possible; or
- (ii) by telephoning the VISA INTERNATIONAL CARD HOTLINE number for the country the cardholder is in, which must be obtained from us prior to departure (see Clause 15).

We will acknowledge the notification by giving a reference number that verifies the date and time we were contacted. Please retain this number as evidence of the time of contacting us. If for any reason the hotline is unavailable and this prevents notification, you will not be liable for any unauthorised transaction during this period which could have been prevented had the hotline been available, provided we are notified within a reasonable time of the hotline becoming available again.

Delay in notifying us may increase your liability.

- 3.8 If a card is used (in cases not involving EFT transactions) without the authority of a cardholder, you are liable for that use before we are advised of it, up to the credit limit less any amount recovered by us by exercising our rights (if any) under the operating rules applicable to the Visa credit card scheme against other parties to that scheme.
- 3.9 You are liable for all losses caused by unauthorised EFT transactions unless any of the circumstances specified in clause 3.10 below apply.
- 3.10 (a) You are not liable for losses:
- (i) where it is clear that a cardholder has not contributed to the loss;
  - (ii) that are caused by the fraudulent or negligent conduct of employees or agents of:
    - us;
    - any organisation involved in the provision of networking arrangements; or
    - any merchant;
  - (iii) that are caused by the same transaction being incorrectly debited more than once to the same account;
  - (iv) relating to a forged, faulty, expired or cancelled card or PIN;
  - (v) that would exceed the amount of your liability to us had we exercised our rights (if any) under the VISA International Rules and Regulations against other parties to those rules and regulation; or
  - (vi) resulting from unauthorised use of the card or PIN:
    - in relation to an EFT transaction which does not require PIN authorisations, before receipt of the card;
    - in relation to an EFT transaction which requires PIN authorisation, before receipt of the PIN; or
    - in either case, after notification to us in accordance with these Conditions of Use that the card is being used without authority, that it has been lost or stolen, or that PIN security has been breached.
- (b) You will be liable for any loss of funds arising from any unauthorised EFT transaction using a card or PIN if the loss occurs before notification to us or the VISA Card Hotline that the card has been misused, lost or stolen or the PIN has become known to someone else and if we prove, on the balance of probabilities, that you or an additional cardholder contributed to the loss through:
- (i) fraud;
  - (ii) telling or showing a PIN to another person or allowing it to be seen by another person (including family and friends);
  - (iii) recording a PIN on a card or keeping a record of a PIN on anything which is kept with or near a card unless reasonable steps have been taken to carefully disguise the PIN or to prevent unauthorised access to that record;
  - (iv) when changing a PIN, selecting a PIN which represents your or the additional cardholder's birth date or a recognisable part of your or the additional cardholder's name;
  - (v) extreme carelessness in failing to protect the security of a PIN; or
  - (vi) unreasonably delaying in notifying us or the VISA Card Hotline of the misuse, loss or theft of the card or of a PIN becoming known to someone else and the loss occurs between the time you or an additional cardholder did, or reasonably should have, become aware of these matters and the time of notification to us or the VISA Card Hotline.
- However, you will not be liable for:
- the portion of the loss that exceeds any applicable daily or periodic transaction limits on your account;
  - the portion of the loss which exceeds the credit limit of the account; or

- all losses incurred on any account which you had not agreed with us could be accessed using the card and PIN.
- (c) Where a PIN was required to perform the unauthorised transaction and clause 3.10(b) does not apply, your liability for any loss of funds arising from an unauthorised transaction using the card, if the loss occurs before notification to us or the VISA Card Hotline that the card has been misused, lost or stolen or the PIN has become known to someone else, is the lesser of:
- (i) \$150;
  - (ii) the actual loss at the time of notification to us or the VISA Card Hotline of the misuse, loss or theft of the card, or of the PIN becoming known to someone else (except that portion of the loss that exceeds any daily or periodic transaction limits applicable to the use of your card or your account); or
  - (iii) the balance of your account.
- (d) Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, your liability in the event of an unauthorised EFT transaction will not exceed your liability under the provisions of the ePayments Code, where the code applies.
- 3.11 In all cases where you notify us of an unauthorised EFT transaction on an account, we will not hold you liable for losses that would exceed the amount of your liability had we exercised our rights (if any) under the operating rules applicable to the Visa credit card scheme against other parties to that scheme.
- 3.12 You will not be liable for any loss suffered because an EFT terminal accepted a cardholder's instructions but failed to complete the transaction. If an EFT terminal malfunctions and you should have been aware that the EFT terminal was unavailable for use or malfunctioning, we will only be responsible for correcting errors in the account and refunding any charges or fees imposed as a result.

