

Early Access to Superannuation and its future impacts to you

The COVID -19 crisis and its flow-on effects have many of us reassessing our financial positions.

The Federal Government recently announced temporary changes to the early release conditions for individuals. The Government is allowing affected individuals to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation before July and a further \$10,000 between July and September this year.

The scheme is administered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) through the [my.gov.au](https://www.my.gov.au) website. The scheme comes into effect on 20 April 2020. Details can be accessed at the following page:

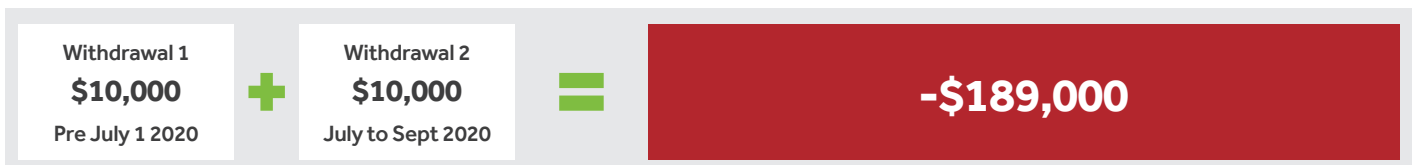
<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Super/Withdrawing-and-using-your-super/Early-access-to-your-super/>

This payment will be helpful for some, however, members should consider all the facts. Something to consider is that investment markets are at relatively low levels due to volatility created by the COVID-19 pandemic. By taking money out now members will be selling their superannuation assets at the bottom of the market, it's like selling your house during a property price slump, you lock in your losses.

Taking \$20,000 from your super now can have a significant effect on your balance come retirement. To illustrate:

The cost to your balance at retirement (Age 67)

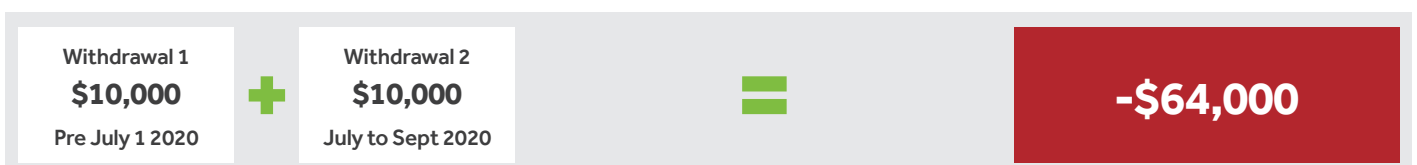
Age: 25 years | Salary: \$50,000 | Current Super balance: \$22,000



Age: 35 years | Salary: \$70,000 | Current Super balance: \$60,000



Age: 45 years | Salary: \$90,000 | Current Super balance: \$85,000



The calculation is provided for illustration purpose and is based on certain assumptions including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Assumes default Mysuper Growth option during the accumulation phase.
2. Default insurance cover of 4 units for Manual members.
3. Assumes long-term CPI at 2.5% and rise in living standard at 1% p.a.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

You should look at your own financial position, objectives and requirements before making any financial decisions.

Consider your Insurance Cover

The insurance most members get through Cbus provides ongoing financial protection and security for you and your family. If you withdraw your super and your balance gets too low, you may not be able to cover the costs of your insurance and this cover will stop.

Other Potential Financial Sources and Financial Relief

There are a number of sources of financial assistance as industry and governments respond to the crisis. Some of these may be a better short-term solution with less long-term impacts on your financial future.

Federal Government COVID-19 Support Schemes

The Federal Government is progressively releasing financial support packages. Follow this link to find eligibility criteria and links to apply:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/affected-coronavirus-covid-19>

Supplement payments of \$750

All eligible Centrelink payment recipients will receive a \$750 payment in April 2020 and another \$750 payment in June/July 2020, payment from 13 July 2020 is subject to the member getting an eligible payment or have an eligible concession card on 10 July 2020.

Loan Holidays

It may be possible to request a temporary pause on your mortgage. Each bank will have different approaches and it may vary according to the loan product you have.

Rental Assistance

You might be eligible for rental assistance through the Federal Government's COVID response packages:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/rent-assistance>

Industry Schemes

You may also have entitlements through your membership of various industry schemes. Please use the following websites to get the latest information. If you are a member of a Union, they can also assist with further relevant information.

Redundancy Schemes

Queensland and NT

ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
BERT	https://www.bert.com.au/
CIRT	https://www.cirt.com.au/
MERT	https://www.mert.com.au/Home/

Western Australia

Reddifund	https://www.reddifund.com.au/
ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
Protect	https://www.protect.net.au/

Victoria

ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
Incolink	https://www.incolink.org.au/
Protect	https://www.protect.net.au/

Australian Capital Territory

ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
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New South Wales

ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
MERT	https://www.mert.com.au/Home/

South Australia

ACIRT	https://www.acirt.com.au/
Birst	https://www.birst.com.au/
Protect	https://www.protect.net.au/

Tasmania

Incolink	https://www.incolink.org.au/
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Long Service Leave

Queensland

QLeave	https://www.qleave.qld.gov.au/
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Western Australia

My leave	https://www.myleave.wa.gov.au/
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Victoria

Co Invest	https://www.coinvest.com.au/
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South Australia

Portable leave	https://www.portableleave.org.au/
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Tasmania

Tasbuild	https://tasbuild.com.au/
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Northern Territory

NTbuild	http://www.ntbuild.com.au/
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New South Wales

Long Service Leave Corporation	https://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au/
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Australian Capital Territory

ACT Leave	https://actleave.act.gov.au/construction/workers/claims
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