

# Product Disclosure Statement update

## Employer Super

31 March 2025

This notice updates the information in the *Product Disclosure Statement* (PDS) dated 28 June 2024 for your Plan in the Corporate Superannuation Division (CSD) of the Mercer Super Trust.

You should read this notice, in conjunction with the PDS and other important booklets before making any decisions. You can access these documents at [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) or you can request a hard copy free of charge by calling the contact details set out below.

**From 1 January 2025, changes came into effect concerning the following information disclosed in the PDS. Changes are shown in green.**

## 5. How we invest your money

We give you the flexibility to tailor your investment strategy by offering a range of investment options that you can choose from.

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- **Mercer Direct** (if available) — this option allows you to choose your own portfolio from a range of shares, term deposits and exchange traded funds.

Details about the Mercer SmartPath investment option are provided in this section. Please refer to the *Investments* booklet for information about all the available investment options.

For investment performance go to [mercersuper.com.au/performance](https://mercersuper.com.au/performance). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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**Warning:** When choosing a MySuper product or another investment option, you must consider the likely return and risks of the investment option and your investment timeframe.

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## About Mercer SmartPath®

### Description

The Mercer SmartPath investment option takes a whole of life approach to investing your super. This means we manage your investment in Mercer SmartPath to help ensure your asset mix is in line with your life stage, based on your age. Growth assets will gradually reduce for those born between 1959 and 1973 as members in each path get older.

Find out more about Mercer SmartPath in the *Investments* booklet.

### Investment return objective

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases by at least the additional target return over rolling periods equal to the minimum suggested timeframe (as shown below).

You should read the important information about how we invest your money (including how you can switch investment options and how we may change investment options) before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *Investments* booklet.

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### Asset allocation and asset classes

Path	Born prior to 1954 <sup>1</sup>	Born 1954 to 1958	Born 1959 to 1963	Born 1964 to 1968	Born 1969 to 1973	Born after 1973 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Additional Target Return over CPI (% per annum)</b>	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.00	4.00
<b>Minimum suggested timeframe (years)</b>	7	7	10	10	10	10
<b>Standard Risk Measure<sup>3</sup>: Risk Band and Label</b>	5 – Medium to high	5 – Medium to high	5 – Medium to high	5 – Medium to high	6 – High	6 – High
<b>Growth assets target and range (%)</b>	60 (40–80)	60 (45–85)	67 (45–85)	76 (55–95)	86 (65–100)	88 (70–100)
<b>Defensive assets target and range (%)</b>	40 (20–60)	40 (15–55)	33 (15–55)	24 (5–45)	14 (0–35)	12 (0–30)
<b>Asset class ranges<sup>4</sup> (%)</b>						
<b>Australian Shares</b>	0–30	5–35	5–35	15–45	20–50	20–50
<b>International Shares</b>	5–35	10–40	10–40	15–45	20–50	25–55
<b>Real Assets</b>	0–40	0–40	0–40	0–40	0–35	0–35
<b>Alternative Assets</b>	0–10	0–10	0–10	0–15	0–10	0–10
<b>Growth Fixed Interest</b>	10–30	5–25	5–25	0–20	0–15	0–15
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<sup>3</sup> See the *Investments* booklet for more information about the Standard Risk Measure.

<sup>4</sup> The strategic asset allocation for each asset class is set out in the *Investments* booklet.

You should read the important information about the extent to which Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors are taken into account for the investment options before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *Sustainable Investment Information* booklet.

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28 June 2024

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This *Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)* is a summary of significant information, being the main features of employer plans, including your employer plan in the Employer Super section (your Plan) in the Corporate Superannuation Division (CSD) of the Mercer Super Trust. It includes a number of references to important information in a series of booklets applicable to your Plan, each of which forms part of this PDS. These booklets are the:

- *How Your Super Works* booklet
- *Insurance* booklet
- *Investments* booklet
- *Sustainable Investment Information* booklet.