## 4. Additional Cardholders

- 4.1 We may issue a card to any person you nominate, provided that person is over the age of 18 years and satisfies the identity verification requirements of the Anti-Money Laundering and counter Terrorism Financing Act.
- 4.2 All transaction effected or authorised by an additional cardholder will be treated as having been authorised by you and you will be responsible for them.
- 4.3 You must ensure that each additional cardholder receives a copy of the contract, reads and understands it and protects their card and PIN in the same way as the contract requires you to protect your card and PIN. If an additional cardholder does not comply with the contract, you will be liable to us.
- 4.4 You acknowledge and agree that any additional cardholder can:
- (a) operate the credit card account in the same way that you can (however, an additional cardholder cannot ask us to increase the credit limit or nominate another person to receive a card); and
  - (b) access financial information about the account including information relating to transactions, the account balance, the available credit amount and the minimum monthly payment.
- 4.5 You can at any time revoke the authority of an additional cardholder to operate the account by telling us in writing and by returning the additional card to us. We will then cancel the additional card. Until the card is returned to us, you will continue to be liable for all transactions effected by the additional cardholder.

## 5. Credit Limit

- 5.1 Your credit limit is set out in the Financial Table. You can ask us to increase the credit limit at any time but we are not required to agree. It will be increased only at your request or with your consent.
- 5.2 The credit limit is the maximum amount of credit you may obtain on the account. The account balance must not exceed the credit limit. Any amount in excess of the credit limit must be paid to us immediately.
- 5.3 We can reduce or cancel the credit limit at any time, whether or not you are in default under the contract and without prior notice to you. We will advise you if we do so.
- 5.4 We will debit transactions on the account against any positive (Cr) balance before reducing the available credit amount.
- 5.5 The credit limit does not change simply because we debit an amount to the account that causes the account balance to exceed the credit limit.

## 6. Codes of Practice

- 6.1 We warrant that we will comply with the requirements of the ePayments Code and the Banking Code of Practice, where those requirements apply to your dealings with us.
- 6.2 You may obtain general descriptive information about our products and services from us on request.

## 7. Using the Credit Card Account

- 7.1 The account must not be used for any unlawful purpose, including the purchase of goods or services prohibited by the laws of the jurisdiction of purchase.
- 7.2 The maximum daily ATM cash advance amount for the account is AUD\$1,000 or as we advise you from time to time.
- 7.3 Some merchants and financial institutions may impose a lower maximum and/or a minimum amount on EFT transactions.
- 7.4 Cash advances from ATMs will only be available upon entry of the correct PIN in conjunction with the use of the card.
- 7.5 You may request a balance transfer in accordance with clause 11 to follow.
- 7.6 You agree that we can debit the account with all transactions authorised by a cardholder. Transactions can be authorised by:
  - (a) using a card with your PIN, at any EFT terminal;
  - (b) presenting a card to a merchant and signing a voucher or other documentation acceptable to us authorising the transaction; or
  - (c) providing the card details to a merchant or to any other party to whom payment is to be made, either directly or via a third party, in a manner acceptable to us, for example, over the phone or online.
- 7.7 A transaction can be authorised for a particular amount or for particular goods or services. For example, if you hire a car, you may authorise a transaction for both the rental and any additional costs, such as the cost of any damage to the vehicle.
- 7.8 When a transaction is authorised by a cardholder:
  - (a) the cardholder is confirming the validity of the amount of the transaction, that is, the transaction correctly represents the purchase price of the goods or services obtained, or the amount of the cash advance;

- (b) you agree that we are providing you with credit equal to the amount of the transaction on the date on which the transaction is made; and
- (c) you agree to pay (in Australian dollars) the amount of that transaction.

## 8. Authorisation by Us

- 8.1 We may choose at any time not to authorise a transaction. We shall not be liable to you or anyone else for any loss or damage resulting from our refusal to do so and you indemnify us in respect of any such loss, except as otherwise provided by these conditions.
- 8.2 Once we authorise a transaction we will reduce the available credit amount. If the transaction is not completed, the available credit amount may not be reinstated for up to three business days after the authorisation is obtained.

## 9. Direct Debit and Other Standing Authorities

- 9.1 You can, at any time, authorise another person (a "debit user") pursuant to a "Direct Debit Request" or similar periodic authority to debit the account.
- 9.2 To cancel such an authority, you should notify that third party according to any arrangements between you and that third party. You may also notify us.
- 9.3 In some circumstances, if the account number changes, the account is closed, a card is lost, stolen, or cancelled, and you fail to provide alternative payment details (for example, your new account number) to the third party, we may stop processing the debit transactions, after giving notice to the third party, and this may cause the third party to stop providing you the goods and services.

## 10. Credit Card Acceptance

- 10.1 Financial institutions and merchants displaying the Visa symbol will normally honour your credit card. However, credit card promotional material displayed on any premises cannot be taken as a warranty by the financial institution, merchant or any person carrying on business there that all goods and services available at those premises may be purchased with the credit card.
- 10.2 The price the merchant charges for goods and services purchased using the card may vary from the price a merchant charges for the same goods and services purchased with cash.
- 10.3 Unless required to do so by law, we do not accept any liability for:
  - (a) any financial institution or merchant displaying a Visa symbol who refuses to accept or honour a card, does not allow cash advances or imposes limits or conditions on use of a card; or
  - (b) goods and services purchased with a card.
- 10.4 Any complaints about goods and services purchased with a card must be resolved directly with the merchant concerned.

