

Super News

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Welcome to the second edition of Member News from Nationwide Super.

Understanding your super entitlements

It's not uncommon for people to be a little unsure about their superannuation entitlements – and many people just expect that their employer will take care of everything.

While workplace agreements and individual contracts can be quite specific about super contributions and which super fund you join, the basics are relatively straightforward.

The Superannuation Guarantee

To help you build savings to fund your retirement years, the government introduced compulsory contributions that employers must make. These are known as Superannuation Guarantee (SG) contributions, and there are rules around who is eligible and payment details like the minimum amounts, frequency, and how the payments are to be made.

Your employer is required to pay SG contributions if you are a permanent or casual employee, and are:

- At least 18 years old, or under 18 and working at least 30 hours per week; and
- Earning at least \$450 per month (before tax).

SG Amount

Currently, your employer must pay at least 9.50% of your 'ordinary time earnings' to super each quarter (at least four times per year).

'Ordinary time earnings' is the amount you earn for your ordinary hours of work, including loadings, allowances, bonuses and commissions - but excluding overtime.

As part of the government's 'Stronger Super' legislation, employer SG contributions will increase from 9.50% in gradual increments from 1 July 2021, reaching 12% on 1 July 2025.

When SG is due

Employers must pay SG amounts at least each quarter, but they can choose to pay more frequently (eg. monthly). They have 28 days after the end of each quarter for your contribution to be paid and received by your super fund.

The following table shows the key periods and cut-off dates:

SG Quarter	Date payment due*
1 July – 30 September	28 October
1 October – 31 December	28 January
1 January – 31 March	28 April
1 April – 30 June	28 July

** Where the cut-off date falls on a non-business day, the next business day is used instead.*

If you have any questions about your entitlements or how much super you should be receiving, there are calculators and information available on our website. You can also ask your employer for details, or simply get in touch with us and we'll be glad to help.

Highlights...

- Understanding your super entitlements
- How much super is enough
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How much super is enough

Now that you've got a handle on the amount of super you're entitled to receive from your employer as a Super Guarantee contribution, the obvious next step is to think about how much you need to have in your super savings to make your retirement dreams a reality.







If you're hoping to travel around the world, or around Australia, or just looking forward to indulging some hobbies and hanging out in the garden – how much money is enough?

According to the 'Retirement Standard'[#] from the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA), a single person will need \$545,000 in retirement savings to have a 'comfortable' retirement, and couples will need \$640,000. A quick search online will see that those estimates range greatly and depends on what you consider to be 'comfortable' and a whole bunch of variables like when you retire, interest rates, inflation, the actual cost of living,

and an estimate of how long you'll need your retirement savings to last. The Retirement Standard is updated four times a year to take into account some of these changes. The table below will give you a guide to the amount you may need each year and what is included in the estimate.

[#]<https://www.superannuation.asn.au/resources/retirement-standard>



	Comfortable retirement	Modest retirement	Age Pension
Single	\$43,665 a year	\$24,250 a year	\$20,721 a year *
Couple	\$59,971 a year	\$34,855 a year	\$31,238 a year *
	One annual holiday in Australia	One or two short breaks in Australia near where you live each year	Even shorter breaks or day trips in your own city
	Regularly eat out at restaurants. Good range and quality of food	Eat out less often and at restaurants that have cheaper food than a 'comfortable' lifestyle standard	Only club special meals or inexpensive takeaway
	Owning a reasonable car	Owning an older, less reliable car	No car or, if you have a car, you may struggle to afford repairs
	Afford bottled wine	Afford cask wine	No alcohol at all or cheap solutions
	Good clothes	Reasonable clothes	Basic clothes
	Take part in a range of regular leisure activities	Take part in one paid leisure activity infrequently. Some trips to the cinema	Only taking part in no cost or very low cost leisure activities. Rare trips to the cinema
	A range of electronic equipment	Not much scope to run air conditioner	Less heating in winter

* Base rate before payment of supplements.

Figures from March Quarter 2017.

You can visit ASFA's Super Guru website for more useful information on the Retirement Standard and how to calculate your own 'nest egg' target.

If you want to work out whether you're on track, or what your options are to improve your position, that's where advice from a Super Adviser* could help. Simply contact us for more information.

Latest offer from ME Bank

ME is a different kind of bank. Completely owned by industry super funds, they aim to look after their members.

That's why they have special offers just for Nationwide Super members, to help you get ahead.

More home. Less loan.

A home loan deal for you.

0.35%
p.a.
discount.

ME Bank are giving Nationwide Super members a hefty home loan discount: 0.35% p.a. off the variable rate of a new Basic Home Loan.

A lower rate slashes your payments over the life of the loan – leaving you more cash to spend on living your life.

Go ahead: lighten your loan.

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Home loan discount offer terms and conditions.

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Notice of changes to Trust Deed

Nationwide Super's Trust Deed was amended from 1 July 2017, to accommodate government changes to superannuation that applied from 1 July, in addition to other general updates. None of the amendments have any effect on members' entitlements. The Trust Deed is available to view and download from our website at nationwidesuper.com.au/about-us/governance

Retirement planning

Whether the end of your working life is just around the corner or a long way down the track – as you get closer to the age where you can access your super savings, one of the key decisions is what to do with it.

While a lump sum withdrawal may sound tempting, accessing your super savings through a regular income payment may also have its benefits.

We offer two pension account options to pre-retirees and retirees – the Pre-Retirement Pension and the Nationwide Super Pension.

The **Nationwide Super Pre-Retirement Pension** is designed for people aged between 56* and 64 who are still working, but want to access their super savings to boost their income or to make their money work harder with a transition to retirement strategy.

The **Nationwide Super Pension** is designed for people who have fully retired and want to access their super savings as a regular income payment, while still enjoying the tax and investment benefits of superannuation.

With a Nationwide Super Pension you pay no tax on the investment earnings, and if you're 60 or over, your pension payments and any lump-sums you withdraw are tax-free.

**or your relevant preservation age if you were born after 30 June 1960.*

Features at a glance

- No entry fee applies
- Minimum opening balance of \$10,000
- You can choose the amount of your regular payment (at least the minimum limit set by the Government)
- A choice of investment options

- Your choice of fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or yearly payments to the bank account of your choice
- Online access to open and manage your account
- Ability to make lump sum withdrawals (if eligible)

Need some help? We'll call in the experts

To help you work out which options would best suit your needs – the best place to start may be a 'Retirement Health Check' with your very own Super Adviser.

This over-the-phone service from the experts at Link Advice* will give you the opportunity to:

- Ask questions about super and retirement planning to understand your current situation and how you are tracking towards retirement
- Explore ways to save money and maximise your retirement 'nest egg' to enjoy the lifestyle you want
- Receive an action plan prioritising the steps you can take to feel confident and in control of your super

As a special offer, we'll pay the fees involved for the 'Health Check' (**valued at \$375**). For more detailed retirement or transition-to-retirement advice that includes two phone meetings and a full implementation service, we'll also **subsidise 50%** of the fee, with the balance to come from your super account – not directly from your pocket.

Getting started

Once you've reached your 'preservation age', you'll see a 'Start a Pension' tab in your MemberAccess account, which you can click on to get started with opening a pension account.

If you'd like to take advantage of our special offer with a Super Adviser, or need any other help, simply call us on 1800 025 241 and we'll connect you directly through to the experts.

For more information...

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