

Let the Government top up your super in the 2020/21 financial year by taking advantage of the Government Co-contribution scheme, where you could be eligible to receive up to \$500 tax free.

If you're earning less than \$54,837 a year and you make an after-tax, voluntary contribution to your super, you could be eligible to receive a boost from the Government under its co-contribution scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CO-CONTRIBUTION?

You may be entitled to a Government Co-contribution if you meet these rules:

- > You made voluntary, after-tax contributions to a complying super fund during the financial year
- > Your total annual income was less than \$54,837
- > You are under 71 years of age at the end of the financial year
- > You lodged an income tax return for the financial year
- > You have not held an eligible temporary resident visa at any time during the financial year
- > You earned 10 per cent or more of your total income from running a business if you are self-employed, or from eligible employment, or a combination of both
- > You have a total superannuation balance* of less than \$1.6 million on 30 June of the previous financial year
- > You have contributed less than the non-concessional contributions cap for the relevant financial year.

HOW MUCH WILL I BE ENTITLED TO?

The Government could pay you up to 50 cents for every dollar you pay into your super account. If you are earning less than \$39,837 a year, you could be entitled to the Government's maximum co-contribution of \$500. If your income is above \$39,837, the maximum co-contribution will reduce for each additional dollar of income, and phase out completely at \$54,837 total income.

CAN I MAKE SMALLER PAYMENTS AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE?

Yes. You can make smaller payments throughout the year and still be eligible for a co-contribution.

For example, if you are earning up to \$39,837 a year and you pay \$20 a week into your super account, this will add up to a total of \$1,040 over the year. This means you could be entitled to the maximum \$500 boost from the Government.

Even if you don't contribute the full amount needed to receive the maximum contribution from the Government, you can still take advantage of the scheme. However, just remember that for every \$1 less than the full amount needed to receive the maximum co-contribution, the Government's contribution drops up to 50 cents.

It's also important to know the contribution you make into your super needs to be from your after-tax pay. So this does not include the super paid by your employer, nor any payments you make to your super through salary sacrificing.

For more details on working out the amount of co-contribution you may be entitled to use the ASIC Money Smart calculator at moneysmart.gov.au.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

Contributions that do not qualify for the Government Co-contribution include:

- > employer contributions
- > contributions you make through salary sacrifice
- > any contributions for which you have claimed a tax deduction
- > rollovers from other super funds, and
- > transfers from overseas super funds.

Personal contributions will form part of your preserved benefits. You can only access preserved benefits on retirement from the workforce on or after reaching your preservation age.

* Your Total Superannuation Balance is the total value of your accumulation and retirement phase interests (including rollover amounts not yet included in those interests) across all of your superannuation accounts, reduced by the sum of any structured settlement contributions.

HOW DO I MAKE A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION INTO MY SUPER ACCOUNT?

There are three ways you can make payments into your super account to take advantage of the Government's co-contribution scheme:

1. BPAY. Call **1300 360 988** for details
2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
Your EFT reference is your member number, your first name initial and surname
First Super bank account details:
Account Name: **First Super**
Bank Name: **National Australia Bank**
BSB No: **083-355**
Account No: **67-879-1379**
3. Payroll deduction. Your employer can deduct the money from your pay (after tax). Complete a Member Contribution Form (available from firstsuper.com.au/forms) or speak with your employer to find out how to arrange this.

If you have made an EFT or BPAY payment, please let us know. To notify us of your contribution email or post a copy of the Contribution Form to use. Alternatively, tell us you've made the payment via our online form at firstsuper.com.au/gov-co-contribution/.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE CO-CONTRIBUTION?

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) calculates the amount of the co-contribution to pay after it receives your annual tax return. It will then automatically credit the amount to the super fund to which you made your payments.

If you have any questions about the Government's Co-contribution scheme, or would like to talk to a First Super Financial Planner* about any aspect of your super, please call us on **1300 360 988**.

If your personal superannuation contribution is:

	\$1,000	\$500
Your income is:	Your super co-contribution will be:	
\$39,837 (or less)	\$500	\$250
\$42,837	\$400	\$250
\$45,837	\$300	\$250
\$48,837	\$200	\$200
\$51,837	\$100	\$100
\$54,837 (or more)	Nil	Nil

Please note that these calculations are estimates only. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will determine eligibility.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Please contact our Member Services Team today.

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