## 11. Balance Transfer

- 11.1 You may request us to transfer to the account the outstanding balance of a credit or charge account held by a cardholder or any other person with another credit provider, provided that:
  - (a) a balance transfer will only be permitted up to the available credit amount;
  - (b) the balance transfer amount is \$500 or greater than \$500;
  - (c) the account is not delinquent; and
  - (d) a balance transfer may be refused by us at our discretion.

## 12. Interest Rates

The annual percentage rate that applies to the account is stated in the Financial Table. The "daily percentage rate" is calculated by dividing the annual percentage rate by 365. If a change is made to the annual percentage rate, you

will be notified in accordance with clause 24.2.

### **13. Interest**

In this clause, Due Date means the date set out in your statement of account as the date the minimum monthly payment is due.

#### **13.1 Interest-free Purchases**

We do not charge interest on a purchase listed in your statement of account to the extent that:

- (a) you make a payment in respect of that statement of account by the Due Date; and
- (b) no part of that payment is applied by us, in accordance with clause 18, to an amount owing on a previous statement of account.

Otherwise, interest will be payable in accordance with clause 13.3 on each purchase listed in your statement of account from the date following your minimum payment due date until the date it is paid in full.

#### **13.2 Cash Advances**

There is no interest-free period for cash advances. Cash advances incur interest in accordance with clause 13.3 from the date the transaction is posted to your account until the date the transaction is paid in full.

#### **13.3 Calculation of Interest**

Subject to clause 13.1, interest is calculated daily by applying the daily percentage rate to the unpaid daily balance of the account and is debited to the account on the last day of the statement period.

#### **13.4 Interest on Deposits**

We will not pay you interest on any credit balance on the account.

### **14. Fees and Charges**

14.1 You must pay us the fees and charges in the amounts and at the times set out in the Financial Table, as required by these conditions or as notified under clause 24. We may debit them to the account and they will appear in your statement of account.

14.2 You must pay us an amount equal to any government tax, duty or charge imposed by law in any country in respect of the card, the account or contract, the use of the card or any transaction in relation to the account, including duty on credit card transactions (Queensland and Tasmania) and duty on credit business (Queensland). You must pay such amounts whether or not you are primarily liable for the tax, duty or charge under the relevant law.

14.3 You must pay the "Annual Fee" referred to in the Financial Table (as varied from time to time). The Annual Fee will be debited to the account upon acceptance of the contract and then annually in advance until the credit card account is closed and is paid in full (except where the Financial Table otherwise provides). No refund of the fee, or any part of it, is payable when the credit card account is closed.

14.4 Any fee or charge in foreign currency will be converted into Australian dollars in accordance with clause 15.1.

14.5 All fees and charges debited to the account will be payable by you in accordance with clause 17.

### **15. Using the Card Outside Australia**

15.1 All transactions made overseas on the VISA card will be converted into Australian currency by VISA International and calculated at a wholesale market rate selected by VISA from within a range of wholesale rates or the government mandated rate that is in effect one day prior to the Central Processing Date (that is, the date on which VISA processes the transaction).

15.2 All transactions made overseas on a VISA card are subject to a conversion fee equal to CUSCAL's, the principal member of VISA International under which we can provide you with the card. The amount of this conversion fee is subject to change from time to time and we will

advise you in advance of any such change.

- 15.3 Some overseas merchants and automatic teller machines charge a surcharge for making an EFT transaction. Once you have confirmed the transaction you will not be able to dispute the surcharge. The surcharge may appear on your statement as part of the purchase price.
- 15.4 Before travelling overseas, you or an additional cardholder should consult us to obtain VISA INTERNATIONAL CARD HOTLINE telephone numbers for the country of destination.
- 15.5 A cardholder must comply with all applicable exchange control and tax laws governing the use of the card and you indemnify us against liability, loss, fees, charges or costs arising as a consequence of a failure to comply with them.

## 16. Statements

- 16.1 We will send you a statement of account each month where there is any financial activity or a balance outstanding on the account. In all cases we will send you a statement of account at least every 6 months and you may request more frequent statements.
- 16.2 Each debit and credit to the account takes effect on the date we assign to it which may not be the date on which it is processed and we may adjust any debit or credit at any time to reflect your and our obligations and the terms of this contract.
- 16.3 You should check each statement of account and tell us of any entry in the statement which you dispute.
- 16.4 You may request a copy of any statement of account at any time subject to any fee referred to in the Financial Table.

