



## GROWING YOUR SUPER

Making a before-tax contribution to your super is known as 'salary sacrifice'.

It involves your employer contributing some of your pre-tax salary or wages directly into your super fund.

For many Australians, relying on your mandated employer contribution, typically a 9.5% super guarantee, may not be enough. By using a smart strategy like salary sacrifice, you could reduce your income tax and boost your super balance at the same time.

Why should I salary sacrifice?

The key advantage of salary sacrificing is that you'll be taxed at a maximum rate of just 15% on salary sacrifice contributions and any earnings on these contributions once invested in your super fund and not at your marginal rate (which could be up to 49%).

Therefore, depending on your circumstances, making salary sacrifice super contributions could reduce the amount of tax you have to pay on your salary, wages or a bonus, by up to 34% and enable you to make a larger investment for your retirement.

## Key benefits of salary sacrifice:

- You will pay less tax.
- You will boost your retirement savings.
- Investment earnings in super are concessional tax.

## Key considerations

There are also a few things to consider before you decide whether a salary sacrifice strategy is right for you:

- You won't be able to access the money you salary sacrifice into super until you reach preservation age (the age at which you can withdraw super) and meet a condition of release.
- There are limits on the amount that can be salary sacrificed into super.

Salary sacrificing into super can save tax and make a big difference to your retirement nest egg. But make sure you know all the restrictions and have considered how they may apply to your situation before you may a decision.



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