

# Vision Super Saver

## Product Disclosure Statement

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This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is a summary of significant information about Vision Super Saver – and should be considered as a guide only. It contains a number of references to other important information (each of which forms part of the PDS).

You should consider all of this information before making a decision about Vision Super Saver. To obtain copies of this PDS and/or the other information referred to in it, please call our Contact Centre on **1300 300 820**.

The information provided in this PDS is general information only and does not take account of your personal financial situation or needs. You should consider whether this information is appropriate to your personal circumstances before acting on it and, if necessary, you should also seek professional financial advice tailored to your personal circumstances. Where tax information is included you should consider obtaining personal taxation advice.

This PDS is up to date at the time it was prepared. Information in this PDS is subject to change from time to time. If a change does not materially affect you, we may update the information by notice on our website [www.visionsuper.com.au](http://www.visionsuper.com.au) and/or inclusion in the next newsletter. You can also call our Contact Centre on **1300 300 820**. A paper copy of updated information will be given to you without charge on request.

Vision Super Pty Ltd ABN 50 082 924 561, AFSL 225054, RSE Licence L0000239 ('the Trustee' or 'we' or 'us') is the Trustee of the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund ('Vision Super' or 'the Fund') ABN 24 496 637 884. Rules stipulated in Commonwealth legislation, as amended from time to time, are the final authority on any issue relating to the Fund.

## About Vision Super Saver

Vision Super is a profit for members superannuation fund with a proud heritage of delivering quality services to its members. We understand that your investment with us reflects the trust you place in our capabilities and reputation. That is why we place member interests first. As a profit for members fund, we try to keep member fees and costs as low as possible without compromising our investment performance and service. At September 2018, Vision Super as a whole had over \$9.8 billion of assets invested for more than 100,000 members throughout Australia.

Vision Super Saver is a product of Vision Super. Vision Super Saver is open to employees of employers who nominate Vision Super as their default fund or who register their employees as members of Vision Super. You can also become a member of Vision Super Saver by joining online. This PDS is about Vision Super Saver and the features and options it offers.

In 2017, SuperRatings\* awarded an 12 Year Platinum rating to Vision Super, recognising 12 consecutive years of 'platinum' performance in superannuation. The Platinum rating is the top rating given to Australian superannuation products that are rated by SuperRatings. The rating statement has been reproduced with the consent of SuperRatings. For more information, you can visit the SuperRatings website [www.superratings.com.au](http://www.superratings.com.au)

\*SuperRatings is an independent super research company.

### For help and advice contact Member Services



#### Telephone

**1300 300 820** 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday – Friday, not including Victorian public holidays



#### Email

[memberservices@visionsuper.com.au](mailto:memberservices@visionsuper.com.au)

#### Website

[www.visionsuper.com.au](http://www.visionsuper.com.au)

### Membership category

Vision Super Saver is made up of two membership categories – MySuper members and Choice members.

All new Vision Super Saver members automatically join the MySuper membership category, and are in the default Balanced Growth investment option. Members who make an investment choice are transferred into the Choice membership category.

The Choice and MySuper categories have access to identical insurance and services. Vision Super offers 11 investment options to Vision Super Saver members, five premixed options and six single sector options. Vision Super also offers a range of insurance options for Vision Super Saver members.

Vision Super also publishes a Product Dashboard relating to its MySuper product (Authorisation number 24 496 637 884 417).

Visit: [www.visionsuper.com.au/mysuperdashboard](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/mysuperdashboard).

### Governance disclosure

Superannuation legislation requires Vision Super to publish certain information on its website, including director and executive remuneration. This information is available at [www.visionsuper.com.au/about-us/fund-information](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/about-us/fund-information) under the heading 'Legal'.

## How super works

Superannuation (super) is a means of saving for retirement which is in part, compulsory and can be tax-effective. Because you generally cannot gain access to your super until between age 55 and 60 (depending on your date of birth), super is generally a long-term investment. There are some special circumstances under which you can access it earlier.

