



Your teeth need fixing.

It will cost money.

Can you use your super?



We are the Dental Board of Australia.

We make sure dentists give good care.



You may have pain in your mouth.

It may hurt to

- bite
- chew.

It may hurt all the time.

Or



Some thing goes wrong. Like

- a tooth breaks
- a tooth falls out.



The dentist checks your teeth.

They may say there is a big problem.



They **must** tell you what they will do.

It is to fix the problem.

You may need lots of visits.



They **must** tell you how much money it is.

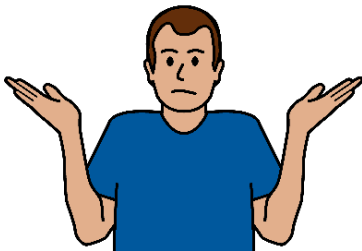
It may be a lot of money.

Or

It is a lot of money for you.



Can you use your super?



You **may** be able to use your super.

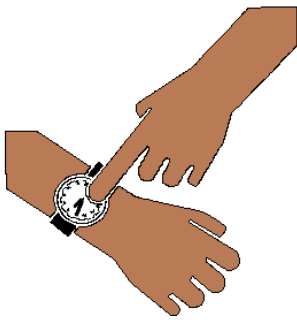
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There is lots to think about.



What can you do?



Ask your dentist. Do you need to do this **now**?



Ask your dentist

- will it fix the problem?
- will it stay fixed?

And

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Ask

- will you need more visits?
- Like every 2 months
- will you need to do it again?
- how much will more visits cost?



You can choose to pay the money.

The dentist will fix your teeth.

Or



You can choose to **not** pay.

The dentist does **not** fix your teeth.

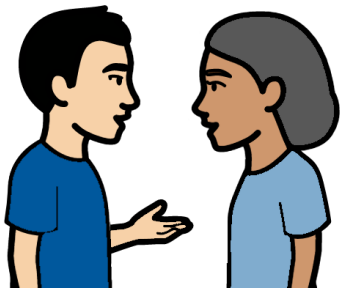
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You are **not** sure.



You can see a new dentist.



You want help to find a new dentist.

You can ask

- family. Like your mum
- friends
- your dentist.



Your dentist did x rays. They are of your mouth.

You can ask them for a copy.



Your dentist may have more papers.

It may be a plan. It is their plan for your teeth.

Ask them for a copy.



You see a new dentist.

The new dentist will check your mouth.

Show them

- your x rays
- the plan for your teeth.



They may say

- the same as your dentist
- the problem is **not** bad
- the problem is **very** bad.



They see the same problem.

They say you need more visits.

Ask how much money it costs.



You can choose

- go back to your dentist
- stay with the new dentist
- a different thing.

Like do **not** get your teeth fixed.



Money to fix your teeth



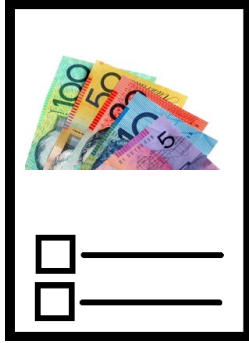
You need money. It is to get your teeth fixed.



You do **not** have all this money.

You may have some of the money.

You may have none of that money.



Some things you can do



Ask the dentist Can you pay less money?

Like you are on a pension card.

Or



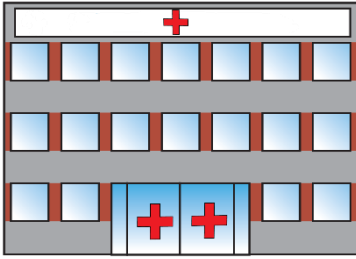
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Can you pay in parts?

Like you pay \$ 50. You do this each week.

After 1 year your bill is paid.

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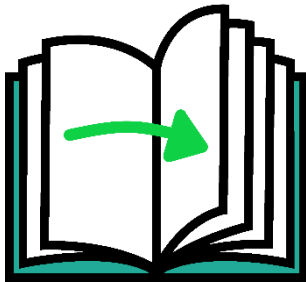


Can you go to a different place?

Like a dental service.

It costs less money. It may be free.

Or



There may be a different way.

Turn the page.



Money from your super.

It may pay to fix your teeth.



You may have money. It is in a different place.

You can **not** use it now. It is called your super.

Its long name is super annuation.



Super is for when you get old.

Like you are 75 years old.

You do **not** work now.

You get money from your super.

It is to help you live. Most people have super.

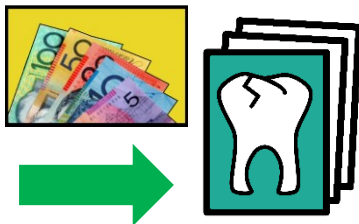


You are under 60 years old. Like you are

- 25
- 35
- 42.

You can **not** use this money.

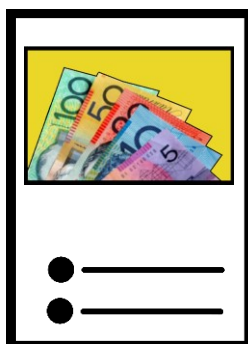
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You may get **some** money.

It is from **your** super.

It is for your dentist bill. It is called
compassionate release of super.



There are rules for your super.

Like when you can get money out.

Ask the tax office for the rules.



You may get money to fix your teeth.

Like your teeth hurt a lot. They are **not** healthy.

You **may** be able to use your super.

But



Your teeth are healthy. Your teeth are strong.

You want your teeth to look nice.

Like you want to make them white.



You can **not** use your super for this.



Think about



You take money from your super.

It is to pay the dentist.



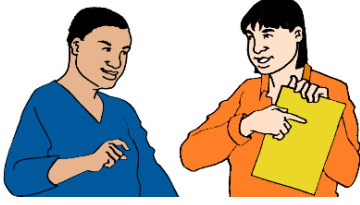
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You do **not** work.

You will have less super.

You may have less money to live on.



You can get help. It is to

- know your choices
- make a choice that is right for you.



You can talk to a person you trust.

They help you with your money. They may be

- the person who helps with your tax
- financial counsellor
- financial advisor.



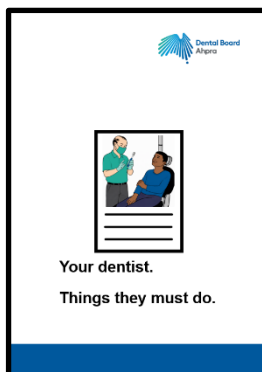
You want to know more



Your dentist

- can **not** tell you to use your super
- can **not** tell you what to do.

It is **your** money. It is **your** choice.



Read

Your dentist. Things they must do.



About this fact sheet



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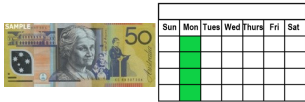
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