

Can I make personal contributions into super?

Making personal contributions (ie. from after-tax income or any other money you have) is a great way to quickly increase your super, and it can be tax-effective.

However, there are limits to what you can contribute in any one year depending on your age and how much you're working.

Age	Eligibility to contribute to super
Under 65	No restrictions apply See below information regarding the limits on how much you can contribute to super.
65 to 74	You must meet the 'work test'. This means you must have worked at least 40 hours over a consecutive period of 30 days during the financial year. You can then make contributions for the remainder of the financial year. Evidence of your work activity will be required by the Superannuation Fund. Employer contributions are accepted regardless of the number of hours you have worked. These include superannuation guarantee contributions (up to age 70) and contributions required under an employment agreement or award.
Over 75	Only contributions required under an employment agreement or award are accepted.
Spouse contributions	Spouse contributions are accepted provided the receiving spouse is under age 65; or aged 65 to 69 and meets the work test which is discussed above.

HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

If you are employed...

You can contribute up to \$150,000 tax free a year, or if you are under 65 years of age, you can bring forward two years of future contributions, which means a tax-free cap of up to \$450,000 in a 3 year period. This is known as the Non-Concessional Contributions Cap (NCCC).

Contributions exceeding the relevant NCCC will be taxed at 46.5%.

If you are self-employed...

You can contribute up to \$25,000 a year, or until 2012, if you are aged 50 or over, you can contribute up to \$50,000 a year, which will be taxed at the concessional rate of 15%. This is known as the Concessional Contributions Cap (CCC).

Contributions exceeding the relevant CCC will be taxed an additional 31.5% (ie. a total of 46.5%) and will also count be counted toward your NCCC.

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