There are different types of superannuation contributions. Generally, if you are over 18 years of age (or under 18 years of age, and working more than 30 hours per week), and earning more than \$450 a month (before-tax), your employer will be paying compulsory superannuation contributions for you. Most working people can choose the fund to which their employer directs their compulsory superannuation guarantee (SG) contributions. If you don't provide your employer with complete information on which fund you want contributions paid into, then your employer will deposit your contributions into your employer's nominated default super fund. In some instances, you may have no choice due to the terms and conditions of your employment. Any contributions made by your employer are called concessional contributions.

Concessional contributions also include tax deductible super contributions, for which you have claimed a deduction (also referred to as personal deductible contributions).

You can also make voluntary contributions out of your after-tax earnings or savings (called non-concessional contributions) or, by arrangement with your employer, pay additional employer contributions through salary sacrifice out of your pre-tax salary (called concessional contributions).

Once you have set up an account with Vision Super, you can roll money into the Fund from any other super accounts that you have. Before you do this, you must consider any exit fees the other fund/s may charge, and the impact on any existing insurance cover or other benefits your other fund provides.

If you're a low to middle income earner, and make additional after-tax contributions to your super, you may also be eligible for a Government co-contribution.

Super's tax-effectiveness is due to tax concessions provided by the Federal Government. There is generally a 15% tax payable on concessional contributions. Where your total annual concessional contributions exceed the limit set by the Government, additional tax is generally payable. The tax on concessional contributions for individuals with income greater than \$250,000 pa (including their concessional contributions) is generally 30%. Please refer to Section 7 of this PDS on *How super is taxed*.

Once your contributions are in the Fund, the investment earnings on those contributions are taxed at a concessional rate up to 15% pa.

When you reach your superannuation preservation age (this ranges from 55 to 60 depending on your date of birth), you can withdraw your benefit at a concessional tax rate, and pay no tax on withdrawals from age 60.

There are limits to the amounts you can contribute or withdraw from your super. Visit the Australian Securities and Investments Commission website, [www.moneySMART.gov.au](http://www.moneySMART.gov.au), and the Australian Taxation Office website, [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) for more information on super.



More information about how super works is set out in our additional guide titled *2. How super works – additional guide*. You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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The material relating to *How super works* may change between the time when you read this Statement and the day when you acquire the product.

## The benefits of investing with Vision Super Saver

You can stay with Vision Super throughout your working life and into retirement as we cater for your pre-retirement phase (via our superannuation products including Vision Super Saver) and your post-retirement phase (via our Income Stream products).\*

Vision Super can provide you with help and advice on how you can keep your super working for you at any stage of your life and career. As a member of Vision Super Saver, you benefit from:

- Membership in a fund that offers a MySuper product, allowing your employer to make contributions into the Fund and offering MySuper members all the benefits and protection of the increased governance that applies to MySuper products
- A choice of 11 investment options. You can also nominate which investment option that you would like your withdrawals to be made from once you are eligible to make withdrawals
- Unit pricing (usually daily) published on our website [www.visionsuper.com.au/unit-prices](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/unit-prices) allowing members to closely track investment performance
- Insurance at cost-effective group rates for death, total and permanent disablement and income protection. Eligible members are provided with default cover automatically, and all members can apply for cover and tailor cover to their needs
- Fees and costs being kept as low as possible, without compromising our investment performance and service
- Your personal information being dealt with in accordance with the Fund's privacy policy
- The Vision Super website having information, forms, guides, tools and calculators to help you manage your super. Members also have access to their account, 24/7, using Vision Online, to view and update details and confirm account activity. Visit [www.visionsuper.com.au](http://www.visionsuper.com.au)
- Convenient contribution options for members wanting to add more to their super, such as direct debit, BPAY and cheque
- The ability to make either preferred beneficiary or binding death benefit nominations
- Workplace visits, seminars and super expos to educate members about Vision Super and superannuation in general
- Access to advice – our financial planners can guide you through all life stages, no matter how simple or complex the situation. Vision Super offers over-the-phone assistance, all the way through to face to face detailed personal advice
- A friendly and knowledgeable Member Services team, available from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Call **1300 300 820**.

