



**INFORMATION SHEET** 

# **Proof of identity** (POI)

Identification documents can be provided either as original documents or as certified copies of original documents.

Among the reforms introduced by the Commonwealth Government in relation to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) is the requirement for those claiming super entitlements to provide proof of identity.

This means that you or your representative (if applicable), are required to provide proof of identity when applying for the payment of a cash entitlement. For any exceptions to this requirement refer to the 'Exceptions' section opposite.

### **Accepted documents**

Super SA must be able to verify your name, date of birth and residential address from:

- an original document or
- a certified copy or
- a certified extract from an original document.

The source documents may be either:

 a primary photographic identification document (your name and either your date of birth or residential address)

## OR

 both a primary non-photographic identification document and a secondary identification document (your name, date of birth and residential address).

The documents must be valid and not have expired. The only exception to this is a passport issued by Australia, providing it expired less than two years ago.

A 'certified copy' is a copy of an original physical document that has been signed and certified by an authorised person (see list on page 3).

The authorised person must see the original physical document and certify that the copy is a 'certified true copy' of the original document.

All pages of the document need to be certified as a true copy of the original by writing or stamp 'certified true copy' on each page.

# **Exceptions**

If Super SA holds a copy of your proof of identity documents, which are currently valid and show your current details, then those documents on file can be used to verify a withdrawal application. If the identification records you have previously provided to us are expired or the address on the proof of identity documents we hold doesn't match the address we have on our records, we will require you to provide up-to-date, certified proof of identity documents.

#### Digital requests

If you are completing a digital request with Super SA that verifies your identity digitally, you will generally not be required to provide Super SA with additional proof of identity documents

#### Australian Taxation Office (ATO) payments

To make payments directly to the ATO from a Super SA account, proof of identity documents are *not* required.

## Primary photographic identification documents

A primary photographic identification document is one of the following:

- a driver's licence containing your photograph
- a passport issued by the Commonwealth of Australia
- a passport or similar document issued for international travel purposes by a foreign government, the United Nations or an agency of the United Nations, which contains your photograph and signature. If necessary, you must also provide an English translation prepared by an accredited translator
- a proof of age card containing your photograph
- a national identity card issued for the purpose of identification by a foreign government, the United Nations or an agency of the United Nations, which contains your photograph and signature. If necessary, you must also provide an English translation prepared by an accredited translator.
- Please note Electronic versions of the above identity documents cannot be accepted. For example, the Digital Driver's Licence on the mySAGOV mobile app.

# Primary non-photographic identification documents

A primary non-photographic identification document is one of the following:

- a birth certificate or birth extract issued by an Australian State or Territory
- a citizenship certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government
- a citizenship certificate issued by a foreign government. If necessary, you must also provide an English translation prepared by an accredited translator.
- a birth certificate issued by a foreign government, the United Nations or an agency of the United Nations. If necessary, you must also provide an English translation prepared by an accredited translator
- a pension card issued by Centrelink that entitles you to financial benefits.

## Secondary identification documents

A secondary identification document is one of the following documents containing your name and residential address:

- a notice issued to you by the Commonwealth, or a State or Territory government within the preceding 12 months, that shows you have received financial benefits from that government
- a notice issued to you by the Australian Taxation Office within the preceding 12 months which records details of a Commonwealth tax debt or rebate
- a notice issued by a local government body or utilities provider within the preceding 12 months which records the provision of services to you or your address.

If you do not have any of the documents listed above, please contact Super SA to discuss your options.

## Providing the documents to Super SA

Identification documents can be provided either as original documents or as certified copies of original documents.

If you provide original documents please bring them to the Super SA Member Centre, Ground Floor 151 Pirie Street (enter from Pulteney Street), Adelaide. A Super SA staff member will sight the documents and take a photocopy for our records and return the originals to you immediately.

If you provide certified copies then you can post the documents or deliver them in person to Super SA when you apply for payment of your cash entitlement. Super SA will retain these certified copies.

If you are unable to have your documents certified, you may submit your Proof of Identity with a photograph of yourself holding your photographic ID and a Super SA document that shows your Account or Client ID i.e. your Annual Statement.

# **How to Certify Documents**

Authorised persons must include the following information.

- Date
- Name
- Signature
- · Position and professional registration/licence number (if applicable)

Where applicable, please include your organisation or professional stamp.



(!) Authorised persons can not certify their own/ families documents, even if they fall under one of the accepted categories.

# Who can certify a copy of your identification document(s)?

Under AML/CTF rules, the following people are able to certify that copies of your documents are true extracts of the originals:

- a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner
- a person who is currently licensed or registered to practise one of the following occupations:
  - Chiropractor
  - Dentist
  - Legal practitioner
  - Medical practitioner

  - Optometrist
  - Patent attorney
  - Pharmacist
  - Physiotherapist
  - Psychologist
  - Trademarks attorney
  - Veterinary surgeon
  - Occupational therapist
  - Architect
  - · Midwife
  - Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Migration Act 1958
- Finance company officer with five or more years of continuous service
- Financial adviser or financial planner
- an agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
- an Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the Consular Fees Act 1955)
- a bailiff
- a chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court
- a clerk of a court
- a commissioner for Affidavits
- a commissioner for Declarations
- an employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:
  - in a country or place outside Australia and
  - authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955 and
  - exercising the employee's function in that place
- an employee of the Commonwealth who is:
  - in a country or place outside Australia and
  - authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955 and
  - exercising his or her function in that place

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- a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association
- a finance company officer with five or more years of continuous service
- a holder of a statutory office
- a judge of a court
- a Justice of the Peace
- a magistrate
- a marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- a Master of a court
- Engineer who is:
  - a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
  - a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia: or
  - registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
  - registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
- a member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- a member of the Australian Defence Force who is:
  - an officer or
  - a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with five or more years of continuous service or
  - a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act
- a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA)
- a member of:
  - · the Parliament of the Commonwealth or
  - · the Parliament of a State or
  - a Territory legislature or
  - a local government authority
- a minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- a notary public
- a permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with five or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

- a permanent employee of:
  - · a Commonwealth authority or
  - a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority or
  - a local government authority with five or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this Part
- a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made
- a Police officer
- a Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- a Senior Executive Service employee of:
  - · Commonwealth authority or
  - a State or Territory authority
- a sheriff
- a sheriff's officer
- a Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
- a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
- APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with five or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item of this Part
- Bank officer with five or more continuous years of service
- Building society officer with five or more years of continuous service
- Credit union officer with five or more years of continuous service
- Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd
- SES employee of the Commonwealth

Except where stated, the categories above relate to positions and offices held within Australia. If you are overseas for any reason, you need to have your documents certified by an Australian consular officer, an Australian diplomatic officer or you should contact Super SA for alternative arrangements.

# **Further Information**

To find out more about the AML/CTF visit the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, (AUSTRAC) website at **www.austrac.gov.au**. If you have any general enquiries about accessing your super entitlement, contact Super SA.

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