Although not part of your PDS, Your Plan Details guide (your Plan Guide) provides more information about your Plan including:

- Fees (if they differ from this PDS)
- Insurance cover and cost,
- Details of the *Insurance* booklet that applies to your Plan and
- Investment options (if they differ from this PDS).

You should read and consider the information in this PDS and the booklets, plus refer to your Plan Guide before making a decision about this product.

This PDS contains general information only and does not take into account your individual objectives, personal financial situation or needs. Before acting on this information, you should consider whether it is appropriate to your individual objectives, personal financial situation and needs. You should obtain financial advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

The information in this PDS and the booklets that are part of it may change from time to time and if it is not materially adverse, will be made available online at [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds).

A paper copy of any updated information will be given or an electronic copy made available on request at no charge by calling the Helpline. We will advise you directly of any material changes as required by law.

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The Target Market Determination for this product can be found at [mercersuper.com.au/TMD](https://mercersuper.com.au/TMD).

# 1. About Employer Super

## Super you can count on

As one of Australia's largest super funds, we're helping our members embrace tomorrow with financial confidence today. Whatever retirement looks like for you, Mercer Super has the expertise, tools and experience to help you realise your vision. With 75 years' experience, we're backed by Mercer<sup>1</sup>, a locally led, global expert in retirement and investments. Our local know-how and global expertise are put to work for you, with 2,000 investment experts in 42 markets, seeking out opportunities in Australia and around the world.

## With you for your super journey

On joining your Plan, you will be a member of the Employer Super section in the CSD of the Mercer Super Trust. The Mercer Super Trust is a registered superannuation fund made up of the CSD, a Retail Division and an Allocated Pension Division.

The Mercer Super Trust offers a broad range of investment options including diversified options, single sector options and a MySuper option called Mercer SmartPath®. Mercer SmartPath is the default investment option for your Plan. You can tailor your investment strategy by selecting from our range of options within Ready-made, Select-your-own and Mercer Direct (if available).

Further information on investment options can be found in section 5 'How we invest your money'.

At [mercersuper.com.au/documents](https://mercersuper.com.au/documents) you can find:

- The product dashboard for each MySuper product and choice product (where required) in the Mercer Super Trust
- Trustee and executive remuneration disclosure for the Mercer Super Trust and any other documents that must be disclosed as required by law.

## 2. How super works

Super is a convenient way of saving for your future. It's a long-term investment with tax-savings provided by the government and is designed to grow over time and to help you be better off when you retire. It is an important part of your employment benefits.

Super is generally compulsory. In most cases, your Employer is required by law to regularly contribute a minimum amount for you to a super fund, which you can choose. This is called a Superannuation Guarantee (SG) contribution.

Generally, you can advise your Employer as to which super fund you'd like your SG contributions to be paid into. You can also make other types of contributions.

If you don't make a choice or tell your Employer where you want your super paid, they'll generally pay your contributions to an existing super account advised to your Employer by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

If you don't have a suitable existing fund and you don't make a choice, your Employer will generally pay contributions to its selected default fund.

Your Plan Guide will confirm whether your Plan is your Employer's default super fund.

In the CSD we use the terms 'Exercise Choice' or 'Exercising Choice' to cover the situation where, after joining your Plan, you advise your Employer to make contributions to another super fund.

There are different types of super contributions, including:

- Employer contributions
- Voluntary contributions
- Super co-contributions.

See your Plan Guide for more details about your employer contributions and if you can contribute extra money into your super from your pay.

There are limitations on contributions to, and restrictions on withdrawals from, super. Go to [moneysmart.gov.au](https://moneysmart.gov.au) for more information.