As a Vision Super member, you also have access to a range of additional benefits from other service providers including discounted health cover and banking services.

\*You should consider the Product Disclosure Statement for our Income Stream products, available from [www.visionsuper.com.au/pds](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/pds), before deciding whether to acquire or continue to hold an Income Stream product.



More information about the benefits of investing with Vision Super Saver is set out in our additional guide titled *3. Benefits of investing with Vision Super – additional guide*. You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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The material relating to *Benefits of investing with Vision Super* may change between the time when you read this statement and the day when you acquire the product.

## Risks of super

All investments carry risk, including the investments you have access to as a Vision Super Saver member. Super funds invest in a diverse range of assets, including Australian and overseas shares, property, bonds, infrastructure and cash which are included in different investment strategies. Each investment strategy has a different risk profile depending on the assets that make up the investment strategy. Those assets offering the highest long-term returns, such as equities, may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks to your Vision Super Saver investment include:

- Equity risk
- Inflation and interest rate risk
- Credit (including counterparty and bankruptcy) risk
- Liquidity risk
- Currency risk
- Operational risk
- Changes to government policy and legislation
- Climate/ESG risk.

Investment strategies usually involve balancing the potential returns from chosen investments with the risks associated with them. Diversifying investments is a strategy that allows money to be allocated to a range of assets in order to manage risk, which includes reducing the volatility (up and down fluctuations) of investments.

The appropriate level of risk for you will depend on a variety of factors, including your age, your investment timeframe, whether you have other savings outside of super, and your risk tolerance.

Over time, the value of your super may go up and down. The level of investment earnings will vary and the returns you receive in the past may not be the same as those you receive in the future. Returns are not guaranteed and you may lose some of your money.

Superannuation laws may change in the future affecting your financial and retirement planning. You should try to stay informed about changes to superannuation laws and consider how these changes may affect you.

Due to investment risks and other factors, your super (including your contributions and returns) may not be sufficient to adequately fund your retirement. It is worth consulting a professional financial adviser to assist you in developing an investment and savings strategy that will help you achieve your goals.



More information about the risks of investing in super is set out in our additional guide titled *4. Risks of investing in super – additional guide*. You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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## How we invest your money

Vision Super Saver's range of investment options allow you to choose investments suited to your financial goals and tolerance to risk.



You should consider the likely investment return, risk and your investment timeframe when choosing an option to invest in. Past performance is no indication of future performance. Neither the Trustee, nor any employees or directors of the Trustee, guarantee the repayment of contributions or the performance of the Fund or its investment options.

You can invest in one or more of the following Vision Super Saver investment options:

PREMIXED	SINGLE SECTOR
Growth	Just shares
Sustainable balanced	Innovation and disruption
Balanced growth	Australian equities
Balanced	International equities
Conservative	Diversified bonds
	Cash

If you do not nominate an investment option, we will invest your super (both contributions and accumulated savings) in the Balanced Growth option (the investment option our MySuper product is invested in). More details on this option are set out below. We may vary, add or remove investment options occasionally. We will advise you in advance if this happens. You can switch between investment options to suit your changing financial goals, but be aware that doing so will incur a buy-sell spread (see '6. Fees and Costs – additional guide'). You can switch between investment options via the secure members' area of the website [www.visionsuper.com.au](http://www.visionsuper.com.au), or by completing and lodging the Investment Choice Election Form. Using either method, you can change your investment strategy for your existing account balance, your future contributions or for both.



More information about how we invest your money (including about all our investment options) is set out in our additional guide titled *5. How we invest your money – additional guide*. You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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## Balanced Growth (including MySuper)

### Most suitable for

Members who are prepared to accept a more aggressive asset allocation than the 'Balanced' option. This option has the potential of providing higher returns, but also increases the risk of a negative return.

