



PSS super co-contribution

Who should read this?

Any member whose total income, made up of assessable income and reportable fringe benefits, is less than \$61,920 in a financial year.

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What you should know up front

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What is the super co-contribution?

For the purposes of the PSS, the super co-contribution is a contribution from the Australian Government to assist eligible individuals who earn less than \$61,920 a year and make personal superannuation contributions to save for their retirement.

The super co-contribution replaces the tax rebate for members earning less than \$61,920 per annum.

Who is eligible for the super co-contribution?

You may be entitled to a Government super co-contribution if you:

- > **made personal contributions** to the PSS on or after 1 July 2004 (provided you are not entitled to claim a tax deduction for the contributions);
- > have **lodged an income tax return** for the financial year;
- > have an **assessable income** and reportable fringe benefits less than \$61,920 in the financial year;
- > are **not a temporary resident**;
- > are **less than 71 years old** at the end of the financial year the contributions were made;
- > have **received employer superannuation support** during that year of income (or were entitled to such support); and
- > are **not wholly or substantially self employed**.

What amount will I get?

The maximum amount the Government will pay into your superannuation fund in a financial year is \$1,000, payable to persons with total income of less than \$31,920 a year. The maximum super co-contribution phases down with increasing income, at a rate of 5 cents in the dollar and cuts out completely for individuals who earn \$61,920 or more per annum.

Example

When your income is more than \$31,920 but less than \$61,920 in a year of income, your super co-contribution will be adjusted based on your income and how much you personally contribute. For example, if you are eligible and your income is \$37,920 and you make personal super contributions of \$1,000 during the relevant year, you will be entitled to a super co-contribution of \$800.

	If your personal super contribution (after tax) is:			
	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
And your income is:	Your Super co-contribution will be:			
\$31,920 or less	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$33,920	\$934	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$35,920	\$866	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$37,920	\$800	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$39,920	\$734	\$734	\$500	\$200
\$41,920	\$666	\$666	\$500	\$200
\$43,920	\$600	\$600	\$500	\$200
\$45,920	\$534	\$534	\$500	\$200
\$47,920	\$466	\$466	\$466	\$200
\$49,920	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$200
\$51,920	\$334	\$334	\$334	\$200
\$53,920	\$266	\$266	\$266	\$200
\$55,920	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$57,920	\$134	\$134	\$134	\$134
\$59,920	\$66	\$66	\$66	\$66
\$61,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Source: Australian Taxation Office (www.ato.gov.au)

How do I qualify?

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will determine if you are entitled to receive a super co-contribution based on:

- > the assessment of your income tax return;
- > any reported Fringe Benefit Tax Entitlements; and
- > the member contributions reported by us to the ATO for a particular financial year.

Where is it paid?

If you are a contributing member to the PSS at the time the ATO determines you are entitled to receive a super co-contribution the amount will be paid into the PSS Fund. If you have ceased to be a contributing member to the PSS at that time then you will need to make arrangements with the ATO to have the co-contribution paid into another fund. The ATO will advise you of this situation should the PSS be unable to accept the co-contribution.

How does it affect my superannuation?

Any super co-contribution amount received by the PSS will have Fund earnings applied at the relevant Fund rate and the amount must be paid as a lump sum. It will not receive any additional employer benefit and cannot be used to purchase a pension upon retirement.

How do I get more information?

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If you would like more information about the super co-contribution, check out the ATO website www.ato.gov.au/super/ where you will also find a handy calculator.

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