SOFY NEWSLETTER

Sutherland Tse & Co Pty Ltd



AGED PENSION LIMIT INCREASES

The Aged Pension Assets and Income test thresholds have increased from the 1st July 2024. If you are considering accessing the Aged Pension, please contact us to discuss your eligibility.

The current limits are itemised in the tables below.

SINGLE

Income per fortnight
Up to $212 (free area)
Over $212

COUPLE

Combined income per fortnight
Up to $372 (free area)
Over $372

ASSET TESTS LIMITS

Your situation	Homeowner	Non-homeowner
Single	$314,000	$566,000
A couple, combined	$470,000	$722,000
A couple, separated due to illness, combined	$470,000	$722,000
A couple, one partner eligible, combined	$470,000	$722,000

SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE

From 1st July 2024 the superannuation guarantee percentage has increased 11% to 11.5%. If you have employees, you will need to ensure your payroll and accounting systems are updated to incorporate the increase to the super rate.

The super rate is scheduled to progressively increase to 12% by July 2025. You can find the scheduled rate increases and dates on ATO website.

https://www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Key-superannuation-rates-and-thresholds/?=redirected_SuperRate&anchor=Superguaranteepercentage#Superguaranteepercentage





CONTRIBUTIONS CAPS

Concessional Contributions

The concessional contributions cap for the 2024-25 financial year will increase to $30,000.

If you have not utilised your full cap over the last 5 years, you may be eligible for the carry forward of unused contributions cap. Please contact us for further information.

Non-Concessional Contributions

The non-concessional contributions cap for the 2024-25 financial year will continue to be $120,000.

Please note that your own cap may be different. It can be higher if you use a bring-forward arrangement, or nil if your Total Superannuation Balance (TSB) is greater than or equal to the general transfer balance cap ($1.9 million in 2025)

Please contact us to discuss your caps.

https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/super/in-detail/growing-your-super/super-contributions---too-much-can-mean-extra-tax/

MINIMUM PENSION RATES

The minimum pension temporary discounted pension percentages have come to an end.

Age of Beneficiary	Percentage Factor
Under 65	4%
65 to 74	5%
75 to 79	6%
80 to 84	7%
85 to 89	9%
90 to 94	11%
95 +	14%

Please ensure that enough funds are available to withdrawn the minimum amounts required for the 2025 FYR.

https://www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Key-superannuation-rates-and-thresholds/?page=9

PRESERVATION AGE REACHES 60

As of 1 July 2024, the preservation age has increased to 60 for individuals who had not already reached it. For those born on or before 30 June 1964, the preservation age remains between 55 and 59.

Accessing your super by retiring or starting a transition-to-retirement pension requires reaching your preservation age.

This change simplifies the super system, aligning the preservation age with the age at which super withdrawals become tax-free (from taxed super funds). Previously, different tax rates applied if you accessed your super between your preservation age and age 60.

https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals-and-families/jobs-and-employment-types/working-as-an-employee/leaving-the-workforce/accessing-your-super-to-retire