### Strategy

To invest in a diversified portfolio with a moderate exposure to cash and diversified bonds, and a higher exposure to equities.

### Investment objective\*

This option aims to outperform (after fees and tax) the rate of increases in inflation as measured by the CPI by 3.5% per annum over at least two thirds of all rolling ten year periods.

### Asset class

The long term strategic asset allocation for all options is shown below, together with the indicative ranges within which the actual allocation for each asset class may vary from time to time:

Asset class	Allocation	Indicative range
Australian equities	24%	14 – 34%
International equities	29%	19 – 39%
Opportunistic growth	0%	0 – 20%
Infrastructure	11%	0 – 21%
Property	11%	0 – 21%
Absolute return multi strategy	5%	0 – 14%
Alternative debt	5%	0 – 15%
Diversified bonds	12%	3 – 23%
Cash	3%	0 – 13%

### Summary risk level

High

### Expected frequency of a negative annual return#

4 in 20 years on average

### Minimum investment time frame

Long-term (5 to 10 years)

\* The investment objectives are not forecasts or predictions. They simply represent a benchmark against which the Trustee monitors performance.

# The risk of negative returns is based on a Standard Risk Measure which is based on industry guidance and allows members to compare investment options that are estimated to deliver a similar number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period. This Risk Measure is not a complete assessment of all forms of investment risk. For instance it does not state what the size of a negative return could be, or indicate the potential for a positive return to be less than a member may require to meet their objectives. It also does not take into account the impact of administration fees and tax on the likelihood of negative returns.

## Fees and costs

The information below provides a summary of fees and costs for Vision Super Saver (including the Balanced Growth investment option for MySuper and Choice members). Depending on the fee or cost it may be paid directly from your account, or it may be deducted from your investment return. You can use this information to compare costs between different superannuation products.

### Consumer advisory warning

**Did you know?** Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns. For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000). You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs. You

or your employer, as applicable, may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees – ask the fund or your financial adviser\*.

**To find out more**

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a superannuation fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

\*Fees and costs for Vision Super Saver are not negotiable.

#### VISION SUPER SAVER'S BALANCED GROWTH OPTION (INCLUDING MYSUPER MEMBERS)

TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
Investment fee <sup>1</sup>	0.68% pa of the option's assets	Accrues (usually) daily and is deducted from the underlying asset value of the member's account via the unit pricing process.
Administration fee	\$78 pa (\$1.50 per week) <b>plus</b> 0.18% pa of your account balance (made up of 0.14% of your account balance which is capped at \$540 pa plus a reserving margin of 0.04% pa of the option's assets <sup>2</sup> ).	Deducted from member's accounts each quarter in arrears, or earlier if member exits prior to the end of the quarter. The reserving margin is accrued daily and deducted from the underlying asset value of the member's account via the unit pricing process.
Buy-sell spread	Currently nil Buy and sell spread range: 0 – 0.12%	Applied to unit prices, usually calculated daily, to cover the costs of buying and selling units.
Switching fee	Nil	Not applicable
Exit fee	Nil	Not applicable
Advice fees – relating to all members (including those investing in the MySuper product)	Nil	Not applicable. However personal advice fees may apply on an individual basis depending on the personal advice you obtain.
Other fees and costs <sup>3</sup>	Various, depending on insurance cover you have or personal advice you obtain.	Deducted from members' accounts where relevant.
Indirect cost ratio (ICR)	0.00%	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> The Investment fee shown above is an estimate of the investment costs incurred over the year ended 30 June 2018, based on information provided by our investment managers and custodian. It includes actual amounts where available and some estimated components. The actual amount you will incur in subsequent financial years will depend on the actual investment costs incurred. The Investment fee includes investment costs relating to the investment management of Vision Super's assets, such as base and performance related fees paid to investment managers and advisers, management fees charged in funds/trusts, explicit transaction costs incurred by investment managers, asset consulting fees, bank fees, custodian fees and internal Vision Super costs related to the management of the fund's assets.

