

Early Access to Superannuation

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What is the benefit?	<p>Early access of preserved superannuation benefits on compassionate grounds has been extended to allow release of up to \$10,000 of superannuation in the 2019/20 financial year, and a further \$10,000 in 2020/21 for people financially affected by the Coronavirus.</p> <p>Only one application can be made in each financial year.</p> <p>Applications for the release of funds in 2019/20 need to be lodged before 1 July 2020.</p> <p>Application for the release of funds in the 2020/21 financial year will need to be lodged between 1 July 2020 and 24 September 2020</p> <p>Any amounts released from superannuation on these grounds will be exempt from tax.</p>
Eligibility	<p>To be eligible for the early release of funds a person must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be unemployed, or• Be eligible to receive a Jobseeker Payment, Youth Allowance Jobseeker, Parenting Payment, Special Benefit or Farm Household Allowance, or• Since 1 January 2020:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ they were made redundant, or○ their working hours were reduced by 20% or more, or○ if a sole trader, their business was suspended or suffered a reduction in turnover of 20% or more. <p>A reduction in working hours of 20% or more is relative to working hours or turnover for the September and December 2019 quarters.</p>
Applies from	20 April 2020 until 24 September 2020
How is it paid?	<p>Applications for release of benefits is to be made to the Australian Taxation Office via the myGov website: www.my.gov.au</p> <p>The Australian Taxation Office will authorise the applicant's superannuation fund to pay the amount released directly to the applicant.</p>
Additional information	https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Early_Access_to_Super_2.pdf