Target Market Determination

For the Rural Bank Everyday Retirement Account

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Product

This target market determination (TMD) applies to the Rural Bank Everyday Retirement Account.

Issuer

Rural Bank – A division of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL / Australian Credit Licence 237879 (Rural Bank).

Date from which this target market determination is effective

31 January 2024.

1. Target market for this product

Target Market

The retail clients for whom this product has been designed are individuals who:

- want a low cost account;
- want no restrictions on deposit and withdrawal transactions;
- want a wide variety of access methods; and
- want an account that is eligible to earn interest.

Product Description

The Rural Bank Everyday Retirement Account is a low cost mixed transaction and savings account for individuals who are aged 55 and over or hold an eligible concession card. This account does not charge a monthly service fee. This account allows a retail client to access their funds on demand and is eligible to earn interest. Retail clients can also make and receive payments through multiple payment facilities offered with the account (including BPAY, Visa Debit Card, direct debits, internet and phone banking, cheques*, in branch, and Bank@Post™ access) *Cheque payment facilities are not offered on accounts opened from 1 August 2023.

Product key attributes

The key attributes of this product that make it likely to be consistent with the target market described above, include:

Attribute	Appropriate for	
Eligibility	This product is only available to retail clients who are 55 years of age and over or hold a Pensioner Concession Card and receive one of the following allowances or pensions: aged pension, disability support pension, carer's pensions, wife's pension, widow's pension, veteran's pension or mature age allowance.	
Access funds on demand	Retail clients can access their funds, and make and receive payments, through multiple payment methods on demand (including BPAY, Bank@Post™, Pay Anyone, direct debit, Visa Debit Card, internet banking and cheques*) *Cheque payment facility is not available on accounts opened from 1 August 2023.	
Low-cost account with no monthly services fees	Retail clients who do not want to pay monthly service fees. There are no fees associated with the majority of transactions that are performed. Several transaction types come with a monthly allowance, with fees applying to each transaction once the allowance is exceeded.	



Attribute	Appropriate for	
Earn interest on savings	Retail clients who may be eligible to earn variable interest on balances held. The interest rates that apply are determined based on market conditions and the balance held in the account.	

2. How this product is to be distributed

Rural Bank applies certain conditions and restrictions to the distribution of this product so that distribution is likely to be to retail clients within the target market for this product. The conditions and restrictions are:

Channel	 This product is to be distributed only through the following channels: Bendigo Bank and Community Bank branches; and The Rural Bank customer service team.
Additional conditions or restrictions	 The following additional conditions and restrictions also apply to the distribution of this product: Only prospective retail clients who meet Rural Bank's minimum eligibility criteria for the product should submit an application for this product; This product can only be issued to retail clients after applying Rural Bank's application processes; This product can only be issued (or arranged to be issued) by persons who are trained and accredited; and This product cannot be issued through third party distribution channels (other than Community Bank branches).

3. Reviewing this target market determination

Rural Bank will review this TMD as set out below:

Initial review	Within the first year of the effective date.	
Periodic reviews	At least every 18 months from the initial review.	
Review triggers or events	 Any event or circumstances arising that would reasonably suggest the TMD is no longer appropriate. This may include (but is not limited to): a material change to the design or distribution of the product, including related documentation; occurrence of a significant dealing; distribution conditions found to be inadequate in ensuring that the product is issued to retail clients likely to be in the target market; relevant changes in the law or its application, a change in an industry code or decision of a court or other body (including through regulatory guidance) that materially affects the product; significant changes in metrics, including, but not limited to: a material increase in the number of complaints in relation to a product or aspect of a product; an increase in early termination of the product; and any other event that occurs or information is received that reasonably suggests this TMD is no longer appropriate. 	



4. Reporting and monitoring this target market determination

Rural Bank's third-party distributors who are regulated persons will need to collect, keep and report the following information to Rural Bank:

Туре	Description of information	Frequency of reporting
Complaints	 Customer complaints made in relation to this product. This includes: written details of the complaint; and the number of complaints during the reporting period 	Reporting period: Monthly When does the regulated person have to report: Within 10 business days of the end of the reporting period.
Sales data	Sales and customer data in relation to this product as requested by Rural Bank.	Reporting period: Monthly When does the regulated person have to report: Within 10 business days of the end of the reporting period.
Significant dealings	 The following information: details of the significant dealing; the date (or range) on which the significant dealing occurred; why the distributor considers the dealing to be significant (including why it is inconsistent with this TMD); and how the dealing was identified. 	When does the regulated person have to report: Within 10 business days of the distributor becoming aware of the dealing.