## 17. Payments

- 17.1 You must pay us **immediately** upon receipt of the statement of account:
  - (a) the amount (if any) by which the closing balance exceeds the credit limit; and
  - (b) the amount (if any) of any minimum monthly payment which remains unpaid from a previous statement of account (shown as "overdue amount" in the statement of account).
- 17.2 You must also pay us by the statement "Due Date" the amount of a minimum monthly payment (if any) for the month in respect of which the statement of account is issued. The minimum monthly payment for that month will be greater of 3% (rounded up to the nearest dollar) of the closing balance or \$25, or if that closing balance is \$26 or less, that closing balance.
- 17.3 The statement of account will include all amounts owing under clause 17.1 and 17.2 in the "Monthly Payment" amount on the statement.
- 17.4 You may pay us as much as you wish towards the closing balance of the statement of account in addition to the amounts referred to in clauses 17.1 and 17.2. Subject to clause 13, if the closing balance is paid in full, you may be entitled to an interest-free period in respect of certain transactions.
- 17.5 A payment of the account can only be made in Australia and in Australian dollars.
- 17.6 If you will be overseas when a payment is due, it will be necessary to arrange for payments to be made to the account in Australia in your absence.
- 17.7 For the purpose of this clause 17, a reversal or refund of charges to the account is not a payment to the account.
- 17.8 A payment will not be treated as made until the date we credit the payment to the account in the ordinary course of business. If paying by mail, you should allow adequate time for the payment to reach us before the statement due date. (The proceeds of any payment made; by cheque or other instrument will not be available to increase the available credit amount until honoured.)
- 17.9 If the statement "Due Date" is not a business day, the payment must be made on or by the last business day immediately before the statement "Due Date".
- 17.10 If your cheque or other payment instrument is not honoured in full when first presented, the payment will not constitute a valid payment and you will be charged the payment dishonour fee

referred to in the Financial Table.

## **18. Application of Payments**

We will apply payments we credit to the account first to amounts owing on a previous statement of account, then to amounts shown on a current statement of account and then to amounts debited but which have not yet appeared in a statement of account, in each case in the following order:

- (a) cash advances
- (b) government duties or charges;
- (c) fees and charges;
- (d) interest charges; and
- (e) purchases.

## **19. Default**

19.1 You will be in default under this contract if you:

- (a) fail to pay us any amount when it is due;
- (b) exceed the credit limit;
- (c) fail to comply with any of your other obligations under the contract; or
- (d) give us incorrect or misleading information in connection with this contract.

19.2 If you default we may (subject to clause 19.3):

- (a) cancel all cards;
- (b) require you to pay us on demand the outstanding balance of the account (including amounts which you become liable to pay under the contract and which are yet to be debited to the account);
- (c) exercise any other rights that the law gives us; and
- (d) require you to pay us on demand all enforcement expenses we reasonably incur in the exercise of our rights against you, including legal fees.

19.3 Our right to take action against you under clause 19.2 may be subject to a requirement of the Credit Code that we first give a notice requiring you to remedy the default. If so, you will be deemed to have failed to remedy the default specified in the notice if, at the end of the time allowed by that notice, you have remedied that default but have committed another of the same type.

19.4 If an obligation to pay us an amount under the contract becomes merged in a court order or judgement, you must pay us interest on that amount daily until paid at the rate of interest applying to our Visa Credit Cards at that time.

## **20. Cancellation of the Card by Us**

20.1 We reserve the right to close the account at any time.

- (a) We may close the account without prior notice if:
  - (i) we believe that use of a card or the account may cause loss to you or to us (for example, if you are in default under the contract or under the Conditions of Use applicable to another credit facility provided by us to you);
  - (ii) the account is inactive; or
  - (iii) the credit limit has been exceeded. (Note that we may elect not to close the account for this reason but the fact that we have elected not to do so on one or more previous occasions does not stop us from closing it whenever the credit limit has been exceeded.)
- (b) We may also close the account upon giving you not less than three months written

notice.

- 20.2 If the account is closed, all cards issued in relation to the account will be cancelled.
- 20.3 We will not cancel any individual card without good reason but we may cancel a card at any time without prior notice if we believe that use of the card may cause loss to you or us.

## **21. Cancellation of the Card by You**

- 21.1 You may close the account at any time by making a written request to us. If the account is closed, all credit cards issued in relation to the account will be cancelled.
- 21.2 You may request us in writing, in accordance with clause 4.5, to cancel the card of an additional cardholder.
- 21.3 Written requests should be mailed to the postal address of BDCU Alliance Bank as set out in your statement of account.

## **22. When a Card is Cancelled or the Account is Closed**

- 22.1 When we cancel a card, including when you request it:
  - (a) the card must not be used: and
  - (b) the card must be returned to us (cut diagonally in half) or you must satisfy us that it has been destroyed.
- 22.2 If the account is closed, including when you request it:
  - (a) all cards must not be used:
  - (b) all cards must be returned to us (cut diagonally in half) or you must satisfy us that they have been destroyed.
  - (c) you must pay the minimum monthly payment each month if an outstanding balance remains;
  - (d) your obligations under the contract will continue until you pay us the total amount you owe us (including amounts which you become liable to pay under the contract and which are not yet debited to the account); and
  - (c) you should cancel all periodic debit authorities which apply to the account.
- 22.3 If the account has a credit balance when it is closed, we will send you a cheque for that balance (unless those funds have been remitted as unclaimed money in accordance with the law) or deposit the funds into any of your accounts with us.

## **23. Change of Address**

You must tell us promptly if you change your address by contacting your credit provider.

