

Superannuation facts and figures

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This flyer provides a handy reference for the 2017/18 financial year's superannuation facts and figures.

Superannuation Guarantee

This is the minimum amount of employer superannuation support. The Superannuation Guarantee rate (as a % of superannuation salary) is scheduled to increase as follows:

Year commencing	Superannuation Guarantee rate
1 July 2014	9.5%
1 July 2021	10.0%
1 July 2022	10.5%
1 July 2023	11.0%
1 July 2024	11.5%
1 July 2025 onwards	12.0%

The Maximum Contribution Base for Superannuation Guarantee purposes is \$52,760 per quarter or \$211,040 p.a. for 2017/18.

Contribution limits

Concessional contribution limits

For 2017/18, a limit of \$25,000* applies to concessional contributions (including salary sacrificed contributions and contributions deemed to have been made by your employer).

* This limit is normally indexed based on movements in full time adult Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE) rounded down to the nearest \$2,500.

Non-concessional contribution limits

A \$100,000 p.a contribution limit applies to all non-concessional contributions (e.g. after-tax contributions made from your pay, after-tax lump sums).

People under age 65 can contribute up to \$300,000 by bringing forward some or all of their non-concessional contribution limits for the next two financial years. This will reduce their limits for the next two financial years. For example, if you contribute \$300,000 this year, no further contributions can be made in the next two financial years.

If you have over \$1.4 million in super, you'll only be able to bring forward up to the amount that would take your balance to \$1.6 million. If you brought forward contributions in 2015/16 or 2016/17, transitional arrangements will apply.

From 1 July 2017, if you have more than \$1.6 million in super, you will not be eligible to make non-concessional contributions.

If the limits are exceeded

Any excess concessional contributions will be included in the individual's assessable income and taxed at their marginal tax rate. A non-refundable tax offset of 15% of their excess concessional contributions will apply to compensate for the 15% contributions tax already paid by the superannuation fund on the concessional contributions.

Individuals with excess concessional contributions will also pay an excess concessional contributions interest charge calculated by the ATO. This charge is intended to ensure that individuals who make excess concessional contributions do not receive tax deferral advantages over those who do not exceed their concessional contribution limit.

If an individual has excess concessional contributions, the ATO will issue an "excess concessional contributions determination". This notice may be included with other ATO notices such as a notice of assessment for income tax. The individual may elect to release up to 85% of their excess concessional contributions from their superannuation fund. The amount then released will be non-assessable, non-exempt income.

Excess concessional contributions will continue to count towards the non-concessional contribution limit. However the excess concessional contributions counted towards the limit will be reduced by 100/85 of the amount of any excess concessional contributions released from superannuation.

Individuals have the option of withdrawing superannuation contributions in excess of the non-concessional contributions cap made from 1 July 2013 and any associated earnings, with these earnings being taxed at the individual's marginal tax rate.

Reduced tax concession for high income earners

From 1 July 2017, if your income (including concessional contributions) exceeds \$250,000 p.a. you may pay 30% contribution tax (rather than 15%) on some or all of your concessional contributions. This additional tax will not apply to contributions that are subject to excess contributions tax.

Government co-contribution

This is a contribution by the Government to an individual's superannuation account. You can receive the Government co-contribution if you make voluntary contributions from after-tax income into a complying superannuation fund, such as the Scheme. For 2017/18, the Government co-contribution will match your contributions at a rate of 50c for every dollar, up to a maximum of \$500 p.a. (to match a \$1,000 voluntary contribution). The maximum co-contribution of \$500 is payable to persons with assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits of up to \$36,813 p.a. but gradually reduces to nil when your assessable income and reportable fringe benefits reach \$51,813 p.a.

The table below provides more details on the amount of the Government co-contribution.

	If your personal after-tax contribution is...			
	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
...and your total income is:	...your super co-contribution will be:			
\$36,813 or less	\$500	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$39,813	\$400	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$42,813	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$100
\$45,813	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$100
\$48,813	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$51,813	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Source: ATO

For more information on the co-contribution, contact the ATO on 13 10 20 or visit their website at ato.gov.au/super.

Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset (LISTO)

From 1 July 2017, the low income superannuation contribution will be replaced with the Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset (LISTO).

Eligible members with adjusted taxable income (assessable income plus reportable employer superannuation contributions and adjusted fringe benefits) of up to \$37,000 are eligible for a payment of up to \$500 annually. The payment is 15% of eligible concessional contributions made by you or your employer.

For more information about the LISTO, contact the ATO on 13 10 20 or visit ato.gov.au.

Tax rebate for spouse contributions

As an incentive to establish a spouse account, the Federal Government provides a tax rebate on contributions your partner, the employee-member, pays to your Partner Section account.

Provided you and your partner are both Australian residents and you, the eligible spouse, has assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits of up to \$37,000 per year, your partner may claim the full rebate of \$540 if he/she contributes \$3,000 or more during the financial year. A partial rebate applies to assessable income (plus reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits) of up to \$40,000 per year. The tax rebate is claimed when the employee-member lodges a tax return.

Transfer balance cap

From 1 July 2017, there is a \$1.6 million cap on the total amount of super you can transfer to a retirement account (such as an account based pension in the Retirement Section) which has tax free investment earnings. This cap will be indexed in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index, rounded down to the nearer \$100,000.

Preservation ages

The date that you are able to withdraw your savings from the superannuation system is dependent on your age, and is known as your preservation age (see the following table):

Born	Preservation Age
Before 1 July 1960	55
1/07/60 – 30/06/61	56
1/07/61 – 30/06/62	57
1/07/62 – 30/06/63	58
1/07/63 – 30/06/64	59
After 30 June 1964	60

Tax on superannuation payments 2017/18

The following table shows tax that may apply to your benefit.

Benefit Component	Maximum Tax Rate (excluding Medicare levy)
TAX-FREE COMPONENT	0%
TAXABLE COMPONENT – TAXED ELEMENTS	
Under preservation age	
Lump sums	20%
Disability income streams	Marginal Rate**
Other income streams	Marginal Rate
At or after preservation age	
Lump sums up to \$200,000	0%
Lump sum excess amount above \$200,000	15%
Income streams	Marginal Rate**
From age 60	0%

* Where the maximum tax rate is greater than 0%, the Medicare levy is also payable. Refer to the income tax rates section below for further details.

** 15% tax offset applies.

Income tax rates 2017/18

The marginal income tax rates for the 2017/18 financial year are set out below:

Taxable Income	Tax Rate
\$0 – \$18,200	Nil
\$18,201 – \$37,000	19c for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – \$87,000	\$3,572 plus 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$87,001 – \$180,000	\$19,822 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$80,000
\$180,001 and over	\$54,232 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000

These rates do not include the Medicare levy or Medicare levy surcharge.

Tax offsets based on taxable income levels apply in a range of circumstances. For more information contact the ATO on 13 28 61 or visit their website ato.gov.au.

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