You should read the important information about contributions and payment of benefits before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the 'Contributions' section in the *How Your Super Works* booklet. The material relating to contributions and payment of benefits in your Plan may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 3. Benefits of investing with Employer Super

As a Mercer Super member, you benefit from:

- 24/7 online access through our secure **Member Online** portal
- Support from our Australian-based **Helpline** team
- Access to a range of **limited financial advice and support tools** at no additional cost
- Complimentary access for members and their families to **Care & Living with Mercer**, a support service that helps families with the full spectrum of ageing care requirements, from home care to retirement living and residential aged care (Care & Living with Mercer is a service provided by Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd (MCAPL) ABN 55 153 168 140, AFSL 411770 and has been made available to Mercer Super Trust members. Please read Care & Living with Mercer website terms of use when accessing the service.)
- Continuous learning through our anytime-accessible **educational webinars**
- Understand how much income you're on track to receive when you retire and estimate how long your super may last with our **Retirement Income Simulator**.

*With simple solutions, accessible advice and flexible investments, Mercer Super is here to give you financial confidence today so you can embrace tomorrow.*

## Receiving your benefits

Your benefit amount is equal to your super account balance (unless specified otherwise in your Plan Guide). If you have insurance cover, you may also receive an insured benefit amount if you are assessed as being totally and permanently disabled (TPD), terminally ill or you die and the insurer pays an insured benefit amount to your Plan.

If you are insured and become totally but temporarily disabled, you may receive a monthly benefit.

<sup>1</sup> The Mercer Super Trust invests predominantly in funds for which MIAL and AAML are the responsible entities. References to 'Mercer' in this paragraph are to MIAL, AAML and Mercer's global investment business.

## Individual Section of the Mercer SmartSuper Plan (Individual Section)

Your super may be automatically transferred to the Individual Section, a plan in the CSD of the Mercer Super Trust, if your super account balance is worth at least \$500 and you Exercise Choice or leave your Employer.

The fees, costs and insurance arrangements (including insurance terms and conditions (and exclusions)) in the Individual Section may be different to your Plan. This could include increased fees and costs, or a reduction in benefits. You should read the PDS and incorporated booklets for the Individual Section at [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) for more information to decide if the Individual Section is right for you.

See your Plan Guide for details if any different arrangements apply to your Plan, such as moving into a Retained category.

You should read the important information about the significant features and benefits of your Plan, and receiving your benefits, before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *How Your Super Works* booklet. The material relating to significant features and benefits of your Plan, and receiving your benefits, may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 4. Risks of super

All investments, including super, carry some risk.

### Investment risk

Investment risk generally describes the risk of an investor getting back less money than they put in. Taxes, expenses and low or negative investment returns can also have an impact on investment risk in super. Investment options each have different levels and types of risks, depending on the assets they invest in.

Generally, assets with the highest long-term return may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. Returns for each investment option will vary and future returns may be different to past returns.

Your investment could rise or fall in value or produce a return that is less than expected. Rises and falls in value can happen quickly and for many reasons. Investment returns are not guaranteed, and an investor may lose some or all of their money.

Some investment options may also be exposed to other risks if they invest in certain types of assets. For example, currency risk, inflation risk, derivative risk, or other specific risks.

We show you investment risk for our investment options by using the standard risk measure (SRM). The SRM is based on industry guidance to allow members to compare investment options that are expected to deliver a similar number of negative annual returns over any 20-year period. Please see Section 5 'How we invest your money' in this PDS and the *Investments* booklet for more information on the SRM and explanation of some of the types of investment risks.

### Other risks

Some other important risks that may affect your super include:

- Super or tax laws may change in the future, which may affect the tax effectiveness of your super or when your final super benefit can be paid.
- Your final super benefit, which includes contributions and returns, may not be enough to adequately meet your retirement needs.
- Your Employer may decide to vary its contributions to your Plan, amend your Plan or even close it.