## **24. Changes to the Contract**

- 24.1 We may change the contract at any time without your consent including:
  - (a) changing the annual percentage rate;
  - (b) changing the method of calculating the minimum monthly payment;
  - (c) changing the frequency of any payment;
  - (d) changing the amount or frequency of payment of any fee or charge;
  - (e) imposing a new fee or charge;
  - (f) reducing (but not increasing) the credit limit;
  - (g) changing the method of calculating or debiting interest; and
  - (h) changing the maximum daily cash withdrawal limit.
- 24.2 We will give you notice of any change in accordance with any requirement of the Credit Code

or any other Code or law which may apply. For example, we will give:

- (a) notice of an increase in the annual percentage rate by writing to you or by newspaper advertisement no later than the day on which the increase is to take effect;
- (b) at least 20 days written notice if we:
  - (i) increase charges relating solely to the use of the card, PIN or card details or the issue of any replacement card, PIN or card details;
  - (ii) increase your liability for losses for EFT transactions;
  - (iii) impose, remove or adjust a daily or other periodic transaction limit applying to the use of the card, PIN, card details, the account or electronic equipment;
  - (iv) change the amount, frequency or time for payment of a credit fee or charge or the minimum monthly payment; or
  - (v) make any other change to the contract which increases your obligations or reduces the time for any payment;
- (c) at least 30 days (or such lesser period as may be set by the Banking Code of Practice) written notice of:
  - (i) any change in the manner in which interest is calculated or the frequency with which it is debited; or
  - (ii) the imposition of a new fee or charge.

24.3 We will supply information on current interest rates and fees and charges on request.

## **25. Card Renewal**

We may automatically issue you and any additional cardholder with a replacement card whenever the current card expires at our discretion. The use of any replacement card is subject to this contract.

## **26. No Waiver**

Our rights under this contract are unaffected by any delay in exercising them, by us giving you any time or other indulgence, or by the acceptance of monies from you after you default.

## **27. Assignment**

We may assign or otherwise deal with our rights under the contract without your consent and in any way we consider appropriate and you authorise us to disclose any information about the account to any person in connection with the assignment.

## **28. Commissions and Related Payments**

- 28.1 If you take out "Credit Card Insurance" (a form of consumer credit insurance) through an arrangement we have with an insurance company then we may receive commission for the introduction of insurance business. The commission will be disclosed to you in the Financial Table.
- 28.2 If you choose to debit the premiums from your account (annually or monthly), such a debit will be shown on your statement.

## **29. Evidence**

- 29.1 You agree that a sales voucher or other record of a transaction provided by a merchant or ATM is admissible evidence of the transaction and of the amount shown, even if it is not signed by a cardholder, and that, unless the contrary is established, it is conclusive evidence.
- 29.2 You also agree that a statement given by us stating the amount of the outstanding balance of the account, or any other amount recorded on the account, is admissible evidence that the amount is in fact owing at the date of the statement and that, unless the contrary is established, it is conclusive evidence.

## 30. Credit Code

- 30.1 If any provision of the contract is invalid or unenforceable under the Credit Code, it is to be severed from the contract without affecting the validity of the remainder.

## 31. Privacy

### 31. Privacy Notice

#### 31.1 What information can be disclosed?

The Privacy Act allows BDCU Limited (BDCU Alliance Bank) ACN 44 087 649 787 and other applicable persons to disclose personal information about you when related to the primary purpose for which it was collected. In connection with providing credit to you, personal information may include credit information:

- details to identify you and verify your identity, such as your name, sex, date of birth, current and 2 previous addresses, your current and last known employer, and your driver's licence number
- the fact that you have applied for credit and the amount or that we are a current credit provider to you, or that you have agreed to be a guarantor
- advice that payments previously notified as unpaid are no longer overdue
- information about your current or terminated consumer credit accounts and your repayment history
- payments overdue for at least 60 days and for which collection action has started
- in specified circumstances, that in our opinion you have committed a serious credit infringement
- the fact that credit provided to you by us has been paid or otherwise discharged, and
- other information about credit standing, worthiness, history or capacity that credit providers can disclose under the Privacy Act, including a credit report.

Your sensitive information (eg, membership of a professional or trade association) may also be disclosed where relevant to the purposes for collecting it.

#### 31.2 Why do we obtain information?

Before, during or after the provision of our products and services to you, we may obtain your personal information for the purpose of providing products and services to you and managing our business. When providing credit to you, this may include assessing your application for consumer or commercial credit or to be a guarantor for the applicant, assessing your credit worthiness, managing your loan or the arrangements under which your loan is funded or collecting overdue payments.

If you do not provide us with the personal information that we request, we may not be able to consider your application for credit or provide other services.

#### 31.3 Who can give or obtain information?

For the purpose of providing products and services to you and managing our business, we may give information to:

- external service providers to us, such as organisations which we use to verify your identity, payment systems operators, mailing houses and research consultants
- insurers and re-insurers, where insurance is provided in connection with our services to you
- superannuation funds, where superannuation services are provided to you
- debt collecting agencies, if you have not repaid a loan as required
- our professional advisors, such as accountants, lawyers and auditors
- state or territory authorities that give assistance to facilitate the provision of home loans to individuals

- other credit providers and their professional advisors
- your representative, for example, lawyer, mortgage broker, financial advisor or attorney, as authorised by you, or
- government and regulatory authorities, if required or authorised by law.

