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The Downsizer Contribution

From 1 July 2018, if you are aged 65 or older and meet the eligibility requirements, you may be able to choose to make a downsizer contribution into your SMSF of up to \$300,000 from the proceeds of selling your home. This is a fantastic opportunity to build your super balance as the downsizer contribution is not treated as a non-concessional contribution and will not count towards your contributions caps.

It can even be made if you have a total super balance greater than \$1.6 million. It will, however, count towards your transfer balance cap (TBC), currently set at \$1.6 million. This cap applies when you move your super savings into retirement phase. Earnings on any amounts in Super over and above the TBC will be taxed at 15%.

It should be noted that downsizer contributions are not tax deductible and will be taken into account for determining eligibility for the age pension.

You can only make downsizer contributions for the sale of one home, however, couples can both access this, allowing a total of \$600,000 to be contributed.

If you sell your home, are eligible and choose to make a downsizer contribution, there is no requirement for you to purchase another home.

There are various eligibility rules, such as the requirement to have owned the home for ten years, so please contact us first before you intend to make this type of contribution.

Would you like a half day seminar?

We have a strong belief in educating our Trustees and over the years our conferences and seminars have been extremely popular. If you would like us to run a seminar before 30 June 2019 please email us at admin@superannuationservices.com.au with the topics/ questions you would like covered.

If You Are Happy With Our Service - ...Don't Keep Us a Secret!

Did you know ALL of our work is performed in Australia by a small dedicated team of professionals – there is NO off-shore processing, unlike most of our competitors.

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**Get the right information and support to
protect your future.**

Do You Have Multiple Employers and Therefore, Could Breach the Concessional Contributions Cap?

High earners with more than one employer could unintentionally breach their concessional contributions cap. This may happen because they receive superannuation guarantee contributions from more than one source (and earn in excess of \$263,517).

A Bill, currently before the Senate, will fix this issue.

Instead of receiving contributions into superannuation, an employee may apply to the Commissioner to opt out of the superannuation guarantee regime in respect of an employer and negotiate with the employer to receive additional cash or non-cash remuneration.

The employees will need to apply to the Commissioner for an 'employer shortfall exemption certificate', which prevents their employer from having a superannuation guarantee shortfall if they do not make superannuation contributions for a period. It will be up to the employee to negotiate alternative remuneration with their employer – it is not expected that the certificate will enforce the employer to increase other remuneration.

This Bill is to be effective from 1 July 2018 even though at the time of publishing this newsletter it had not been legislated.

Please contact us for more information if you think you may benefit from this amendment.

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Donations

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 withdraw your minimum pension by 30th June 2019, as advised in correspondence from Superannuation Services.

Contact Details for All Trustees

If you have a non-member Trustee of your SMSF, we would appreciate you sending us their contact details as these will be required on your passing.

Senior Scene Magazine

Look out for this free magazine – we are running a quarterly editorial – with the next issue discussing the fact that the assets in your SMSF are not necessarily covered by your Will.

Christmas Closure

Please note our office will be closed from Noon Friday 21st December 2018 and reopen Monday 7th January 2019.

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 New Year.



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