- Your Employer may fail to meet any insurance premiums or fees it has agreed to pay. If this happens, you will then meet the full cost of your insurance cover and/or fees from your super.
- If you are a member of a defined benefit super plan, your total payout may be reduced below your standard benefit payout if your Plan winds up and has inadequate funding at that time and your Employer is unable or unwilling to make up the difference. Refer to your Plan Guide to find out if you are a member of a defined benefit super plan.

### How risk affects you

Your level of acceptance for risk may vary depending on a range of factors including your age, investment timeframe, your risk tolerance, the extent and type of other assets and/or other investments that you may hold.

You should read the important information about investment risks before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the 'Understanding investment risks' section in the *Investments* booklet. The material relating to understanding investment risk may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

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#### Asset allocation and asset classes

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Asset class ranges <sup>4</sup> (%)						
<b>Australian Shares</b>	0–30	5–35	10–40	15–45	20–50	20–50
<b>International Shares</b>	5–35	10–40	15–45	25–55	25–55	25–55
<b>Real Assets</b>	0–40	0–40	0–40	0–35	0–35	0–35
<b>Alternative Assets</b>	0–10	0–10	0–10	0–10	0–10	0–10
<b>Growth Fixed Interest</b>	10–30	5–25	5–25	0–20	0–15	0–15
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3 See the *Investments* booklet for more information about the Standard Risk Measure.

4 The strategic asset allocation for each asset class is set out in the *Investments* booklet.

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## 6. Fees and costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You or your Employer, as applicable, may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** Moneysmart website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](https://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a superannuation calculator to help you check out different fee options.

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and other costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the superannuation entity as a whole.

Other fees, such as activity fees, advice fees for personal advice and insurance fees, may also be charged, but these will depend on the nature of the activity, advice or insurance chosen by you. Entry fees and exit fees cannot be charged.

Taxes, insurance fees and other costs relating to insurance are set out in another part of this document.

You should read all the information about fees and other costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

## Fees and costs summary

Employer Super — Mercer SmartPath investment option		
Type of fee or costs	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Administration fees and costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.10% p.a. asset-based administration fee, applied on the first \$500,000 of the balance and 0.00% p.a. on the balance over \$500,000.</li> </ul>	Generally calculated and deducted daily when unit prices are determined, reducing investment returns of the investment option.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plus 0.05% p.a. of your super account balance as an estimated expense allowance.</li> </ul>	If the asset-based administration fee deducted from the unit price is greater than the applicable fee for your Plan, we will credit the difference on the last day of the month (or when you leave your Plan) to your super account balance by issuing additional units.  Your Employer may have negotiated different asset-based administration fees for your Plan to those shown in this PDS and the <i>How Your Super Works</i> booklet. If applicable, the specific fees and costs that apply to your Plan are set out in your Plan Guide.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plus an estimated 0.02% p.a. of Mercer Super Trust assets as other administration costs.</li> </ul>	Deducted from the member reserve. This cost is not charged directly to your super account but will reduce the member reserve balance held by the Mercer Super Trust.
<b>Investment fees and costs<sup>2 3</sup></b>	Estimated to be between 0.55% to 0.62% p.a. of your super account balance depending on which path you are in.	Generally calculated and deducted daily when unit prices are determined, reducing investment returns of the investment option.
	Plus an estimated 0.00% p.a. of Mercer Super Trust assets as other investment costs.	Deducted from the member reserve. This cost is not charged directly to your super account but will reduce the member reserve balance held by the Mercer Super Trust.
<b>Transaction costs<sup>3</sup></b>	Estimated to be between 0.05% to 0.09% p.a. of your super account balance depending on which path you are in.	Generally calculated and deducted daily when unit prices are determined, reducing investment returns of the investment option.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs</b>		
<b>Buy-sell spread</b>	Nil.	Not applicable.
<b>Switching fee</b>	Nil.	Not applicable.
<b>Other fees and costs<sup>4</sup></b>	We may apply other fees and costs which include family law fees, advice fees (for personal advice which may be negotiable) and insurance fees.	