<sup>2</sup> The reserving margin will change depending on the investment options you have selected (refer to [6. Fees and Costs – additional guide](#) for details).

<sup>3</sup> Refer to [6. Fees and Costs – additional guide](#), for details of insurance costs and personal advice fees.

#### Example of annual fees and costs

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs for the MySuper product for this superannuation product (Vision Super Saver) can affect your superannuation investment over a one year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE – MYSUPER (BALANCED GROWTH)	BALANCE OF \$50,000	
Investment fee	0.68% pa	For every \$50,000 you have in the Balanced Growth option you will be charged \$340 each year.
<b>PLUS</b> Administration fee	\$78 pa (\$1.50 per week) <b>plus</b> 0.18% pa of your account balance (of which 0.14% is capped at \$540 plus a reserving margin of 0.04%)	<b>And</b> , you will be charged \$168 in administration fees (comprising \$78 regardless of your balance and \$70 depending on your balance and \$20 towards reserving)
<b>PLUS</b> indirect costs	0.00% pa	<b>And</b> indirect costs of \$0 each year will be deducted from your investment
<b>EQUALS</b> cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000, then for that year you will be charged fees of \$508 for the superannuation product*

\*The ASIC (Moneysmart) calculator can be used to calculate the effect of fees and costs on account balances. This calculator can be found at: [www.moneysmart.gov.au/tools-and-resources/calculators-and-tools/superannuation-calculator](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au/tools-and-resources/calculators-and-tools/superannuation-calculator).

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### Fees and costs (continued)

#### Other fees and costs and fee alterations

The fees and costs associated with all Vision Super Saver investment options including Vision Super Saver's other fees and costs are detailed in our additional guide titled *6. Fees and costs – additional guide* (see the reference at the bottom of this page).



Keep in mind that the Trustee can change the level of fees and costs that apply without your consent, but we will give you at least 30 days notice of an increase in fees and costs where required by law.



If you choose to obtain advice from a Vision Super Financial Planner (VSFP), you may be charged a fee on a user pays basis based on the type of advice you receive.

You should refer to the Statement of Advice (SOA) provided by your VSFP for details on these fees and charges (where applicable). If you are not already a VSFP client, contact our Member Services team on **1300 300 820**. Our Member Services team can provide you with general assistance at no additional charge and can help you decide if you need advice from a professional financial planner.



More information about the fees and costs that apply to Vision Super Saver (including fee definitions) is set out in our additional guide titled *6. Fees and costs – additional guide*. You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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### How super is taxed

The following is a summary of the key tax rules specifically relating to superannuation. These tax rules are complex and frequently change. In some circumstances, other tax rules may also be relevant.

For more information visit [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) or consider whether you should consult a taxation adviser.

#### Super taxes

Various taxes are payable in relation to super including:

##### Contributions tax

All employer contributions including salary sacrifice contributions and any personal (member) contributions for which a tax deduction is claimed, are usually subject to a 15% contribution tax. Individuals with income greater than \$250,000 pa (including their concessional contributions) may be required to pay contributions tax of 30% while low income earners may receive a rebate of the 15% tax on their employer contributions. Any contributions you make from your after-tax earnings or savings are usually not taxed.

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### How super is taxed (continued)

There are government-imposed limits on contributions, both pre-tax and after-tax, that can be made to super each year. The limits apply to all your super contributions (not just the contributions made to Vision Super).



You should be aware that if you exceed the contribution limits, additional tax will be payable.

In some cases, the additional tax can be paid from your account. But, in other cases, you will have to pay the extra tax out of your own pocket. These tax rules are complex. For more information visit [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) or consider whether you should consult a taxation adviser.

#### Taxes on investment earnings

Vision Super Saver's investment earnings are subject to tax at a maximum rate of up to 15% pa.

#### Taxes on withdrawals

Tax is also payable on any withdrawals of your benefits in cash depending on your age, the amount, whether your benefit consists of a tax free component and/or taxable component, and the benefit tax thresholds that vary from year to year. Once you turn 60, usually no tax will apply to any withdrawals (lump sums or income streams/pensions).

