Access to Superannuation

Superannuation is generally preserved (i.e. it must remain in the superannuation system) until you retire.

You can only access your preserved superannuation benefits (including to start a pension) if you satisfy a condition of release. The main conditions of release are:

- Retire after your preservation age (55–60, depending on your date of birth—see table below);
- Resign from any employment arrangement from age 60;
- Reach age 65;
- Become permanently incapacitated or on death;
- Reach your preservation age and take an account based transition to retirement pension;
- Be in severe financial hardship (conditions and dollar limits apply);
- Have terminated employment and your account balance is less than $200;
- Suffer from a terminal medical condition;
- Apply to Australian Taxation Office to approve payment of an amount for one of the following reasons:
  - to pay for medical costs or palliative care for you or a dependant; or
  - to prevent foreclosure of a mortgage or the sale by a mortgagee of your principal residence; or
  - to modify your principal residence or vehicle to accommodate special needs arising from your or your dependant’s severe disability; or
  - to pay for a dependant’s funeral;
- If you have any unrestricted non-preserved benefits (as shown on your benefit statement), you can access them at any time.

If you are a temporary resident (but not a citizen of New Zealand or a holder of a Subclass 405 or Subclass 410 visa), you will not have access to your super benefits before leaving Australia unless you are permanently incapacitated or you have satisfied another condition of release before 1 April 2009.

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Preservation Age

Your preservation age depends on your date of birth as set out below:

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