

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Professional standards framework for retail advisers

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AFMA congratulates the Government on the passage of legislation today to introduce the professional standards framework for advisers dealing with retail customers. The framework, which is the result of constructive co-operation between a number of financial services industry bodies, licensees and the government, will help to ensure that high standards of education, skills and competency are the norm across the industry and that investors have increased confidence they are dealing with professional advisers.

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