



Working hard for your future

1 July changes to your super



It's been another busy year for the Fund as we strive to deliver greater value for our members. We're delighted that this value has been recognised by our peers, with our recent wins at the 2022 Chant West Awards.

We're proud to have been awarded *Pension Fund of the Year* and *Best Fund: Insurance*.^{*} These awards are a fantastic acknowledgment of the insurance available to you and our focus on helping create a stronger financial retirement for you and your family.

We believe all Australians should have the opportunity to access an award-winning, profit-to-member fund, so we've opened our doors to your family, friends and beyond. This move will allow us to grow our fund, helping to create even more opportunities for our members.

Do you know anyone that would appreciate a super fund created and run purely for members like you? Invite them at telstrasuper.com.au/invite.

Our admin fees are now smaller

As a profit-to-member fund, we aim to keep costs as low as possible for our members. We regularly review our fees and are pleased to announce that, once again, we're able to pass on savings to you. From 1 July 2022:

- 1 Your percentage-based administration fee **reduced** from 0.18% to 0.17% p.a of your account balance; and
- 2 Your dollar-based fee **reduced** from \$1.50 per week to \$1.00 per week.

Your admin fees are capped, which means eligible couples and individual members are eligible for an admin fee rebate if they have an account balance of at least \$1,000,000 for individuals, or a combined account balance of \$969,410 for couples. Once you reach these account balance limits, your admin fees will stay the same even when your balance grows.

Managing your super, made easy

Noticed something different? Our website, online portal SuperOnline and App have all had a makeover, redesigned with you in mind! This makes managing your super even easier.

We've re-imagined how information is delivered to you in your online account dashboard, making it a one-stop shop with all important information and our cutting-edge features on one page.

With all your super information available at your fingertips, your statement is moving to yearly. In our bid to reduce our carbon footprint, we're also moving to electronic communication. Your next statement will be 30 June 2023, and you'll most likely be notified via email or SMS when it's ready to view in your online account.

If you prefer to receive written communications (excluding marketing material) by post, you can change your preference by logging into your online account or via telstrasuper.com.au/subscribe or by calling **1300 033 166**.

For more information about our move to electronic communications, please see *Defaulting to electronic communication – Standing Notice* in your 30 June 2022 statement.

Recent market volatility

We continue to see significant volatility in financial markets, which has affected people across the globe and impacted super balances. There are also other factors like rising interest rates and inflation that are impacting savings.

While your super may be affected in the short-term, it's important to keep in mind that super is a long-term investment, and over the long-term, there tend to be more market ups than downs.

In fact, last year, investment markets globally and in Australia saw some of the biggest gains in history and TelstraSuper had the strongest returns in our 31 years of managing super.

Top 10 performance for the Balanced and Conservative options

While returns across the superannuation industry are lower this financial year, TelstraSuper's diversified options have all performed better than most Australian super funds – our investment returns for all our MySuper investment options are above the median in the SuperRatings survey for the financial year to date to the end of June 2022[#] and several investment options are in the top quartile for performance for the financial year to date.

Our Balanced and Conservative options were top 10 performers over the 1 year period to 30 June 2022.[^] This is when ranked against the top 50 super funds in Australia. This result means the TelstraSuper Balanced and Conservative options are one of the best performing funds over the 12 month period in the country.

TelstraSuper Financial Planning can provide you with assistance through times of market volatility and help with your investments. To discuss your options, speak with an Adviser by calling **1300 033 166**. To get an update on the Fund, visit telstrasuper.com.au/yearinreview.

Investment changes

From 1 July 2022, we've introduced a new asset class, Defensive Alternatives, which adds even more range to our existing portfolio. Defensive Alternatives are investments that are expected to provide higher returns than cash over the medium term, while also providing diversification from shares and/or fixed interest securities. They can include both listed and unlisted investments.

The Fixed Interest investment option's Standard Risk Measure (SRM) has changed from 3 – low to medium, to 4 – medium. This change is primarily due to current market conditions, particularly interest rates rising. It sounds counter-intuitive, but when interest rates rise, the market value generally goes down for fixed interest investments.

