



INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENTS FOR RBA REGISTERED PENSION SCHEMES

Product Profile

The 2008/2009 Budget Speech presented in June 2008 included a new requirement for Retirement Benefit Authority (RBA) registered pension schemes. RBA Legal Notice No. 77 effective 12th June 2008 requires all retirement benefit schemes to conduct an **independent** review of a scheme's investment policy every three (3) years.

Known as an **Investment Policy Statement**, it must include a review of asset/ liability matching and must be prepared under the written advice of either an:

1. Actuary
2. Investment Advisor licensed by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA)
3. Fund Manager licensed by CMA or RBA (provided the Manager is not the Scheme's existing Fund Manager)
4. Registered Chartered Financial Analyst

The final Investment Policy Statement must be signed by the Trustees of the Scheme and the advisor preparing the document.

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Commentary: While there will be a small added cost to the Scheme of preparing such a periodic review, it is always useful to have an independent financial advisor review the policies and portfolio of a pension fund to determine if:

1. Anticipated pay out liabilities will be met
2. The portfolio reflects the risk/reward strategy of the Trustees
3. The Trustees understand their responsibilities in working with the Fund Manager
4. Adjustments to investment strategy are incorporated into the policy mix as appropriate

Dry Associates has been continually licensed by the CMA as an Investment Advisor since 1994 and since 2009 as an Investment Bank. We are also a licensed RBA Fund Manager. In our 15 year history, Dry Associates has worked with institutions and retail clients alike to establish investment strategies that create wealth.

There are many fine Fund Managers serving the pension community. It is, however, in every pension fund's best interests to perform an independent review of their investment policy at least every 3 years.

To obtain a customized quote and timetable for an **independent Investment Policy Statement**, please contact:

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