

Departing Australia Superannuation Payment



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What is DASP and who is eligible?

If you have worked in Australia on a temporary visa, you may have accumulated superannuation that has been paid by your employer under the compulsory Super Guarantee.

You may be eligible to have this super (and any earnings and other contributions) paid to you (less tax) as a departing Australia superannuation payment (DASP) after you leave.

Generally, you can claim a DASP if all of the following apply:

- you accumulated superannuation while working in Australia on a temporary resident visa issued under the *Migration Act 1958* (excluding Subclasses 405 and 410)
- your visa has expired or been cancelled
- you have left Australia and you do not hold any other active Australian visa
- you're not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia (if you're a New Zealand citizen leaving Australia permanently, you may be able to transfer your super to New Zealand).

Important

While you cannot claim a DASP until after you have left Australia, you should get all the information you need and start your application before your departure. It may be difficult to start the process once you have left.

How can I make a DASP claim?

After departing Australia, and within six months of your departure or your visa being cancelled, you can request your super directly from First Super, either online or using a paper application.

1. Online

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) online facility is a free service, regardless of your withdrawal amount. This is the simplest option because your identity and immigration status is verified electronically and you are not required to provide any documentation to First Super. The Temporary Residents Online Application can be accessed via ato.gov.au/departaustralia.

If you apply online you will need:

- Your name, date of birth and other personal details
- Your email address
- Your passport country
- Your passport number
- Your Australian Tax File Number (optional)
- Your First Super membership number, and First Super's Australian Business Number (ABN) 56 286 625 181.

2. Paper application

The information you need to provide when making a paper application directly to First Super will depend on the benefit amount.

Benefits under \$5,000

If the amount of your super is less than AUD \$5,000 you will need to send First Super:

1. a copy of your passport;
2. a copy of your visa (or other evidence) showing you were a temporary resident, and that your temporary visa has ceased to be in effect; and
3. a completed *Application for a departing Australia superannuation payment form (NAT 7204)*. This form can be downloaded from ato.gov.au.

If you have changed your name since you first entered Australia, please provide certified copies of documentation showing how you changed your name (for example, your marriage certificate).

Benefits of \$5,000 or more

If the amount of your super is more than AUD \$5,000 you will need to send First Super:

1. a *Certification of Immigration Status (form 1194)* from the Department of Home Affairs, which charges a fee to issue this certificate
2. a completed *Application for a departing Australia superannuation payment form (NAT 7204)*. This form can be downloaded from ato.gov.au, and
3. a certified copy of an appropriate identification document, eg. passport, Australian driver licence, proof of age card. For further details see our *Completing Proof of Identity* fact sheet at firstsuper.com.au

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Authorising someone to claim on your behalf

You can authorise someone else to apply for your DASP. They can act on your behalf and update your information, so consider carefully who you allow to represent you.

Your representative will need a written authority from you before they can submit your DASP application.

You can nominate either:

- a tax agent with full registration or conditional registration for the purpose of claiming DASP with the Tax Practitioners Board
- another person if you use a DASP paper form.

Registered tax agents can claim DASP on your behalf through the DASP online intermediary application system.

Anyone applying on your behalf is required to prove they have authority to act on your behalf.

To prove this authority, you will need to complete a *Third Party Authority Form*. Where the person acting on your behalf is a financial adviser, please complete the *Third Party Authority (Financial Adviser) Form*.

These forms are available at firstsuper.com.au.

DASP withholding tax rate change

A final DASP tax will be withheld from your payment when it is made. The payment may be made up of two components, taxable and tax free. These rates are:

Ordinary tax rate (for non-working holiday maker visa holders)

- 0% for the tax-free component
- For the taxable components:
 - You will be taxed a further 35% for amounts you have already paid tax on
 - You will be taxed 45% on amounts you have not paid tax on.

Tax rate for working holiday maker visas (417 Working Holiday or 462 Work and Holiday)

- 0% for the tax-free component
- For the taxable components:
 - You will be taxed 65% on amounts you have paid tax on, as well as amounts you have not paid tax on.

Certification of personal documents

If you are living outside Australia, you can have copies of your documents certified by consular staff at an Australian:

- Embassy;
- High Commission; or
- Consulate.

We're here to help, so let's talk

If you would like to discuss DASP, or have any other questions about your super, please contact our Member Services Team today.



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