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CSS

Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

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Investment update

For the latest news about the CSS investment performance visit the **CSS monthly investment performance online**.

Investment performance for 2007/08

For a summary of investment performance this financial year see our **wrap-up**.

Annual member statements will soon be sent out

The 2007/08 annual member statement will be distributed from October. If we have your current postal address we will be able to post it direct to you, otherwise it will be sent to you through your employer.

If you haven't yet given us your address details and you would like the convenience of important information being sent to you directly, you can provide or update your details by:

- > using the secure **Member services online** area (if you have an access number)
- > emailing your postal address, name, membership/AGS number and date of birth to **members@css.gov.au**; or
- > calling us on **1300 000 277**.

Changes to tax for members with a terminal illness

The Australian Tax Office (ATO) has introduced new tax arrangements for terminally ill members. The arrangements will allow the ATO to vary the rate of withholding tax for some terminally ill members who receive a lump sum. **Read here for further information**.

At Work for You at your workplace

Would you like to learn more about the CSS but find it hard to get to one of our workshops? Speak to your personnel area about holding workshops at your workplace. Get your personnel area to email **atworkforemployers@aria.gov.au** for further information.

What are supplementary contributions?

In the CSS, you can decide how much you contribute – either 5% of your salary or you can choose not to contribute at all (0%). These rates are referred to as your basic contributions.

You can also make supplementary contributions. These do not have to be in whole percentage rates, for example you could make supplementary contributions of 6.5%. We will apply the earning rate of your fund to your basic and supplementary contributions.

If your basic contribution rate is 5%, we can accept your supplementary contributions either through your pay (after-tax) or via BPAY. But, if you elect zero (0%) basic contribution, you must make any supplementary contributions via BPAY.

In either case, remember the CSS doesn't accept any salary sacrifice contributions.

To contribute via your pay (after-tax), you will need to fill in the Election to change my contribution rate form and return it to your personnel area.

If you are making a supplementary contribution via BPAY, you can find out your customer reference number and the CSS's biller reference through **Member services online** at www.css.gov.au or call **1300 000 277** or email members@css.gov.au

For further information about supplementary contributions see the **Contributing to the CSS** fact sheet at www.css.gov.au

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