In addition, in connection with providing credit to you, we and the Credit Providers mentioned below may:

- obtain a commercial and consumer credit report containing personal information about you from a credit reporting body
- obtain personal information about you from your employer and any referees that you may provide
- exchange credit information about you with each other, and
- exchange credit information about you with any credit reporting body and any other provider of credit to you named in your credit application or a credit report from a credit reporting body.

*Credit Providers can mean:*

- us
- our related companies
- any introducer, dealer or broker referred to in a loan application
- any agent or contractor of ours assisting in processing a loan application,
- any bank, non bank credit union, mutual, building society or other financial institution, and
- other entities involved that may be involved in a securitisation arrangement which we use to fund your loan, and any loan originator.

#### 31.4 Overseas disclosures

We will not disclose your personal information overseas.

#### 31.5 Important information about credit reporting bodies

If you apply for or hold any kind of credit with us, we may disclose information about you to a credit reporting body. (That includes disclosing that you are in default under a credit agreement or have committed a serious credit infringement, if that is the case. Specifically, we may disclose information to or collect information from Veda Advantage, whose privacy policy and contact details are at [www.veda.com.au](http://www.veda.com.au))

Credit reporting bodies collect credit information about individuals which they provide as credit reports to credit providers and others in the credit industry to assist them in managing credit risk, collecting debts and other activities.

"Credit pre-screening" is a service for credit providers wishing to send direct marketing material about credit services. A credit reporting body uses information it holds to screen out individuals who do not meet criteria set by the credit provider. From 12 March 2014, credit reporting bodies must maintain a confidential list of individuals who have opted out of their information being used in pre-screening. From 12 March 2014, to opt-out of credit pre-screening, contact the credit reporting body, using the contact details on their websites, referred to above. You can also ask a credit reporting body not to use or disclose your personal information for a period if you believe on reasonable grounds that you have been or are likely to be a victim of fraud, including identity fraud.

#### 31.6 Disclosure to insurers and guarantors

*Lenders' mortgage and trade insurers:*

In connection with providing credit to you, a lenders' mortgage insurer or a registered trade insurer may obtain credit information about you from a Credit Provider or from a credit reporting body to assess whether to provide lenders' mortgage insurance to us in relation to an application for consumer credit, or whether to provide trade insurance to us in relation to an application for commercial credit.

*Guarantors:*

In connection with providing credit to you, the Credit Providers may give a guarantor, or a person who is considering becoming a guarantor, credit information about you for the purpose of enabling the guarantor to decide whether to act as guarantor or to keep informed about the guarantee.

31.7 Personal information about third parties

You represent that, if at any time you supply us with personal information about another person (for example a referee), you are authorised to do so; and you agree to inform that person who we are, how to contact us, and how to obtain our Privacy Policy, and that we will use and disclose their personal information for the purposes set out in this Notice and that they can gain access to that information by contacting us.

31.8 Security, privacy policy, and marketing preferences

*Security:*

We take all reasonable steps to ensure that all your personal information held by us (on our website or otherwise), is protected from misuse, interference and loss, and from unauthorised access, disclosure or modification.

*Privacy Policy:*

Our Privacy Policy Statement at [www.bdcualliancebank.com.au](http://www.bdcualliancebank.com.au) provides additional information about how we handle your personal information. It sets out how you can ask for access to personal information we hold about you and seek correction of that information. It also explains how you can complain about a breach of the Privacy Act or the Credit Reporting Privacy Code, and how we will deal with your complaint.

*Marketing preferences:*

The Credit Providers may use, and share with each other, information about you to inform you about products and services (unless you ask us not to). The Credit Providers may do so even if you are on the Do Not Call Register.

31.9 Contact Us

*Privacy Officer:*

Our Privacy Officer's contact details are:

Privacy Officer

Address: 411 Bong Bong St Bowral NSW 2576

Telephone: 0248 60 4000

Email: [memberservice@bdcualliancebank.com.au](mailto:memberservice@bdcualliancebank.com.au)

## 32. Card Security Guidelines

32.1 The security of your credit card is very important. The following guidelines provide examples of security measures and will not determine your liability for any losses resulting from unauthorised EFT transactions. Liability for such transactions will be determined in accordance with the Code.

32.2 Guidelines for ensuring the security of the card and PIN:

- (a) sign the back of the card immediately upon receipt;
- (b) destroy the card on the expiry date by cutting it diagonally in half;
- (c) do not let anyone else use the card;
- (d) take reasonable steps to protect the card and PIN from loss, theft or unauthorised use;
- (e) notify us in accordance with clause 3.7 immediately you become aware that a card has been lost or stolen, or a card, PIN or card details have been used by someone else without your authority;
- (f) do not tell or show the PIN to another person or allow it to be seen by another person, including family and friends;
- (g) if you change the PIN, do not select a PIN which represents your birth date or a

recognisable part of your name. If you do use an obvious PIN such as a name or date you may be liable for any losses which occur as a result of unauthorised use of the PIN before notification to us that the PIN has been misused or has become known to someone else;

- (h) do not record the PIN on the card or keep a record of the PIN on anything which is kept with or near the card unless reasonable steps have been taken to carefully disguise the PIN or to prevent unauthorised access to that record.

