

# End of Financial Year Checklist

2025

The End of Financial Year (EOFY) is once again fast approaching - providing an opportunity to review your position ahead of the new year to come. Given the inevitable June end rush, as well as processing and cut-off times, we believe it prudent to consider important actions in advance of deadlines. The following is an outline of key planning strategies that may require review. However, this may not cover all EOFY planning requirements – please contact your adviser if you have a query as they can assist by way of facilitation with other advisers (such as your accountant).

## CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPERANNUATION

Concessional contributions (CCs) include personal tax-deductible, employer super guarantee and salary sacrifice contributions to superannuation. Contributions tax of 15% applies against these amounts (although an additional 15% is levied when income is assessed as above \$250,000). CCs provide an excellent way to transfer more money to super, whilst also managing personal tax.

Concessional Contribution Cap
\$30,000

The limit for concessional contributions for this financial year is \$30,000. However, those who held super balances below \$500,000 as at 30 June 2024, may also be eligible to utilise unused carry-forward amounts arising from the previous five financial years (covering the financial years between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024). Any unused amounts from 2019/2020 will expire if not used by 30 June 2025. Please note, the concessional contribution cap for the 2024/25 financial year must be used in full before utilising any unused amounts from previous financial years.

Additional CCs can be made from surplus cash, savings and in some cases in-specie transfer of existing investments. Where you elect to personally 'top-up' your concessional contributions prior to the EOFY you must ensure that you lodge the appropriate tax-deduction forms both with your super provider and personal tax accountant. Importantly, you must have sufficient assessable income for that financial year to be able to claim the tax deduction.

An individual won't need to meet the work test to be able to make personal non-concessional contributions (see below for further information). However, the work test is applicable for those aged 67-74 wishing to claim a personal super contribution deduction.

The superannuation guarantee (SG) contribution rate will increase on 1 July 2025 to 12%. It is important to review any salary sacrifice arrangements prior to 1 July 2025 to account for the increase to SG, the concessional contribution cap and the maximum earnings base.

## CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION SPLITTING

Contribution splitting is a useful strategy to equalise member balances between couples. You can split up to 85% of the concessional (taxable) contributions to your spouse on a yearly basis, provided your spouse is under 65 (or if the receiving spouse has reached preservation age but does not satisfy the retirement condition of release). Amounts can generally only be split in the financial year following the year in which the contributions were made.

## NON-CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPERANNUATION

Non-concessional contributions (NCCs), unlike concessional contributions, do not provide any immediate tax saving. Rather, NCCs are contributions made to super with after-tax assets or cashflow. However, they provide a great opportunity to transfer more wealth into super's tax-effective environment.

Non-Concessional Contribution Cap
\$120,000

The limit for non-concessional contributions during the 2024/25 financial year is \$120,000, or up to \$360,000 where the 'bring forward provisions' are utilised (i.e. bringing forward two future years' worth of cap).

For 2024/25, you are ineligible to make NCCs where your total super balance exceeds \$1.9 million as at 30 June 2024. Additional rules apply where the total super balance exceeds \$1.66 million at 30 June 2024.

As of 1 July 2025, the total super balance test that precludes non-concessional contributions will be increasing to \$2.0 million. Furthermore from 2025/26, additional rules apply where the total super balance exceeds \$1.76 million at 30 June 2025.

## OTHER SUPER CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES

### Spouse Contribution Tax Offset

This can be a tax effective method to make additional super contributions to a non-working or low-income earning spouse. Provided the spouse earns less than \$37,000, a contribution of up to \$3,000 can provide a maximum tax offset (rebate) of \$540 (18%) to the person making the contribution. Spouse contributions are assessed against the NCC cap of the receiving spouse. The tax offset amount reduces when income is greater than \$37,000 and completely phases out when the spouse's income reaches \$40,000.

### Government Co-Contribution

The Government super boost can arise by paying a little extra into super. Specifically, if lower income individuals who earn at least 10% of their income from employment or carrying on a business make an NCC, they may be eligible for a Government co-contribution of up to \$500.

During 2024/25, the maximum co-contribution is available when contributing \$1,000 and earnings are \$45,400 or less. The Government contributes 50 cents for every dollar personally contributed (up to a maximum co-contribution of \$500). Furthermore, the maximum is reduced by 3.33 cents for each dollar of income over \$45,400 (before entirely phasing out at \$60,400).

### SUPERANNUATION PENSIONS

The EOFY is also a good opportunity to review when to commence a pension from your super savings. Where you satisfy the associated criteria, commencing a pension can enhance the tax position within super by reducing the associated earnings tax rate from 15% to 0%.

### MINIMUM SUPERANNUATION PENSION WITHDRAWALS

For those who are already in pension phase, the Government sets pension standards requiring that you withdraw a minimum amount from the pension each year so to retain the associated tax benefits. This minimum amount is calculated based on an age-based percentage and the value of your pension at the beginning of the year.

If commencing an account-based pension from 1 June to 30 June, the minimum annual payment for that financial year does not need to be made.

Member Age (1 <sup>st</sup> July)	Minimum Percentage
Under 65	4%
65 - 74	5%
75 - 79	6%
80 - 84	7%
85 - 89	9%
90 - 94	11%
95+	14%

Transition to Retirement Income Streams (TRIS) remain subject to a maximum withdrawal of 10% of the account balance at 1 July.

### PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND CAPITAL GAINS

As June 30 gets closer, it is time to turn some attention towards capital gains tax (CGT). The date of the contract – whether for a purchase or sale – determines the timing of CGT. Therefore, there may be an opportunity to clear out the 'underperformers' and utilise capital losses to offset capital gains in other areas of the portfolio before the end of the year.

Another strategy to consider is deferring the sale of assets that would give rise to a capital gain until a future financial year. This could also reduce the capital gains tax payable if your taxable income is going to be sufficiently lower and/or you qualify for the general 50% discount by extending the ownership beyond 12 months.

### PAY EXPENSES & MANAGE TAX

Pre-paying investment interest may enable you to bring forward deductions into the current financial year. The pre-payment locks in the interest rate and may restrict the ability to repay the income producing loan. Other deductible expenses can include professional services, charitable donations and income protection insurance.

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