Special tax arrangements apply to some benefit payments, for example, death benefits (which are usually tax free if paid to a tax dependant), terminal illness benefits (which are tax free if certain conditions are met) and Departing Australia Superannuation Payments (where different tax rates apply).

#### Tax File Numbers

One of the most important things to do when you become a member of Vision Super Saver is provide us with your Tax File Number (TFN).



We are authorised under the law to collect your TFN. Your employer may be obliged to provide your TFN to us. However this does not always occur. We can only use your TFN for lawful purposes. These purposes may change in the future as a result of legislative changes. We disclose your TFN to another superannuation provider when your benefits are being transferred, unless you instruct us in writing that your TFN is not to be disclosed to another provider. You are not obliged to provide us with your TFN. However if you do not, there may be additional tax or other consequences. If you are unsure whether Vision Super has your TFN, you can contact our Member Services team on **1300 300 820**.

For information about how tax applies to super contributions, investment earnings, withdrawals and how super works see [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au) and [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au). Tax rates and thresholds may vary from year to year. Up-to-date information is available from the ATO's website at [www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Key-superannuation-rates-and-thresholds/](http://www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Key-superannuation-rates-and-thresholds/).



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## Insurance in your super

Eligible Vision Super Saver members (including MySuper members) may automatically receive death and Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) insurance cover as well as Income Protection (IP) cover for temporary illness or injury when they become a member. There are costs associated with the insurance cover which you are responsible for (by way of deductions from your account, if you have insurance cover).



Unless you choose to cancel your automatic death, TPD and IP cover, the cost of the cover will be deducted from your account (see further details below).

If you die or become TPD (and satisfy all of the necessary policy conditions), the insured benefit will be paid into your account. If you suffer a temporary illness or disability (and satisfy all of the necessary policy conditions), the IP insurance benefit will be paid to you directly from the Insurer. The amount of the insured benefit depends on the level of cover applicable to you, which depends on your age (unless you have fixed cover) and your employment status as advised to us by your employer. It is your responsibility to ensure your employer advises Vision Super of any change in your employment status.

Death only and death and TPD cover ceases at age 70. IP cover ceases at age 65. Insurance cover also ceases in other circumstances.

### Automatic death and TPD cover for eligible non-casual employees

Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria in the insurance policy, including being a non-casual employee below age 70, you will automatically receive 3 units of age-based death and TPD cover. The level of cover ranges from \$10,200 for 3 units if you were age 64–69 to \$262,500 if you were age 38 or under. If you are under age 60, you can apply to convert your age-based cover to fixed cover at any time. Terms and conditions apply.

### Automatic death cover for eligible casual employees

If you are a casual employee, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria in the insurance policy including being below age 70, you will automatically receive 3 units of age-based Death only cover at the beginning of the quarter after your account balance reaches \$1,000. The level of cover ranges from \$10,200 for 3 units if you are aged 64–69 to \$262,500 if you are aged 38 or under. If you are under age 60, you can apply to convert your age-based cover to fixed cover at any time. Terms and conditions apply.

### Automatic income protection cover for eligible non-casual employees

Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria in the insurance policy, including being a permanent full time or part time employee whose annual salary is over \$7,999 pa and you are under age 65, you will automatically receive sufficient units of IP cover to insure 75% of your annual salary (as notified by your employer) at the date the cover commences up to an automatic acceptance limit of 16 units (\$8,000 per month) for a salary of \$128,000 pa, with a 60 day waiting period and a 2 year benefit payment period. Each unit of cover is equal to a \$500 monthly benefit. You may apply within 60 days of receiving your welcome letter from the Fund to reduce the waiting period to 30 days or to increase cover to 85% of annual salary (any benefit over 75% of annual salary is paid as a superannuation contribution). Higher premiums will apply. When completing this application you may be required to answer the Insurer's underwriting questions and may need to provide medical evidence. All applications are subject to the Insurer's approval, and may also be subject to certain exclusions, special conditions and/or premium loadings apply.