<sup>1</sup> If your account balance for a product offered by the superannuation entity is less than \$6,000 at the end of the entity's income year, certain fees and costs charged to you in relation to administration and investment are capped at 3% of the account balance. Any amount charged in excess of that cap must be refunded.

<sup>2</sup> Investment fees and costs includes an amount of between 0.01% to 0.09% for performance fees. The calculation basis for this amount is set out under 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in the 'Fees and other costs' section of the *How Your Super Works* booklet.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated amounts are generally based on the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The actual amount will change from year to year and may be more or less than the amounts shown. For details of the calculation basis for these amounts see 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in the 'Fees and other costs' section of the *How Your Super Works* booklet.

<sup>4</sup> See 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in the 'Fees and other costs' section of the *How Your Super Works* booklet.

Your Employer may meet the cost of some or all of these asset-based administration fees through an additional contribution or reimbursement. You will pay the full amount of these fees from your super account balance if your Employer stops meeting these fees. Refer to your Plan Guide for more details.

**Warning:** If you consult a financial adviser, you may have to pay an adviser service fee (which is negotiable). The Statement of Advice given to you by the adviser will include any details about this fee.



## Example of annual fees and costs for a superannuation product

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs for the Mercer SmartPath investment option for this superannuation product can affect your superannuation investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE – Mercer SmartPath (Born 1959 to 1963 path) BALANCE OF \$50,000		
Administration fees and costs	0.17%	For every \$50,000 you have in the superannuation product, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment <b>\$85</b> in administration fees and costs.
<b>PLUS</b> Investment fees and costs	0.62%	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment <b>\$310</b> in investment fees and costs.
<b>PLUS</b> Transaction costs	0.07%	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment <b>\$35</b> in transaction costs.
<b>EQUALS</b> Cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000 at the beginning of the year, then for that year you will be charged fees and costs of <b>\$430*</b> for the superannuation product.

Note: \* Additional fees may apply.

The above example is based on the Born 1959 to 1963 path. The investment fees and costs, and transaction costs for this investment option vary depending on your path. If your fees differ, an example of how fees and costs apply to your Plan is set out in your Plan Guide. If you are transferred to the Individual Section or a Retained category, fees and costs may increase.

Details about the fees and costs for the Mercer SmartPath investment option are provided in this section. Please refer to the *How Your Super Works* booklet for information about the fees and costs for all the available investment options.

### Fee changes

Some fees are indexed annually and the next indexation is due on 1 January 2025 (refer to 'Fee changes' under 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in the 'Fees and other costs' section of the *How Your Super Works* booklet). The trustee also has the right to change fees at any time, without your consent. We will give you at least 30 days' written notice of any such increase in fees.

You should read the important information about fees and costs (including the cost of product for 1 year and definitions of fees) before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *How Your Super Works* booklet.

The material relating to fees and costs in your Plan may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 7. How super is taxed

Super is generally taxed at three stages.

### Contributions

**Non-concessional contributions:** After-tax contributions, where you do not claim a tax deduction, are generally tax-free.

**Concessional contributions:** Employer contributions (including SG employer contributions), salary sacrifice contributions and contributions where you notify us you intend to claim a tax deduction are generally taxed at 15%\*. Allowance for this tax is deducted from your super account and is calculated at 15% of your net concessional contributions after relevant insurance premiums are deducted. We pay the tax on contributions to the ATO.

\* Members on incomes (as defined in legislation for this purpose) of \$250,000 or more are also subject to an additional tax of 15% on some or all of their concessional contributions. The ATO assesses this tax separately and will issue you with an assessment notice if applicable.

**Warning:** Contribution caps apply to the amount of concessional and non-concessional contributions that are concessionally taxed or tax-free in any financial year. Additional tax may be payable if your contributions exceed the caps in a financial year.

