Super payments for individuals departing Australia

Information for temporary residents

If you are working in Australia as a temporary resident you may be eligible to claim your super money when you leave Australia.

This payment is called the **Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP).**

You can claim a DASP if:

- you visited Australia on an eligible temporary resident visa;
- your visa has expired or been cancelled; and
- you have permanently departed Australia.

Please note that you may still be able to return to Australia on another visa even if you claim and receive your super money. A full list of eligible temporary resident visas is available from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) at **www.ato.gov.au/super**. Information about cancelling your visa or claiming your super money is available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) at **www.immi.gov.au.**

The DASP is not available to permanent Australian or New Zealand citizens because they have the option of retiring in Australia.

How to apply for a DASP

All DASP claims should be made to the ATO.

You can apply for your DASP payment:

- online using the online payment system at **www.ato.gov.au**; or
- in writing by completing an *Applying for a departing Australia superannuation payment form* (NAT 7204). This form is available online at **www.ato.gov.au** or by phoning the ATO on **13 10 20**.

When applying for a DASP you will need to provide the following information:

- your full name and date of birth;
- passport number;
- super fund details – including your Prime Super member number; and
- your Australian Tax File Number (TFN).

There are also other requirements depending on the amount of your DASP.

For payments of less than $5,000

You must include a certified copy of:

- your visa, or evidence that you were a holder of an eligible temporary resident visa that has expired or been cancelled;
- your passport showing your photograph and identification pages, together with the page showing your departure stamp from Australia.

If you have changed your name since leaving Australia you will need to supply certified documentation for verification purposes (this can be a certified copy of your marriage certificate).

For payments of more than $5,000

You will need to supply:

- a written statement from the DIAC stating that you:
  - were a holder of an eligible temporary resident visa that has expired or been cancelled; and
  - have departed Australia.

If you have changed your name since leaving Australia you will need to supply certified documentation for verification purposes (this can be a certified copy of your marriage certificate).

To obtain this statement, you must complete a *Certification of Immigration Status* (Form 1194). This form is available from the DIAC website at **www.immi.gov.au.** Please note that the DIAC charges a fee to process a *Certification of Immigration Status*.

Tax payable

Your payment will generally be taxed at a rate of 35%.

If you made any contributions into your super account after paying income tax (known as after-tax contributions) these will be returned to you tax-free.

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When to apply for a DASP

It's a good idea to start your application early.

You can even get the ball rolling the day you arrive in Australia. However, you must remember that you can only submit your application **after** you have left Australia and your visa has expired or been cancelled.

How long does it take?

Once Prime Super has received your completed DASP application from the ATO, we are required to make a payment within 28 days.

However, delays may occur if we require additional information or require you to complete additional forms. You can contact us to check on the progress of your application.

Who do I contact for progress updates?

If you apply for your DASP within six months of departing Australia, you should contact Prime Super for progress updates. If you don't claim your benefit within six months of departing Australia, it becomes 'unclaimed money' and must be transferred to the ATO. You will then need to contact the ATO directly.

Receipt of payment

Once your application has been processed you will receive a:

- cheque for the amount of your superannuation payment (less tax). If your payment includes any contributions which have been claimed as a tax deduction by you or your employer, then an amount of tax will be withheld; and
- *DASP Payment Summary*. This summary outlines the payer, payee and payment details. It also provides you with Prime Super's contact details for future reference. You should keep this document for your records.

Additional help!

Write to us at:	Locked Bag 5103 Parramatta NSW 2124
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