



Superannuation funds excess contributions tax

As the end of the financial year approaches, we strongly encourage super fund members to count all your contributions made during 2011-12 to check whether you are at risk of being subject to the excess contributions tax.

The last few financial years have seen a high number of taxpayers caught out due to excess contributions from salary sacrifice arrangements and members not keeping track of the dates on which employers have paid contributions on their behalf.

The concessional cap for 2011-12 has been set at \$25,000 for members under 50 and at \$50,000 for members over 50.

From 1 July 2012, those earning over \$300,000 will pay tax on their contributions at a 30% tax rate.

You might find that you have already exceeded your annual cap on concessional or non-concessional contributions. However, if you are close to the limit, you may still have time to make an adjustment to your rate of contributions to bring yourself within the appropriate cap.

Fund members who make extra large contributions (including those making an effort to expand their super balances in the last few years before retiring) are at particular risk of making excess contributions in 2011-12.

Members should not under-estimate the effects of excess contributions. Those who exceed the caps on both concessional and non-concessional contributions could be taxed as much as 93% on some contributions. This means that some contributions could be almost completely obliterated by tax.

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