

Super Easy News!

News and information for the clients of
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WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING?

Every day you pick up a Newspaper or a magazine, there is an article about the proposed government changes. The legislation that was introduced to parliament has had many changes to the original 2016 budget proposal and subsequent drafts. A senate committee will review the legislation and are supposed to report by November 23rd.

Once the legislation has received royal assent we will all be in a better place to understand what the new rules are from 1st July 2017. We intend to hold a half day information briefing for our clients.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR OUR INFORMATION SESSION

We don't have all the details confirmed, but if you are interested, let us know by dropping us a line via email (admin@superannuationservices.com.au) and we will keep you informed. What we do know is it will be a half day event and most likely in February 2017 at the North Lakes Golf Course.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note our office will be closed from Noon Friday 23rd December and reopen Monday 9th January 2017.

We at Superannuation Services would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their ongoing support and we wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

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WHAT ARE THE CURRENT RULES FOR 2016/2017?

With all the talk about what is likely to happen from 1st July 2017, I thought it was a good idea to reconfirm what the rules are today:

- Concessional Contribution Cap \$30,000. People 49 years or over the cap is \$35,000.
- Non-concessional Contribution Cap \$180,000. The bring forward arrangement allows a cap of \$540,000 for people under 65.
- People of 65 and over must work 40 hours in a 30 day consecutive period during the financial year to make a contribution.
- All pension income is exempt from tax including Transition to Retirement Pensions



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DON'T GET CONFUSED WITH TERMINOLOGY

In Super there are many examples where the definition changes depending on who is using it and which law is being applied. So be very aware of the specifics when considering the rules. Here are a few examples:

- **DEPENDANTS** – The Super rules basically apply the usual definition of dependants but the tax law applying to Death Benefits has a much more restricted interpretation.
- **SEGREGATED ASSETS** – From an administrator's point of view, segregated assets are specific assets that are assigned to an account or group of accounts and income generated by those assets are allocated to those accounts. The taxman uses the term in a different way, if the fund is 100% in pension phase, all assets are considered to be segregated.
- **MARKET LINKED PENSIONS** – They may be old fashion pensions and most people don't have them, but they are another example of how confusing the jargon can be. The government and Centrelink consider them complying pensions or defined benefit pensions, whilst the actuaries treat them as standard pensions.

To make sense of all the confusing terminology this is where we can help. Our superior technical ability is at your service. Give us a call or send us an email if you need assistance. We would be happy to help.

DONATIONS

It is a noble and heartfelt gesture but NOT from the Super Fund. Increasingly we are seeing companies, share registries and brokers suggesting small holdings can be sold and given to charity. Unless you have met a condition of release, this is early release of benefits and is not allowed in Super Funds.

PENSION PAYMENT REMINDER

If you are in pension phase, please ensure you have withdrawn your minimum pension by 30th June 2017, as advised in correspondence from Superannuation Services.

IF YOUR ARE HAPPY WITH OUR SERVICE

...Don't Keep Us a Secret!

We are open to new business. Do you know anyone else who can benefit from our services? Please recommend us to work colleagues, friends and family.



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