### 33. Error or dispute Resolution

33.1 If BDCU Alliance Bank makes a mistake, or our service doesn't meet your expectations, please let us know. If you have a complaint, or believe an error has occurred in any transaction, charge, refund or payment or on your statement of account, you should contact us promptly so we can provide assistance.

To provide the fastest possible resolution to your complaint, contact us by:

- talking to our staff in one of our Advice Centres,
- calling our Advice Support Centre on 02 4860 4000 during business hours,
- sending a letter to BDCU Alliance Bank Member Services at PO Box 2215 Bowral NSW 2576,
- faxing a letter to the attention of our Operations Manager / Member Services on 02 4861 6222, or by
- emailing us at [memberservice@bdcualliancebank.com.au](mailto:memberservice@bdcualliancebank.com.au)
- via our website [www.bdcualliancebank.com.au](http://www.bdcualliancebank.com.au)

33.2 To assist with our investigation, please provide us with the following information:

- your name, address, membership number, account details and card number (if applicable),
- details of the transaction, charge, refund or payment in question,
- the details of any error believed to have occurred on your statement of account.

33.3 If we find that an error was made, we will make the appropriate adjustments to your account, including interest and charges (if any), and will advise you in writing of the amount of the adjustment. When we advise you of the outcome of our investigations, we will notify you in writing of the reasons for our decision by reference to these Conditions of Use and (if applicable) the ePayments Code.

33.4 In most cases, BDCU Alliance Bank will be able to resolve a problem on the spot or by the end of the next business day. If it can't be resolved within this timeframe, it will be referred to the relevant manager who will investigate and advise you of the outcome within 10 working days. If this is not possible, BDCU Alliance Bank will keep you informed on the progress of your complaint and how long BDCU Alliance Bank expects it will take to resolve.

33.5 BDCU Alliance Bank has specific maximum response times for complaints depending on the type of complaint.

Where the complaint involves an EFT activity:

- maximum of 45 days or 120 days where exceptional circumstances prevail

Where the complaint involves a non-EFT activity:

- maximum 45 days

Where the complaint falls under the National Credit Code:

- maximum 21 days

For further information, please refer to our Complaint/ Dispute Resolution Guide that is available:

- in all of our Advice Centres
- on our website at [www.bdcualliancebank.com.au](http://www.bdcualliancebank.com.au)

- or by calling BDCU Alliance Bank on 02 4860 4000 during business hours.

33.6 If we decide that you are liable for all or any part of a loss arising out of an unauthorised use of the card or PIN, we will:

- give you copies of any documents or other evidence we relied upon, and
- advise you in writing whether or not there was any system or equipment malfunction at the time of the relevant transaction.

If we fail to carry out these procedures, or cause unreasonable delay in resolving your complaint, we may be liable for part, or all, of the amount of the disputed transaction where that failure, or delay, has prejudiced the outcome of the investigation.

33.7 If we resolve your complaint by exercising our rights under the operating rules applicable to the Visa Credit card scheme, different time limits apply. If so, we will inform you in writing of those time limits and when you can reasonably expect a decision. We will suspend your obligation to pay any amount that is the subject of your complaint, and any credit or other charges related to that amount, until your complaint has been resolved.

33.8 Where you do not agree with our decision you have the right to take your complaint to the external dispute resolution scheme known as Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA).

Contact details:  
Australian Financial Complaints Authority  
GPO Box 3  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
Telephone 1800 931 678  
Email [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

## 34. **BPAY®**

34.1 This clause applies if you or an additional cardholder requests us to make a payment through the BPAY scheme and on your account. A request made by an additional cardholder (see clause 4.2)

34.2 If there is any inconsistency between the BPAY Terms and Conditions and the Credit Card Terms and Conditions, the BPAY Terms and Conditions will apply to the extent of the inconsistency.

34.3 The ePayments Code does not apply in relation to BPAY payments.

**Please refer to our BPAY Terms and Conditions for the complete BPAY Terms and Conditions. For a copy visit any branch or call (02) 4860 4000**

## Information Statement

(The Credit Code requires us to give you this statement. References in it to "the credit provider" are a reference to us.)

### Things you should know about your proposed credit contract

This statement tells you about some of the rights and obligations of yourself and your credit provider. It does not state the terms and conditions of your contract.

If you have any concerns about your contract, contact the credit provider and, if you still have concerns, your credit provider's external dispute resolution scheme, or get legal advice.

## THE CONTRACT

### 1. How can I get details of my proposed credit contract?

Your credit provider must give you a pre-contractual statement containing certain information about your contract. The pre-contractual statement, and this document, must be given to you before—

- your contract is entered into; or
- you make an offer to enter into the contract;

whichever happens first.

### 2. How can I get a copy of the final contract?

If you want another copy of your contract, write to your credit provider and ask for one. Your credit provider may charge you a fee. Your credit provider has to give you a copy—

- within 14 days of your written request if the original contract came into existence 1 year or less before your request; or
- otherwise within 30 days of your written request.

