



## RBF & Self Employed Persons

RBF members who are self employed can use their RBF Investment Account to save for their retirement.

For superannuation purposes, you will be considered self employed if you earn less than 10% of your annual assessable income from an employer.

Special rules apply for self employed people contributing to their super.

The following information is provided to assist you in understanding these rules. Further information is available on the RBF website [www.rbf.com.au](http://www.rbf.com.au) or you can phone RBF on 1800 622 631 to discuss your personal situation with one of RBF's specialist staff.

### Contribution limits & tax deductions

As for all Australians, there are now limits on how much you can pay into your superannuation each year. Unlike other members, being self employed means you may claim a tax deduction for contributions to your super.

You must advise RBF if you intend to claim a tax deduction for contributions. This declaration cannot be changed once the contribution has been made. RBF's Deposit Form allows you to identify your different types of contributions.

Contribution	Tax deduction	Contribution Limits
Concessional contributions	Yes.	\$50,000 per annum \$100,000 per year for members age 50 or over until 30 June 2012 (transitional arrangement)
Non-concessional contributions	No – but may assist in eligibility for Co-contributions	\$150,000 per year or \$450,000 over three years until member reaches age 65

There are restrictions and penalties for members who contribute to their super and do not provide their Tax File Number (TFN). RBF is unable to accept non-concessional contributions unless you have advised your TFN. Concessional contributions can be accepted but you may incur penalty tax where the TFN is not provided.

RBF will deduct 15% Contributions tax from all concessional contributions at the time the contribution is made.

Any contributions made above the limits will incur penalty tax. Should this occur, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will forward a tax assessment directly to you.

## Self employed now eligible for Super Co-contributions

From 1 July 2007 new rules allow the self employed to receive the Super Co-contribution.

You will be eligible for the Super Co-contribution in a year of income if:

- you make non-concessional superannuation contributions to a complying superannuation fund;
- you earn 10 per cent or more of your income from carrying on a business, eligible employment or a combination of both;
- you do not hold an eligible temporary resident visa at any time during the year;
- you lodge an income tax return for the year of income; and
- you are less than 71 years old at the end of the year of income.

For Super Co-contribution purposes your income is calculated as your assessable income (including any reportable fringe benefits) less deductions you are entitled to as a result of carrying on a business.

Provided you qualify to receive Super Co-contributions, the Government will pay \$1.50 for every \$1.00 of non-concessional contributions up to a maximum of \$1500.

The maximum payment is reduced by five cents for each dollar of income that exceeds \$28,980. The co-contribution payment cuts out when the taxable income reaches \$58,980.

You don't have to apply for the Super Co-contribution. The ATO will match your contributions when assessing your income tax return and authorise the payment.

Please note that concessional (employer) contributions, salary sacrifice or contributions where you claim a tax deduction do not qualify for the Super Co-contribution payment.

## Ill Health benefits for self employed

If you are self employed and become permanently disabled, you may be able to have some of your superannuation benefit classified as Post June 1994 Invalidity Component. This component is paid tax free. People who have already suffered permanent disability can access this concession from 1 July 2007.

## For further information

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Personal interviews are available in Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Devonport by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, telephone 1800 622 631.

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