

# Fact sheet

## The AustralianSuper Pension

The AustralianSuper Pension is designed for those who are approaching retirement or who are permanently retired.

You don't already have to be a member of AustralianSuper to take up the Pension. You just need to have super to the value of \$10,000 or more to invest. More than one in 10 working Australians is a member of AustralianSuper, making us one of Australia's largest super funds. As an industry fund we're run only to profit our members, unlike funds that pay dividends to shareholders and commissions to agents. Our key purpose is to maximise our members' retirement savings.

Through the AustralianSuper Pension we can now help our members and other retired Australians make the most of their savings.

If you're like most Australians, you'll be busy in retirement. Travelling, playing sport, gardening, reading, spending time with family – this time (your time) is what you've worked hard for.

How best to access your hard-earned super at this time will depend on your personal circumstances. If you're not keen on taking a lump sum payment and having to manage it throughout your retirement, you might be interested in accessing your super as regular payments through the AustralianSuper Pension.

### What is an account-based pension?

The AustralianSuper Pension is an account-based pension. An account-based pension allows members to roll over their super account into a pension that provides regular income payments during their retirement until the balance in their account runs out.

By law, a minimum amount must be withdrawn from your account-based pension each year. The minimum is simply a percentage of your account balance (the percentage is based on your age). There's no maximum amount that must be withdrawn which means you can withdraw all or part of your account balance as the need arises (unless you've taken up the Transition to Retirement option which restricts you to withdrawing up to a maximum of 10% per year).

### What are the benefits of the AustralianSuper Pension?

When you take up an AustralianSuper Pension you'll enjoy the benefits of:

- strong long-term investment performance
- low fees
- a range of 15 investment options
- tax-free investment earnings
- online account access
- flexible payment options
- estate-planning options that ensure your Pension is not lost in the event of your death.

### What about investment performance?

AustralianSuper has a history of delivering strong long-term investment performance to members.

AustralianSuper also offers you a range of 15 investment options so you can choose the option or options that best suits your individual needs.

Our website has an investment section featuring detailed information on our regular updates on performance and fees. Visit our website at [www.australiansuper.com/pension](http://www.australiansuper.com/pension)

### And fees?

If you have an AustralianSuper Pension, you pay an administration fee of \$1 per week plus 0.22% of your account balance per year. The 0.22% annual fee will not exceed \$1,100 per year for accounts of \$500,000 or more. We deduct these amounts directly from your account.

You also pay investment management fees. Investment management fees are expressed as a percentage, which varies depending on the investment option, or options, you choose. These fees are the same as those applied to members who have their super invested with us: for the 2008/09 financial year, these investment costs ranged from 0.09% pa to 1.07% pa. We deduct these fees from investment earnings before we credit them to your account.

### What is the Transition to Retirement option?

If you've reached your preservation age (currently 55 years of age or older) and have not yet retired, you may be eligible to take up the AustralianSuper Pension under the Transition to Retirement option. This option allows you to set up a pension using some or all of your super

savings before you permanently retire. If you're still working, this option allows you to keep adding to your super while drawing income from your pension.

See our Transition to Retirement fact sheet for further details. Download a copy at [www.australiansuper.com/pension](http://www.australiansuper.com/pension) or call **1300 789 932**.

### Do I need a financial adviser?

Deciding how best to fund your lifestyle in retirement depends on your personal circumstances and an adviser may be able to help you make a decision that's right for you.

Members of AustralianSuper have access to commission-free financial advisers through Industry Fund Financial Planning (IFFP).<sup>\*</sup> IFFP is a national fee-for-service financial planning practice that was established to help industry super fund members with their financial futures.

Your discussion with an IFFP adviser is charged on a fee-for-service basis and the cost is agreed up-front. To arrange a time for a free initial discussion or for more information, you can contact an IFFP adviser on 1300 138 848 or go to [www.iffp.com.au](http://www.iffp.com.au)

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### Want to know more?

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