### Investment income

Investment earnings are generally taxed at 15%. Where unit prices apply to an investment option, an allowance for this tax is deducted from investment earnings before the unit price is determined. We pay the tax on investment income to the ATO.

### Super benefits

Super benefits from your Plan may be taxed if your age is less than 60. Generally, no tax applies to super benefits once you turn 60 (tax may be payable on some death benefits and some disablement income benefits (where applicable)). Withholding tax is deducted from your super benefit before it is paid to you. Different rules may apply if you are not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident. We pay any tax we deduct from your super benefit to the ATO.

**Warning:** It is important that you provide the trustee with your Tax File Number (TFN) when you join your Plan. If the trustee does not have your TFN:

- The trustee will only be able to accept employer contributions (including salary sacrifice contributions) made for you. No other contributions can be accepted, including non-concessional and super co-contributions.
- You will pay higher tax on employer contributions (including salary sacrifice) made for you.
- You may pay more tax than you need to on your super benefit.

You should read the important information about tax and super before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *How Your Super Works* booklet. The material relating to tax and super may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 8. Insurance in your super

If eligible, you may be provided with:

- Death only cover (including Terminal Illness)
- Death and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) cover
- Income Protection (IP), which includes Total but Temporary Disablement (TTD) cover or Salary Continuance Insurance (SCI) cover. See your Plan Guide for details of the type of IP cover that applies to your Plan (if applicable).

To be eligible for automatic (default) insurance cover when you join your Plan, you must meet your Plan's eligibility criteria.

Where your Employer does not pay the full cost of your automatic (default) insurance cover you will be eligible for automatic (default) insurance cover when you meet the Putting Members' Interests First (PMIF) legislative requirements. You will meet PMIF requirements if:

- You are aged 25 or over, and
- You have an account balance of at least \$6,000.

You can generally opt in to receive default insurance cover if you are yet to meet the PMIF requirements. Call the Helpline for more information about opting in to receive insurance cover.

If your Employer pays the full cost of your automatic (default) insurance cover in your Plan, you do not have to meet the PMIF requirements.

You must also meet any other eligibility conditions that apply to your Plan.

Your Plan Guide contains more Plan specific information about:

- The level, type and amount of default insurance cover
- Your eligibility for insurance cover
- Whether your Employer pays for any or all of your automatic (default) insurance cover
- If insurance cover is not automatic, how to apply for insurance cover.

You can generally apply to opt out, change or cancel your insurance cover at any time.

You can choose to cancel or opt out of your basic TPD cover only, but you cannot keep your basic TPD cover, if you cancel or opt out of your basic Death cover.

The insurer may require you to undergo underwriting. You'll need to provide satisfactory evidence of good health, salary details and other evidence before they provide or increase your insurance cover.

Information about underwriting and your Plan's insurance terms, conditions and exclusions can be found in the *Insurance* booklet applicable to your Plan.

To access your Plan Guide, apply for, opt out of, change or cancel your insurance cover go to [mercersuper.com.au](https://mercersuper.com.au) and sign in using your personal login or contact the Helpline for the relevant forms.

### Cost of basic cover

There are costs associated with insurance cover in each Employer Super plan. These costs are based on several factors including:

- Number and age demographics of members insured in the plan
- Amount and type of insurance cover
- Occupational mix of plan members, and
- Claims history.

The following table shows the estimated range of costs for all insurance cover types for Employer Super plans. Insurance premiums are generally paid monthly in arrears and may include a frequency loading. The cost of insurance cover for your Plan is set out in your Plan Guide.

Your Employer may meet the cost of some or all of your insurance cover through additional contributions or a reimbursement. If at any time your Employer stops meeting this cost, you will then meet the full cost of this insurance cover from your super account balance. You must also meet the PMIF age and balance requirements. See your Plan Guide for details.

