

# Government co-contribution

Top up your super with help from the government

## What is a super co-contribution?

The superannuation co-contribution is a Federal Government initiative to assist low and middle-income earners to build their super savings.

Provided you're eligible and make a personal non-concessional (after-tax) contribution to your super, the Federal Government will kick in up to \$500 into your super fund.

## What is a personal non-concessional contribution?

Personal non-concessional super contributions are the amounts you choose to contribute to your super fund from your after-tax income, and for which no tax deduction is claimed.

Earn less than \$49,487? You could get up to \$500 a year from the government into your super.

## How do you get the government co-contribution?

You do not need to apply for the super co-contribution. If you are eligible, all you need to do is make your personal non-concessional contributions to your super and lodge an income tax return.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will use the information in your income tax return and the contribution information from your super fund to work out whether you are eligible. If you are eligible, the ATO will automatically calculate the appropriate amount and deposit this into your super fund.

## Who is eligible to receive a super co-contribution?

### Super co-contribution table<sup>1</sup>

	If your personal non-concessional contribution is:			
	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
And your income is:	The government will contribute:			
\$34,488 or less	\$500	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$36,488	\$433	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$38,488	\$367	\$367	\$250	\$100
\$40,488	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$100
\$42,488	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$100
\$44,488	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$100
\$46,488	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$49,488 or more	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> This table applies to the 2014/15 financial year.

To be eligible you must:

- make a personal non-concessional contribution to a complying super fund
- have total income (assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits less certain business deductions) of less than \$49,488<sup>2</sup>
- receive 10% or more of your total assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits from eligible employment, carrying on a business or a combination of both
- be less than 71 years of age at the end of the relevant financial year
- not be the holder of a temporary visa (with some minor exceptions)
- lodge an income tax return for the relevant year.

Note that the amount you receive as a government co-contribution depends on the level of your income, please refer to the super co-contribution table within this brochure.

2 The \$49,488 threshold applies to the 2014/15 financial year.

## Need more information?

To find out how you can boost your super savings, contact your financial adviser.

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### Case study

Tracey is 42 and works part-time as an assistant child care worker, earning \$22,000 per annum.

In June, Tracey makes a personal after-tax contribution of \$1,000 to her super fund. On lodging her tax return, the ATO will make an additional co-contribution of \$500 to her super fund.

### What you need to know

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