### Applying for insurance cover

If your automatic insurance cover is not enough, or if you are not eligible for automatic insurance cover, you can apply for insurance cover. Applications for cover are subject to acceptance by the Insurer and will generally require medical evidence and may be subject to certain exclusions, special conditions and/or premium loadings. Generally, the maximum level of cover you can have is:

- \$5 million death cover
- \$2.5 million TPD cover, and
- \$30,000 per month IP cover.

Your TPD cover cannot exceed your death cover and you cannot have TPD-only cover. Death only and death and TPD cover must be age-based cover or fixed cover, but not a combination of the two.

If you are a non-casual employee who is not eligible for automatic IP cover you may apply for optional IP cover with a benefit payment period to age 65 and a waiting period of either 60 or 30 days. Higher premiums will apply.

When making this application you must meet the eligibility criteria and you may need to provide the Insurer with medical evidence. Please note that your application is subject to the Insurer's approval, and may also be subject to certain exclusions, special conditions and/or premium loadings.

If you have IP cover it is not automatically increased to match increases in your annual salary. If you want your cover to reflect your salary increase, and you apply within 2 months of receiving the salary increase, the increase in your cover will be automatically accepted by the Insurer provided the increase in cover does not exceed the automatic acceptance limit of a maximum increase of 3 units each financial year.

If you have automatic IP cover, you can apply for additional IP cover subject to maximum cover limits and meeting the Insurer's underwriting requirements.

If you apply for insurance cover, you will be provided with an amount of interim accident cover (subject to limits) until your application has been assessed and approved (or declined) by the Insurer. Terms and conditions apply to interim accident cover.

You will be advised of the Insurer's decision in writing in relation to any application for cover.

### Insured terminal illness benefit

If you suffer from a terminal illness while you have Death only or death and TPD cover, you may be eligible for an insured terminal illness benefit. The amount of the insured terminal illness benefit is equal to the lesser of:

- The amount of death cover that you have as at the date that a medical practitioner first certifies that the illness that you are suffering from will lead to your death within 12 months of the date of their certification, and
- \$2.5 million.

When an insured terminal illness benefit is admitted or paid to you:

- Any TPD cover that you may have ends immediately; and
- Any death cover that you may have will be reduced by the amount of the insured terminal illness benefit that has been admitted or paid by the Insurer. If your insured terminal illness benefit is equal to the amount of your death cover, your death cover will cease to apply. If your insured terminal illness benefit is less than the amount of your death cover, then your death cover will be equal to the reduced amount.

### Cost of insurance cover

The actual cost of your cover depends on your personal circumstances including the type and level of cover you have and may also depend on your age, gender and waiting period. The cost of age-based Death only, death and TPD cover and income protection cover is calculated on a cost per unit basis and in the case of income protection cover, depends on your age, gender and waiting period. The cost of fixed death only or death and TPD cover is calculated in accordance with a premium rate table, per \$1000 of cover, depending on your age. For age-based death and TPD cover, the annual cost for the automatic 3 units is \$223.08 pa (\$1.43 per unit per week). The annual cost for 3 units of Death only cover is \$96.72 pa (62 cents per unit per week). For age-based income protection cover, the cost for automatic income protection cover ranges from \$0.20 per unit per week for a person up to age 19 to \$1.82 per unit per week for a person aged 60–64.

## Insurance in your super (continued)

Please refer to [8. Insurance in your super – additional guide](#) for further information about the cost of insurance cover including fixed cover. Premium loadings may be applied by the Insurer when you make an application requiring the Insurer's approval, which will result in higher insurance costs.

### Key life events and transferring cover

The Fund offers a range of insurance options including extra insurance for key life events (also known as qualifying life events) such as when you take out a mortgage for your home. You may also transfer your existing insurance provided certain eligibility criteria are met. All insurance options are subject to relevant terms and conditions in the insurance policy. Please refer to [8. Insurance in your super – additional guide](#) for more information.