### Estimated range - cost of insurance cover

Type of insurance cover	Annual premium for \$1,000 of cover		Cost of one unit of cover per week	
	From	To	From	To
Death only <sup>1</sup>	\$0.17	\$37.22	\$0.50	\$2.29
Death and TPD <sup>1</sup>	\$0.22	\$113.05	\$0.69	\$4.26
TTD <sup>2</sup>	\$0.37	\$82.09	n/a	n/a
SCI <sup>2</sup>	\$0.95	\$84.54	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> For basic cover only.

<sup>2</sup> These rates will include stamp duty for IP insurance cover of up to 11% of the premium payable.

### Automatic cancellation of insurance cover – inactive accounts

Any insurance cover you have will be cancelled if we have not received any contributions and/or rollovers to your super account for a continuous period of 16 months and you have not elected to have or maintain your insurance cover. This does not apply where your Employer pays the full costs of your insurance cover under your Plan.

If your insurance cover is cancelled, the cost of all insurance premiums will stop being deducted from your super account balance.

Refer to the 'Automatic Cancellation of Cover' section of your Plan Guide for more information and how to elect to maintain your cover.

### Warning

#### Premiums

Insurance premiums for automatic cover will be deducted from your super account balance until your application to cancel or opt out of that insurance cover is processed by the trustee.

#### Eligibility, terms, conditions and exclusions

The *Insurance* booklet and your Plan Guide contains important information about:

- Your eligibility for insurance cover in your Plan, and
- Terms, conditions and exclusions applicable to the insurance cover in your Plan,

which may affect your entitlement to insurance cover. That information should be read before deciding whether the insurance cover available in your Plan is appropriate for you.

#### Voluntary insurance cover

The *Insurance* booklet and your Plan Guide contain important information about optional insurance (cover other than the default level of insurance cover) including:

- How to apply for optional insurance cover
- The level and type of optional insurance cover available
- The cost of optional insurance cover, and
- Other significant matters in relation to this optional insurance cover.

You should read this information before deciding whether optional insurance cover is appropriate for you.

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You should read the important information about insurance in your super before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *Insurance* booklet applicable to your Plan. The material relating to your insurance may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

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Please also refer to 'Insurance in your super' and 'Leaving your Employer or Plan' sections of your Plan Guide. Your Plan Guide is available from the Helpline or by using your personal login at [mercersuper.com.au](https://mercersuper.com.au).

## 9. How to open an account

You can elect to join your Plan by:

- Completing a fund choice form and providing it to your Employer, or
- Your Employer will default you into the Plan (if applicable) when you commence employment (unless the ATO advises your Employer you have a suitable existing fund to contribute to, or you choose another fund).

Your personal login will be provided to you after you join your Plan. Use your personal login at [mercersuper.com.au/login](https://mercersuper.com.au/login) to:

- Access your Plan Guide (your Plan Guide is not part of the PDS)
- Access the applicable insurance forms
- Change your investment options, and
- Update your contact details and communication preferences.

Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) or call the Helpline for:

- The booklets referred to in this PDS,
- Our *Fact Sheets*, and
- Other important documents about the Mercer Super Trust.

### Contact us – Enquiries and complaints

#### Phone

If you have a question about your super, an enquiry or a complaint, call the Helpline on **1800 682 525** or if calling from outside Australia on **+61 3 8306 0900** from 8am to 7pm (AEST/AEDT) Monday to Friday.

#### Mail

Mercer Super Trust  
GPO Box 4303  
Melbourne VIC 3001

#### Email

[MSALCustomer.Complaints@mercerc.com](mailto:MSALCustomer.Complaints@mercerc.com)

If we have not responded to your complaint within the timeframe prescribed in our [complaints management procedures](#) or you are not satisfied with our decision, you may be able to take the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) at [afca.org.au](https://afca.org.au) or on **1800 931 678**.

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You should read the important information about enquiries or complaints before making a decision. Go to [mercersuper.com.au/pds](https://mercersuper.com.au/pds) and read the *How Your Super Works* booklet.

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