

# Key Changes to Essential Super

We made changes to the Essential Super Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and it's important you are aware of these changes and how they might affect you. Refer to the two tables below which outline the key changes, effective 17 March 2018.

## Changes to the Product Disclosure Statement

Change	Before (As it appears in the pds)	After (As it appears in the pds)	What does this mean for me?
<b>Change in investment allocation for Lifestage 1960s options</b>	Cash – 15%	Cash – 16.6%	If you fall into the 1960s Lifestage option, there is a slight change in the asset allocation of your super.  As the trustee actively manages the asset allocations for each Lifestage option, they can vary over time.
	Fixed interest – 22.7%	Fixed interest – 22.9%	
	Global property and infrastructure securities – 11%	Global property and infrastructure securities – 10.8%	
	Australian shares – 25.7%	Australian shares – 24.7%	
	Global shares – 25.6%	Global shares – 25%	
<b>Insurance exclusion for pre-existing condition</b>	The insurer will not pay a benefit if your death, terminal illness or total and permanent disablement is caused directly or indirectly by a pre-existing condition.	For the first five years of your cover, a benefit won't be paid if it is due to a pre-existing condition. The pre-existing condition exclusion generally won't apply after the fifth anniversary of your cover if at any time after that anniversary you are capable of working in your usual occupation (which may include performing full time home duties) for two consecutive months. You should refer to the current PDS for full details.	If you've held insurance with your Essential Super account for five years or more, the pre-existing exclusion will generally now be waived (provided you are "capable of working"). It is important that you read the current PDS to ensure you understand the new requirements.

## Additions to the Product Disclosure Statement

Addition	Description (as it appears in the PDS)	What does this mean for me?
<b>Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP) application process</b>	You can apply for a 'Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP)' online at <a href="http://ato.gov.au">ato.gov.au</a> , or by downloading a paper form from the ATO website and submitting it to Essential Super Reply Paid 86495 Sydney NSW 2001.	There are no changes regarding DASP rules, we've simply explained the process.
<b>Superannuation housing measures</b>	<p><b>First home super saver scheme</b></p> <p>From 1 July 2017, you can make up to \$15,000 per year (\$30,000 in total, over 2 years) additional pre-tax or after tax voluntary super contributions to save for your first home.</p> <p>From 1 July 2018, you can then withdraw the contributed amounts plus a deemed earnings amount to help fund the purchase of your first home.</p> <p><b>Downsizer contributions</b></p> <p>From 1 July 2018, if you are aged 65 or over and sell your principal home, you can make a downsizer contribution of up to \$300,000 (\$600,000 combined for a couple) into your superannuation account. Downsizer contributions are not subject to normal contribution eligibility criteria such as having to meet a work test and don't count towards other contributions caps.</p> <p>The contribution will be tax free when received by your fund, although it will be assessable under the social security assets test and generally deemed under the social security income test.</p>	The legislation was introduced by the Australian government in the Federal Budget 2017-18. For further information, including how to access these benefits, please visit <a href="http://ato.gov.au">ato.gov.au</a>
<b>Searching for your super</b>	Searching for your super is easy with the online super search tool. Using real-time search results from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), you can find your other super accounts and, if you'd like, consolidate them into your Essential Super account. Simply log on to NetBank, click on your account, and select 'consolidate'.	You can search for any other super you may have using NetBank and the CommBank app. Visit <a href="http://commbank.com.au/findmysuper">commbank.com.au/findmysuper</a> to find out how.
<b>Interest on pending applications and clearing house service</b>	<p><b>Pending applications:</b> If we are unable to proceed with your application because we have not received all the required information, or for any other reason, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attempt to contact you; and</li> <li>• hold your application monies in a trust account until we receive the required information. Any interest on these monies may be retained by the trustee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Clearing house service:</b> Any interest earned on the bank account used for providing the clearing house service may be retained by the trustee.</p>	The trustee will hold your application monies in a trust account if we are unable to proceed with your application for any reason. Any interest earned on this trust account, may be retained by the trustee.
<b>Branch application</b>	The ability of Commonwealth Bank branches to open accounts and establish employer arrangements has been suspended until further notice.	An Essential Super account can only be opened online or by calling the Essential Super Services team on 13 4074.
<b>Infrastructure asset class</b>	Infrastructure is now disclosed as one of the main asset classes alongside Cash, Fixed Interest, Property and Shares.	Disclosure only, no changes to the asset classes.
<b>Removal of fax numbers</b>	Fax is no longer an acceptable medium to receive requests and documents. Any requests or documents sent by fax will not be actioned.	We continue to accept any documents uploaded through NetBank or sent via post to Essential Super Reply Paid 86495 Sydney NSW 2001.

## What do you need to do?

You don't need to do anything, these changes have already been applied to the Essential Super product. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the changes and how they may impact you.

## We're here to help

For further details, please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement at [commbank.com.au/essentialsuper-pds](http://commbank.com.au/essentialsuper-pds). If you have any questions, please call us on 13 4074 between 8am – 7pm, Monday to Friday (AEST).