You can view all of our investment option asset allocations in the relevant PDS and Investment Guide.

Improvements to Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) insurance cover

Effective from 1 July 2022, we have changed our TPD definition to make it easier for our members to successfully claim for TPD, as well as providing more support for mental illness.

Changes to TPD definition

Amongst other things, we have removed the requirement to work a minimum number of hours before the date of your illness or injury, in order to qualify for a TPD benefit. It is important to note the new definition will only apply to you if your date of disablement due to sickness or injury is on or after **1 July 2022**. The table overleaf summarises the old versus the new TPD definition. For further details, please refer to your relevant Insurance Guide and Insurance Policy available at telstrasuper.com.au.

More support for mental illness

The improved TPD definition expands access to the Unable to Work part of the definition as it now provides a 16 month unemployment window where previously, it applied to members not working at least 15 hours per week and those performing domestic duties for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

The recent changes to super

Along with fund changes, a raft of changes to superannuation came into effect on 1 July 2022, impacting your super.



Increase in employer super contributions to 10.5%

The super accounts of Australians received a super boost from 1 July 2022 with another increase in superannuation guarantee contributions from 10% to 10.5%.



More people eligible for super with the removal of the \$450 threshold

Under previous super rules, employers didn't have to make superannuation guarantee contributions for employees they pay less than \$450 per month. From 1 July 2022, this threshold was removed, and these employees became eligible for employer-paid super.




Save more in the First Home Super Saver Scheme (FHSS Scheme)

The First Home Super Saver Scheme allows first home buyers to use a portion of their voluntary super contributions towards a house deposit. From 1 July 2022, eligible participants' withdrawal limit increased to \$50,000.

Date of Disablement prior to 1 July 2022		Date of Disablement from 1 July 2022
Status of insured member at the date of disablement	Applicable part of the TPD definition	Status of insured member at the date of disablement
<p>Category 1 Performed gainful work for at least 15 hours per week at any time in the 6 months prior to the date of disablement.</p>	<p>Part 1 – Unable to Work Part 2 – Day 1</p>	<p>Category 1 Employed at any time in the last 16 months at the date of disablement and does not meet the criteria for Category 2.</p>
<p>Category 2 Did not perform gainful work for at least 15 hours per week at any time in the 6 months prior to the date of disablement and performed domestic duties for less than 15 hours per week up to 6 months prior to the date of disablement.</p> <p>Where <i>domestic duties</i> means the performance of all of the following unpaid tasks by an insured member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> cooking meals for themselves or their family; cleaning the home; shopping for food; doing laundry; and where applicable, taking care of dependent children; but excludes any of the above tasks performed for salary, reward or profit. 	<p>Part 4 – Activities of Daily Work Part 5 – Severe Mental Disorder</p>	<p>Category 2 In a domestic duties occupation at the date of disablement.</p> <p>Where <i>domestic duties occupation</i> means an insured member who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is not in paid employment and performs domestic duties at the time of commencement of cover; or permanently or temporarily ceases work for the purpose of performing domestic duties and not due to accident, sickness or unemployment and who has not resumed paid employment. <p>Where <i>domestic duties</i> has the same meaning as before 1 July 2022.</p> <p><i>Note: If an insured member satisfies the criteria for Category 3, they cannot also be considered part of Category 2.</i></p>
<p>Category 3 Did not perform gainful work for at least 15 hours per week at any time in the 6 months prior to the date of disablement and performed domestic duties for a minimum of 15 hours per week up to 6 months before the date of disability.</p>	<p>Part 3 – Domestic Duties Part 4 – Activities of Daily Work Part 5 – Severe Mental Disorder</p>	<p>Category 3 Unemployed and/or in a domestic duties occupation (defined above) for more than 16 consecutive months at the date of disablement, and continues to be unemployed or in a domestic duties occupation at the date of disablement.</p>

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^ lonsec.com.au/super-fund/2022/07/15/best-performing-balanced-super-funds-for-2022-financial-year

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