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**Get In Shape Advice Summits return for 2021**

The Financial Services Council, the Financial Markets Authority and MBIE have launched the [Get In Shape Advice Summits](#) to be held across New Zealand in February.

The Advice Summits are designed for the professional advice community, and will begin through a Government and regulator lens before moving forward to look beyond 15 March 2021, the start date of the new Financial Advice Regime.

The sessions will include analysis of recent research highlighting New Zealanders views and behaviours around financial advice, the impact of finances on our wellbeing and tools, tips and insights for the New Zealand financial advice industry.

Richard Klipin, CEO of the Financial Services Council said, “The sessions have been designed with a focus on the future. We know that less than 20% of Kiwis take advice, and those that do are better off financially and their overall wellbeing is improved.

“As a community, we have the key to unlocking the benefits of advice for all Kiwis. It’s an opportunity to share experiences and expertise and support each other to ensure that financial advice continues to thrive in New Zealand.

“This year will also see the return of our Masterclass which, for this year, will be a practical workshop on getting set to manage licensing and disclosure. The session will provide practical examples, compliance tips, process templates and will reiterate what it really means to run an advisor business.

“In what has been a testing year globally, many in our community have been continuing to get in shape for the changes coming in March.

“The summit this year is about refreshing and updating the community on the steps to take if they haven’t already, followed by looking to the future as New Zealand and the world continue to work through the crisis,” concluded Klipin.

The February 2021 Get In Shape Advice Summits will be held in Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington and Dunedin. More information is available, and registrations are open at [www.getinshape.nz](http://www.getinshape.nz).

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