

Working temporarily in Australia

Claim your superannuation after you leave.



If you work while visiting on a temporary resident visa, you can be paid your superannuation (super) money once you have left Australia.

Super in Australia

Super is a way of saving for retirement. In Australia, your employer will generally make super payments to a super fund for you if you:

- are less than 70 years of age
- are paid a salary or wage of A\$450 or more in a calendar month
- work full-time, part-time or on a casual basis.

While you are in Australia, your super will remain in the super fund.

Can I claim my super?

You can claim your super money after you leave Australia if:

- you visited on a temporary visa (excluding visa subclasses 405 and 410), and
- your visa has expired or been cancelled.

- ! **If you claim your super payment, you can still return to Australia on another visa.**
- ! **New Zealand citizens are not eligible for this super payment as they have the option of retiring in Australia.**

How do I claim my super?

Online

The easiest way to claim your super is to apply online using the departing Australia superannuation payment (DASP) online application system at www.ato.gov.au/departaustralia

This is a free service.

You can start your online application at any time while in Australia. However, you can only submit your application once you have left Australia and your visa has expired or been cancelled.

To apply, you need your:

- personal details – your name and date of birth
- passport number
- super fund details – the name of the super fund and your account number
- Australian tax file number.

Paper

You can also apply using a paper form. In order to use the correct paper form, you will need to contact your super fund to find out where your super money is located.

- If your super is with your super fund, use either the *Departing Australia superannuation payment* application form (NAT 7204) or an equivalent DASP request form from your super fund.
- If your super has been transferred to the Tax Office, use the *Application for payment of unclaimed super – individual* (NAT 71685).

If you apply on paper, you need to attach relevant documents to support your application and confirm your eligibility. You can download these forms at www.ato.gov.au/departaustralia

I don't know my super details

If you apply for your super online, our computer system will often locate your super accounts for you. However, if your account details do not appear or you believe you have other super accounts that have not appeared, go to www.ato.gov.au/superseeker to search for these accounts.

How is my super paid to me?

Your super payment will be paid by cheque and mailed to you. You do not need to maintain an Australian bank account to receive this payment.

Withholding tax, generally at a rate of 35%, will be taken out of your super before it is paid to you.

More information

For more information:

- visit our website at **www.ato.gov.au/departaustralia**
- if you are inside Australia, phone us on **13 10 20** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday
- if you are outside Australia, phone us on **+61 2 6216 1111** between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (Australian Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight-saving Time) and ask to be put through to the superannuation area
- write to us at:
Australian Taxation Office
PO Box 3100
PENRITH NSW 2740
AUSTRALIA

If you do not speak English well and want to talk to a tax officer, phone the Translating and Interpreting Service on **13 14 50** for help with your call.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). If you are:

- a TTY user, phone **13 36 77** and quote the Tax Office number you need
- a Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay) user, phone **1300 555 727** and quote the Tax Office number you need
- an internet relay user, connect to the NRS on **www.relayservice.com.au** and quote the Tax Office number you need.

If you would like further information about the NRS, phone **1800 555 660** or email **helpdesk@relayservice.com.au**

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