



Superannuation Contributions in 2012/13 for over 50's

What has changed

The concessional (before-tax) contributions cap for the 2012-13 financial year is \$25,000 regardless of your age. The \$50,000 cap for people 50 year old or over is no longer available.

Concessional contributions include:

- Most employer contributions, in particular **compulsory super guarantee** and **salary sacrifice** amounts
- Any other amounts paid into your super fund for which an income tax deduction is allowed.

How this may affect you

If your super fund(s) receive concessional contributions that exceed the cap, you will be taxed at 31.5% on the excess. This will happen after your fund(s) have reported contributions to the ATO next year.

Timing of contributions

When working out how much you're contributing any year remember that contributions count when they are received by your fund. This may differ from the period to which they relate, or when the payment was sent. If you're unsure about when contributions may have been, or will be received by your fund, you should find out from your employer or fund.

Don't want to exceed the cap

If you're unsure about how best to stay under the cap then please call our office to discuss.

Options you can consider are:

- Reducing salary sacrifice amounts or any other voluntary payments
- Making non-concessional (after-tax) contributions, however, there is also a cap on these and any excess will be taxed at 46.5%

For more information

You can find out more by visiting the ATO website www.ato.gov.au/supercaps or call our office.