

# 2018-19 superannuation rates and thresholds

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## Superannuation Guarantee

The Superannuation Guarantee (SG) rate remains at 9.5 per cent. This rate will remain in place until 30 June 2021, and increase to 10 per cent for the 2021-22 year, and gradually increase to 12 per cent from July 2025. Find out more at [sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super](https://www.sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super)

## Concessional contributions cap

The annual concessional contributions cap remains at \$25,000. Concessional contributions include all employer contributions (including salary sacrifice) from before-tax income as well as personal (voluntary) contributions for which you claim an income tax deduction. Find out more at [sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super](https://www.sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super)

## Work test

Those aged 65 years or over can only contribute to super if they work 40 hours in a 30-day period in the financial year in which they plan to make the super contribution. Find out more at [sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super](https://www.sunsuper.com.au/members/add-to-super)

## Catch-up concessional contributions

There is now an opportunity to make catch-up concessional contributions. Unused portions of your concessional contributions cap can be "rolled over" to future years, subject to certain conditions. This means that from 1 July 2019, if your total superannuation balance is less than \$500,000 (as at the last day of the previous financial year) you will be able to make use of the unused portions, on a rolling 5-year basis. Unused cap amounts that aren't used after 5 years expire.

For example, if your concessional contributions for 2018-19 are \$15,000 less than the concessional contributions cap, that \$15,000 unused portion is effectively rolled over and added to your concessional cap for 2019-20.

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## Non-concessional contributions cap

The annual non-concessional contributions cap remains at \$100,000. People under 65 at any point during the financial year may be able to bring forward two years of non-concessional contributions, allowing you to contribute up to three times the cap at once or at any time during the three financial years.

People who have a total superannuation balance of \$1,400,000 or more on 30 June 2018 will be subject to a reduced non-concessional contribution limit, a shorter bring-forward period and will not be able to make any after-tax contributions if their total superannuation balance exceeds \$1,600,000.

Total superannuation balance on 30 June 2018	Maximum non-concessional contributions for 2018-19 (including bring-forward rule)	Bring-forward period
Less than \$1,400,000	\$300,000	3 years
\$1,400,000 - \$1,500,000	\$200,000	2 years
\$1,500,000 - \$1,600,000	\$100,000	N/A
\$1,600,000 or more	Nil	N/A

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## Preservation age

Generally, you'll be able to withdraw from your super when you've reached:

- your preservation age and are retired permanently from work,
- the age of 60 and stopped any employment arrangement either on or after turning 60 years, or
- the age of 65.

Anyone who turns 55 on or after 1 July 2018 (i.e. born on or after 1 July 1963), has a preservation age of at least 59 years.

When were you born?	Preservation age
Before 1 July 1960	55
1 July 1960 - 30 June 1961	56
1 July 1961 - 30 June 1962	57
1 July 1962 - 30 June 1963	58
July 1963 - 30 June 1964	59
After 30 June 1964	60

## First home super saver scheme

You can withdraw up to \$30,000 of eligible contributions (maximum of \$15,000 of contributions made in any single year) made to your super after 30 June 2017 to help you purchase your first home. A couple can withdraw a combined \$60,000 (\$30,000 from each account). Find out more at [sunsuper.com.au/fhsss](https://www.sunsuper.com.au/fhsss)

## Downsizing contributions

If you are age 65 or over you can contribute up to \$300,000 (so \$600,000 combined for a couple i.e. \$300,000 to each account) of any profit you make from the sale of your family home, if owned for 10 years or more, into your super. Existing age and balance rules that restrict contributions to super don't apply under the downsizing measure. Find out more at [www.sunsuper.com.au/downsizer](https://www.sunsuper.com.au/downsizer)

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## Spouse contributions

A person making a contribution into the account of their low income earning spouse is eligible for a tax offset of up to a maximum \$540 p.a. (18% of a total contribution of up to \$3,000) if their spouse earns less than the lower threshold amount.

Total income of recipient spouse	Tax offset <sup>1</sup> available to contributing spouse
\$0 - \$37,000	Up to \$540
\$37,000 - \$40,000	Between \$540 - \$0 <sup>2</sup>
\$40,000 +	Nil

<sup>1</sup> Tax offset applies to a maximum contribution of \$3,000 p.a.

<sup>2</sup> Tax offset proportionally decreases, cutting out when the spouse earns the higher threshold amount.

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## Government co-contribution

If your income is less than \$52,697 (for 2018-19, indexed each year) and you have made a voluntary after-tax contribution to your account by 30 June each year, the ATO will confirm your eligibility to receive the Government co-contribution up to a maximum of \$500 per year (for incomes up to \$37,697 for 2018-19, indexed each year). The co-contribution gets paid directly into your account after you've lodged your tax return for that year, if your super fund has your TFN.

Some examples of how much you could receive:

Your total income	Your voluntary after-tax contribution	Maximum co-contribution
Up to \$37,697	\$1,000	\$500
\$43,697	\$1,000	\$300
\$46,697	\$1,000	\$200
\$49,697	\$1,000	\$100
\$52,697	Any amount	\$0

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## Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset (LISTO)

The government could boost your super savings by giving you a low income super tax offset (LISTO). The LISTO is 15% of the concessional super contributions you or your employer make. The maximum you'll receive for a financial year is \$500 and the minimum is \$10.

If you're eligible for a LISTO and your Tax File Number is on file, the LISTO is paid directly to your super fund. It may take up to 14 months from the end of the financial year for the payment to reach your fund so make sure you check your Annual Statement each year.

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