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Claiming Your Super When You Leave Australia

How to get your Australian superannuation back after your visa ends: who is eligible, how much tax you will pay, and the six-month deadline that catches people out. This is called a Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP).

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Are you eligible?

You can claim a DASP if

- ✓ You earned super while working on a **temporary visa** (not a subclass 405 or 410 visa).
- ✓ Your visa has **ceased**, meaning it has expired or been cancelled.
- ✓ You have **left Australia** and hold no other active Australian visa.

You cannot claim if

- ✗ You are an **Australian or New Zealand citizen**.
- ✗ You are an **Australian permanent resident**.
- ✗ You hold a **subclass 405 or 410** visa.

New Zealand citizens can instead transfer their super to a KiwiSaver scheme under the trans-Tasman arrangement.

How much tax will you pay?

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) taxes the payment before it reaches you. Your DASP is not counted as income on any Australian tax return.

Part of your super	Ordinary temporary resident	Working holiday maker
Tax-free component	Nil	Nil
Taxed element	35%	65%
Untaxed element	45%	65%

If you were ever a working holiday maker, the 65% rate applies to everything

If you **ever held** a subclass 417 or 462 working holiday visa (or an associated bridging visa), the **65% rate applies to your entire payment**, including super you earned while working under any other visa. This is the single biggest factor in how much you receive.

Claiming your super, in four steps

1 Leave and let your visa cease

You can only apply once you have left Australia and your visa has expired or been cancelled.

2 Gather your details

Tax file number, passport and visa details, and your super fund information.

3 Apply, free, through the ATO

Use the ATO's free DASP online application system, or a paper form to your fund or the ATO.

4 Get paid

Usually within 28 days of a complete application, after tax is withheld.

What you need to claim

- ☐ Your **tax file number (TFN)**.
- ☐ Your **passport and visa details** (the online system can confirm your visa status with Home Affairs).
- ☐ Your **super fund name and membership or account number**. If you have had several jobs, you may have more than one fund.
- ☐ For balances of **$5,000 or more**, certified copies of your identity documents. Certify them while you are still in Australia, as it is harder to arrange once you leave.

The six-month deadline

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Claim within six months, or the ATO takes over your super

If you do not claim within **six months** of leaving Australia and your visa ceasing, your super fund transfers the money to the ATO as unclaimed super. You can still claim it from the ATO afterwards, but the sooner you claim, the simpler and faster it is.

Common questions

Does it cost anything to claim?
Applying online through the ATO is free. A paper application to your super fund may attract a fund fee.

How long does it take?
The ATO generally pays within 28 days of receiving a complete application. Missing details or unverified ID are the main causes of delay.

What if I come back to Australia as a permanent resident?
Different rules apply. If the ATO already holds your super, you can transfer it back into an Australian fund or have it paid to you.

Will I be taxed again in my home country?
That depends on your own country's tax rules. The DASP is not part of your Australian assessable income, but check your local position before you rely on the net figure.

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