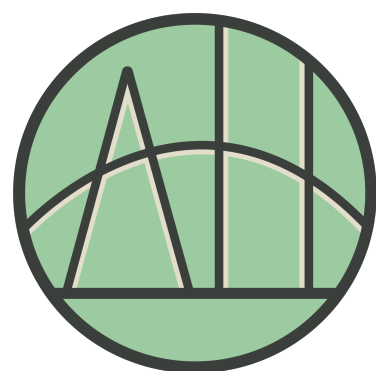


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ANTONY HAMEL LAWYER

We are required to get more information from you than we have in the past. This is all part of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 (AML). This is not a very catchy title for a not-a-very-catchy process.

The purpose of the Act is to stop money laundering or the financing of terrorism. New Zealand has a bit of a name as a tax haven internationally, because of all the family trusts we have and how easy they are to set up, and how easy it is to set up a company.

By getting more information from you, we aim to have more knowledge about the transactions we are undertaking for you. This is to make sure that we complete our duties under the Act. If we have any suspicions about you or your transaction then we have an obligation to report them.

For every new legal matter we have to do what is called "Customer Due Diligence". This is similar to what we already do if you are buying a house, but we will need more documents from you.

For a person we need: Proof of your identity and date of birth – such as a driver licence, or passport

Proof of your address – a recent utilities bill or bank statement works for this.

For a Trust or a Company: Same as above but we will need ID and address info for everyone who is involved in the company or trust. This will include all the Directors, Shareholders, Trustees, and Beneficiaries.

We will also need to know the source of your money, and the reason you want us to do the work for you.

We must have all our ducks in a row, and boxes ticked, before we can do any work for you. If you can't answer all our questions then we can't act for you. If it is any comfort we have to do this process for everyone, even Antony's brother (although it is likely we know the majority of the details for him).

We will hold a digital copy of the documents you give us in the hope that they are still valid next time you come to us to do work.