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The Source-Check Prompt

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Make AI show a link and date for every claim — and check the sentence is really there.

The idea

AI sounds equally sure when it's right and when it's guessing. Sources let you tell the difference — but only if you open them.

The prompt

> Answer using only sources you can link.
> After each claim, add the link and the date of the page.
> If you can't find a source, write "No source found" instead of guessing.
> Keep what the source says separate from your own advice.

Use an AI tool with web search turned on for anything about current rules, fees or policies.

Five rules

1. A source for every claim that matters
2. The exact page, not a homepage
3. "No source found" beats a guess
4. Source and opinion kept apart
5. You open the link and find the sentence

Checklist: policy and fee questions

- [ ] Is the link the platform's own page (Seller Centre, help centre, official announcement)?
- [ ] Does the page actually contain the sentence AI quoted?
- [ ] Is the page dated? Is it recent?
- [ ] Does it apply to your country and category?
- [ ] Saved the link with today's date in your notes?

The trap

Links that don't say what AI claims. AI can cite a real page that says something different, or a page that doesn't exist. Open every link.