### 3. Can I terminate the contract?

Yes. You can terminate the contract by writing to the credit provider so long as—

- you have not obtained any credit under the contract; or
- a card or other means of obtaining credit given to you by your credit provider has not been used to acquire goods or services for which credit is to be provided under the contract.

However, you will still have to pay any fees or charges incurred before you terminated the contract.

### 4. Can I pay my credit contract out early?

Yes. Pay your credit provider the amount required to pay out your credit contract on the day you wish to end your contract.

### 5. How can I find out the payout figure?

You can write to your credit provider at any time and ask for a statement of the payout figure as at any date you specify. You can also ask for details of how the amount is made up. Your credit provider must give you the statement within 7 days after you give your request to the credit provider. You may be charged a fee for the statement.

### 6. Will I pay less interest if I pay out my contract early?

Yes. The interest you can be charged depends on the actual time money is owing. However, you may have to pay an early termination charge (if your contract permits your credit provider to charge one) and other fees.

### 7. Can my contract be changed by my credit provider?

Yes, but only if your contract says so.

**8. Will I be told in advance if my credit provider is going to make a change in the contract?**

That depends on the type of change. For example—

- you get at least same day notice for a change to an annual percentage rate. That notice may be a written notice to you or a notice published in a newspaper.
- you get 20 days advance written notice for—
  - a change in the way in which interest is calculated; or
  - a change in credit fees and charges; or
  - any other changes by your credit provider;

except where the change reduces what you have to pay or the change happens automatically under the contract.

**9. Is there anything I can do if I think that my contract is unjust?**

Yes. You should first talk to your credit provider. Discuss the matter and see if you can come to some arrangement.

If that is not successful, you may contact your credit provider's external dispute resolution scheme. External dispute resolution is a free service established to provide you with an independent mechanism to resolve specific complaints. Your credit provider's external dispute resolution provider is the Australian Financial Complaints Authority and can be contacted at:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
Phone: 1800 931 678  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Postal Address: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

Alternatively, you can go to court. You may wish to get legal advice, for example from your community legal centre or Legal Aid.

You can also contact ASIC, the regulator, for information on 1 300 300 630.

## **Insurance**

**10. Do I have to take out insurance?**

Your credit provider can insist you take out or pay the cost of types of insurance specifically allowed by law. These are compulsory third party personal injury insurance, mortgage indemnity insurance or insurance over property covered by any mortgage. Otherwise, you can decide if you want to take out insurance or not. If you take out insurance, the credit provider cannot insist that you use any particular insurance company.

**11. Will I get details of my insurance cover?**

Yes, if you have taken out insurance over mortgaged property or consumer credit insurance and the premium is financed by your credit provider. In that case the insurer must give you a copy of the policy within 14 days after the insurer has accepted the insurance proposal.

Also, if you acquire an interest in any such insurance policy which is taken out by your credit provider then, within 14 days of that happening, your credit provider must ensure you have a written notice of the particulars of that insurance.

You can always ask the insurer for details of your insurance contract. If you ask in writing, your insurer must give you a statement containing all the provisions of the contract.

**12. If the insurer does not accept my proposal, will I be told?**

Yes, if the insurance was to be financed by the credit contract. The insurer will inform you if the proposal is rejected.

**13. In that case, what happens to the premiums?**

Your credit provider must give you a refund or credit unless the insurance is to be arranged with another insurer.

**14. What happens if my credit contract ends before any insurance contract over mortgaged property?**

You can end the insurance contract and get a proportionate rebate of any premium from the insurer.

**General**

**15. What do I do if I cannot make a repayment?**

Get in touch with your credit provider immediately. Discuss the matter and see if you can come to some arrangement. You can ask your credit provider to change your contract in a number of ways—

- to extend the term of your contract and reduce payments; or
- to extend the term of your contract and delay payments for a set time; or
- to delay payments for a set time

**16. What if my credit provider and I cannot agree on a suitable arrangement?**

If the credit provider refuses your request you can complain to the external dispute resolution scheme your credit provider belongs to. Further details about this scheme are set out below in section 18.

**17. Can my credit provider take action against me?**

Yes, if you are in default under your contract. But the law says that you can not be unduly harassed or threatened for repayments. If you think you are being unduly harassed or threatened, contact the credit provider's external dispute resolution scheme or ASIC, or get legal advice.

**18. Do I have any other rights and obligations?**

Yes. The law will give you other rights and obligations. You should also READ YOUR CONTRACT carefully.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR CREDIT CONTRACT, OR WANT MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR CREDIT PROVIDER. YOU MUST ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE YOUR COMPLAINT WITH YOUR CREDIT PROVIDER BEFORE CONTACTING YOUR CREDIT PROVIDER'S EXTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION SCHEME. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT WHICH REMAINS UNRESOLVED AFTER SPEAKING TO YOUR CREDIT PROVIDER YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR CREDIT PROVIDER'S EXTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION SCHEME OR GET LEGAL ADVICE.

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ONLINE: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
PHONE: 1800 931 678  
EMAIL: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
POSTAL ADDRESS: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

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Call Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Phone (02) 4860 4000

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Address all Correspondence to:  
Manager, Member Services  
BDCU Alliance Bank  
PO Box 2215  
Bowral NSW 2576

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