

## Temporary early release of superannuation

The government is allowing individuals affected by the coronavirus to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in 2019–20 and a further \$10,000 in 2020–21. Individuals will not need to pay tax on amounts released and the money they withdraw will not affect Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs payments.

From mid-April 2020, eligible individuals will be able to apply online through myGov to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation before 1 July 2020. They will also be able to access up to a further \$10,000 from 1 July 2020 for approximately three months.

## Eligibility

To apply for early release, you must satisfy any one or more of the following requirements:

- You are unemployed.
- You are eligible to receive a job seeker payment, youth allowance for jobseekers, parenting payment (which includes the single and partnered payments), special benefit or farm household allowance.
- On or after 1 January 2020, either
  - you were made redundant
  - your working hours were reduced by 20% or more
  - if you are a sole trader, your business was suspended or there was a reduction in your turnover of 20% or more.

## How to apply

If you are eligible for this new ground of early release, you can apply from mid-April directly to the ATO through the myGov website: [my.gov.au External Link](#)

. You will need to certify that you meet the eligibility criteria.

If you are a member of an APRA fund, after we have processed your application we will issue you with a determination. We will also provide a copy of this determination to your superannuation fund, which will advise them to release your superannuation payment. Your fund will then make the payment to you, without you needing to apply to them directly.

If you are a member of a self-managed superannuation fund (SMSF) who is eligible, you can apply through myGov from mid-April. We will then issue you with a determination advising of your eligibility to release an amount. When your SMSF receives the determination from you, they will be authorised to make the payment.

## Timing

You will be able to apply for early release of your superannuation from mid-April 2020.

## Temporarily reducing superannuation minimum drawdown rates

The government is temporarily reducing superannuation minimum drawdown requirements for account-based pensions and similar products by 50% for 2019–20 and 2020–21. This measure will benefit retirees holding these products by reducing the need to sell investment assets to fund minimum drawdown requirements.

The government is also reducing both the upper and lower social security deeming rates by a further 0.25 percentage points in addition to the 0.5 percentage point reduction to both rates announced on 12 March 2020.

Age	Default minimum drawdown rates (%)	Reduced rates by 50% for the 2019–20 and 2020–21 income years (%)
Under 65	4	2
65 to 74	5	2.5
75 to 79	6	3
80 to 84	7	3.5
85 to 89	9	4.5
90 to 94	11	5.5
95 or more	14	7

## More information

For more information on the Australian Government's economic response to coronavirus, visit [treasury.gov.au/coronavirus](https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus)<sup>External Link</sup>

Businesses can visit [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au) <sup>External Link</sup> to find out more about how the economic response complements the range of support available to small and medium businesses.