### Reducing or cancelling your cover

You may cancel or reduce your cover at any time by:

- A written notification to cancel or reduce your cover, or
- A completed Insurance Application/Variation Form (which can be downloaded from [www.visionsuper.com.au/images/forms/form2.pdf](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/images/forms/form2.pdf)).
- Going online to the secure member portal.

Any reduction or cancellation of cover will take effect from the earlier of the date on which we receive your request, or the date specified in your request (provided that it is after the date on which we receive your request). If you cancel your cover within 60 days of first receiving the cover, it will be deemed to not have commenced and no premiums will be deducted from your account. Any requests received after this time will be effective from the date the request is received, and premiums will be deducted up until that date. Requests to reduce or cancel cover are subject to the Fund rules and the relevant insurance policy/policies applying to your cover. If your account balance is insufficient to cover the premiums your cover will be cancelled.

### Cessation of cover and exclusions

The insurance cover that you have through the Vision Super Saver may cease on the occurrence of certain events, and there are also certain exclusions which apply to the cover, such as where your death or disability is caused by war, epidemic illness or suicide (including attempted suicide) or, in some circumstances results from a pre-existing medical condition. Please refer to [8. Insurance in your super – additional guide](#) and the relevant insurance policies for further information.

### Claims

If you make an insurance claim, the Trustee and the Insurer will determine whether you are entitled to a benefit based on the terms of the policy/policies, the Fund's rules, the law, and the level of cover that you have under the policy/policies.



More information on insurance cover in Vision Super Saver is set out in our additional guide titled [8. Insurance in your super – additional guide](#). You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision. Among other things, this additional guide includes details about your eligibility for cover, cancellation of cover and other conditions and exclusions that apply. **Each of these matters will affect your entitlement to insurance cover.** Also included in the additional guide are full details of the premiums (ie insurance costs) that apply depending on your circumstances, the level and type of insurance cover available and other significant matters. **You should read the important information about 'Insurance in your super' before making a decision, in particular before deciding whether the insurance is appropriate.**



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The material relating to [Insurance in your super](#) may change between the time when you read this Statement and the day when you acquire the product.

Insurance application forms can be downloaded from [www.visionsuper.com.au/super/publications](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/super/publications)

### Our Insurer

Vision Super's Insurer is MLC Life Insurance (the trading name of the MLC Limited ABN 90 000 000 402) (the 'Insurer'). MLC Limited uses the MLC brand under licence. MLC Limited is part of the Nippon Life Insurance Group and not a part of the NAB Group of Companies.

## How to open an account

Joining Vision Super is easy – here are the ways that you can join.

### Through your employer

Under Choice of Fund legislation, your employer may offer you a choice of superannuation fund.

If you elect to join Vision Super, or you do not make a choice and Vision Super is listed as your employer's default fund, your employer will register you as a Vision Super Saver member.

### Join online

Visit [www.visionsuper.com.au/super/joining-vision](http://www.visionsuper.com.au/super/joining-vision) and complete the online form.

Once you are registered as a member, you will receive confirmation of your membership, including a copy of this PDS. You will also receive forms to enable you to choose an investment option, nominate a death beneficiary(ies) or apply for a different level of cover (if that level is different to any automatic cover you may be eligible for, as detailed on page 7).

### Information

If you would like a printed copy of this PDS or any of the additional guides referred to that form part of this PDS, please call our Member Services team on **1300 300 820**.

### Enquiries and complaints

At Vision Super we aim to provide you with the best possible service and address any concerns you may have as quickly as possible. We hope that you never have cause to complain, however, if you wish to make a complaint we have an internal complaints process to deal with it.

### Complaints should be made in writing to:

The Resolutions Officer  
Vision Super  
PO Box 18041 Collins Street East  
MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Email: [resolutions@visionsuper.com.au](mailto:resolutions@visionsuper.com.au)

Fax: 03 9911 3299



More information about how we deal with complaints is set out in our additional guide titled [9. How we deal with complaints – additional guide](#). You should read the important information in this guide before making a decision.



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