

**INFORMATION SHEET**

# Pension Preserved Entitlements

Preservation is aimed at ensuring your super entitlements are kept for your retirement. This information sheet explains your options as a preserved member of the Pension Scheme.

## What is a preserved member?

A preserved member is a member who has had part or all of their super entitlements (pension or lump sum) preserved.

Preserved members:

- receive an Annual Statement, newsletters and other communication
- maintain secure access to their account through the Secure Access Login Member Area on the Super SA website.

## What is a preserved entitlement?

A preserved entitlement is the part of your super entitlement that you cannot claim until you reach a certain age or another condition of release.

Two types of preservation rules affect your super: Commonwealth Government preservation rules and Pension Scheme preservation rules.

## Commonwealth Government preservation rules

If you have rolled money into the Pension Scheme from other super funds, it will be subject to Commonwealth Government preservation rules.

Therefore, any money in your Rollover Account that was subject to Commonwealth Government preservation rules before it was rolled into the Pension Scheme is preserved until one of the following happens, you:

- have retired permanently from the workforce and have reached age 60
- become totally and permanently disabled
- die.

## Pension Scheme preservation rules

Entitlements preserved in the Pension Scheme can only be paid out early if you become totally and permanently disabled or die. Otherwise your entitlement remains preserved until you reach the age of 55.

 When deciding whether to commute part or all of your pension entitlement to a lump sum or whether to take it as cash or as a rollover, you should consider seeking professional financial advice.

This can mean:

- a preserved pension entitlement claimable between the ages of 55 and 60 irrespective of whether you are still working, with the option to commute all or part of the pension to a lump sum. See the Commutation information sheet for further information. To claim your preserved pension entitlement you need to complete an Application for Payment of a Preserved Pension Entitlement form. If you have not claimed by age 60, the Super SA Board is required to pay the pension
- a preserved lump sum entitlement because you are not eligible for a pension entitlement or have already taken your non-preserved component in cash and have a preserved Superannuation Guarantee (SG) component. You can roll over your entitlement to another complying super fund at any time.

## Factors that can affect the amount of entitlement received

If you're receiving, or are entitled to receive, weekly workers' compensation payments, your pension entitlement will be reduced or suspended for the period of entitlement to workers' compensation.

## Super SA Flexible Rollover Product

If you are no longer working in the SA public sector (and meet certain age related criteria) you may wish to roll over, or commute part of, your super into the Super SA Flexible Rollover Product. The Super SA Flexible Rollover Product allows you to keep your super in a low cost, tax-effective environment while maintaining access to your non-preserved monies (if any), until you decide what to do with it in the long term. For more information please see the Super SA Flexible Rollover Product PDS.

If you transfer your super into the Super SA Flexible Rollover Product, you'll retain access to any non-preserved funds, in line with Commonwealth Government preservation rules. However, if you choose to keep your super in the Pension Scheme, those non-preserved funds may not be available as a cash payment until you reach age 55 (or meet another condition of release). Access and tax treatment will depend on your preservation age as defined by the Commonwealth Government.

## Super SA Income Stream

Upon reaching age 60, the Super SA Income Stream gives you the option of converting any lump sum super payment you receive on retirement into a regular income stream, and it offers many benefits, including tax advantages for your money. You can also select from a range of investment options and enjoy low administration costs and investment fees with no entry, exit or withdrawal fees. For more information on the Super SA Income Stream, see the Super SA Income Stream PDS.

When deciding whether to commute part or all of your pension entitlement to a lump sum or whether to take it as cash or as a rollover, you should consider seeking professional financial advice. For help finding a financial planner of your choice, contact the Financial Advice Association Australia.

## Further information

The following information sheets and Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs) may be helpful if read in conjunction with the information presented above:

- Commutation
- Tax
- Super SA Flexible Rollover Product PDS
- Super SA Income Stream PDS.

Information sheets on a range of topics relating to your super are available on the Super SA website and from Super SA. Alternatively, if you have any enquiries regarding preserved entitlements or any other matters raised in this information sheet, please contact Super SA.

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