

Superannuation

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Proposed effective date: 1 July 2021

The Federal Government has announced superannuation measures designed to reduce the number of duplicate accounts following changes in employment, and prevent new members joining underperforming funds.

- New employees will have access to a **YourSuper portal**, which will:
 - provide a table of simple **MySuper products** ranked by fees and investment returns
 - link to super fund websites where they can **choose a MySuper product**
 - show their current super accounts and prompt them to consider consolidating accounts where they have more than one.
- An existing super account will be **'stapled'** to a member to avoid creating a new account when they change employment.
- **Underperforming MySuper products** won't be allowed to receive new members until their performance improves.
- **Super trustees** will need to make sure their actions are consistent with members' retirement savings being maximised

Other super measures

Proposed effective date: various

There was little movement on a number of previously announced super measures.

- **The proposed change to increase the age for non- concessional contribution bring-forward purposes to age 67.** The bill to enact this previously announced measure is still before parliament.
- **The COVID-19 temporary early release of super measure.** Eligible Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents continue to be allowed just one withdrawal opportunity of up to \$10,000 from 1 July 2020 until 31 December 2020.
- The government restated the deferred start date for previously announced **self-managed super fund (SMSF) measures**.
 - Increasing the maximum number of members allowed in an SMSF from four to six.
 - Changes to the calculation of exempt current pension income.

What you need to know

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