

LET THE GOVERNMENT TOP UP YOUR SUPER

Don't miss out on extra help.

FACT SHEET 1

1 JULY 2017

If you earn less than \$51,813 this financial year, you could receive a super bonus from the Government. All you have to do is make an after-tax contribution to your super and meet the eligibility requirements.

Who's eligible?

Will you earn \$36,813 or less this financial year?

If you earn \$36,813 or less, and you put \$1,000 into your super as an after-tax contribution, the Government will make the maximum co-contribution to your super of \$500.

It would be great to get the full \$500, but you don't have to put in the maximum \$1,000 to receive a co-contribution from the Government. If you can afford just \$200 – the Government will top up your account with \$100. A \$500 after-tax contribution will earn you a co-contribution of \$250.

Will you earn more than \$36,813 but less than \$51,813?

If you earn between \$36,813 and \$51,813, you are still eligible to receive a co-contribution, but at a reduced rate.

The income limits described on this page refer to your total income (which is your assessable income **before** deductions, certain salary sacrifice and voluntary employer contributions are allowed), plus any reportable fringe benefits. If part of your income comes from self employment, then deductions for carrying on a business are allowed.

The table on the right shows some examples of how the co-contribution decreases as income increases.

Please note that this table shows the amount of co-contribution you'll receive for eligible after-tax contributions made after 1 July 2017. For future financial years, the rate at which the co-contribution phases out may change. Please call the Customer Service Team on **1300 133 177** if you would like more information.

You can also use the tax office calculator at www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Super-co-contribution-calculator/ to work out how much co-contribution you could get.

Total income including salary sacrifice & reportable fringe benefits \$	Maximum approximate co-contribution available \$	Personal contribution required to receive maximum co-contribution \$
36,813 or less	500	1,000
37,813	467	934
38,813	433	866
39,813	400	800
40,813	367	734
41,813	333	666
42,813	300	600
43,813	267	534
44,813	233	466
45,813	200	400
46,813	167	334
47,813	133	266
48,813	100	200
49,813	67	134
50,813	33	66
51,813 or more	0	0

No application needed

The Government does the work for you. Just make sure you send in your tax return and make an after-tax contribution that is received by the Fund before the end of the financial year for which you're completing your return. The Tax Office will work out whether you are entitled to a co-contribution, and if you qualify, the Tax Office will pay the amount into your super account in the following year.

Remember, the co-contribution is counted as an after-tax contribution, so no tax is deducted when it's added to your account.

Here are the rules

- You have a total superannuation balance less than the transfer balance cap (currently \$1.6 million) on 30 June of the year before the relevant financial year.
- You have not contributed an amount more than your non-concessional contributions cap (currently \$100,000) for the relevant financial year.
- You must make an after-tax (non-concessional) contribution to your super before 30 June to be eligible for that financial year.
- You must lodge an income tax return for the year. The co-contribution will be paid into your super account after your tax return has been assessed.
- You must not intend to claim a tax deduction for your total after-tax contributions for the year.
- Co-contributions will not be paid for *before-tax* contributions including salary sacrifice contributions, employer contributions, deductible member contributions or spouse contributions.
- Self-employed people are also eligible for co-contributions – to qualify, at least 10% of your total income (in this case, not reduced by any business deductions) must come from employment or carrying on a business or a combination of both.
- You must be younger than 71 at the end of the financial year in which you make the contribution.
- You must not hold a temporary resident visa (unless you are a New Zealand citizen or it was a prescribed visa) for any part of the financial year for which you are claiming the co-contribution.
- Once you receive it, the co-contribution will be a preserved benefit. That means it can generally be paid to you in cash only when you retire after reaching your preservation age or in some other limited circumstances.

Smart moves

- If you start work part-way through the current financial year, you'll have earned less than one full year's income by the end of the financial year, so you may be entitled to receive the full co-contribution amount.
- If you have started working part-time and your income has been reduced, you may now be eligible for a co-contribution.

Making a contribution:

You can make contributions into your super account at any time by:

- logging into *Member Online* and accessing your BPAY® details; or
- completing the *Lump sum contribution form* and returning with a cheque; or
- making regular contributions from your pay by completing the *Payroll deductions form* and providing it to your employer.

Beat the 30 June deadline:

NGS Super must receive your after-tax contribution before 30 June for you to be eligible for a co-contribution for the current financial year. Don't leave it until the last minute: always allow some time for posting and processing. Otherwise, it will be counted for the next financial year.

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More information?

Contact us

You can contact us at www.ngssuper.com.au/contact-us or call our Customer Service Team on **1300 133 177** between 8.00am and 8.00pm (AEST or AEDT), Monday to Friday.

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If you are thinking about making after-tax contributions, or if you want to find out if you're eligible to receive the Government co-contribution, consider obtaining professional advice to understand how this works for your personal situation and how you might be able to combine before – and after-tax contributions to your advantage.

NGS Super offers advice at no extra cost:

- over the phone through our Financial advice Helpline or
- through our Customer Relationship Managers who may be able to meet face-to-face through your employer.

To make an appointment phone our Helpline on **1300 133 177**.

Important information

You should consider all the information contained in the Product Disclosure Statement dated 1 June 2017 and incorporated fact sheets before making a decision about investing in NGS Super.

The information provided in this fact sheet is general information only and does not take into account your objectives, financial situation or needs. Before making a financial decision, please assess the appropriateness of the information to your individual circumstances and consider seeking professional advice.

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