

**SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) ACT 1992****LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION FUND****BENEFIT CERTIFICATE**

1. Section 10 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act (the Act) and Regulation 3 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Regulations (the Regulations) require an employer to obtain a Benefit Certificate from an actuary in relation to a defined benefit superannuation scheme if benefits provided by the employer from that scheme are to be used to meet the employer's obligations under the Act.
2. This certificate has been prepared at the request of Vision Super Pty Ltd, the Trustee of the Fund, on behalf of the participating Authorities, pursuant to Section 10 of the Act.

**3. Name of Complying Fund to which this Certificate relates:**

Local Authorities Superannuation Fund

In this certificate, references to “the Fund” are references to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund, references to “the Rules” are references to the Trust Deed and Rules of the Fund (unless specified otherwise) and references to the “SG Regulations” are references to regulations made pursuant to the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.

Terms commencing with capital letters (other than common proper nouns) have the same meaning as set out in the Rules unless otherwise specified.

**4. Classes of Members covered by this Certificate:**

Category A Members - Full-time and Part-time employees of the participating Authorities who joined the Fund prior to 1 January 1994 (Defined Benefit Plan members).

Category B Members - Casual employees of a participating Authority, or full-time and part-time employees of a participating Authority who

joined the Fund on or after 1 January 1994, where the participating Authority had, in terms of the Act, a payroll greater than \$1 million in the base year (these members are included in Vision Super Saver).

Category C Members - Casual employees of a participating Authority, or full-time and part-time employees of a participating Authority who joined the Fund on or after 1 January 1994, where, in terms of the Act, the participating Authority had a payroll less than \$1 million in the base year, or where Section 21(3) of the Act applies to the participating Authority (these members are included in Vision Super Saver).

Category D Members - Employees of a participating Authority who transferred benefit entitlements into the Fund from the City of Melbourne Superannuation Fund (the CMSF) and are subject to the benefit provisions of Division D of the Rules (City of Melbourne Plan members).

Category E Members - Employees of a participating Authority who transferred benefit entitlements into the Fund from the Melbourne Water Corporation Employees' Superannuation Fund (the MWCESF) and are subject to the benefit provisions of Division E of the Rules (Parks Victoria Plan members).

Category F Members - "Port Authority Employees" who have benefit entitlements transferred from the Transport Superannuation Fund, the State Superannuation Fund (Revised Division) or the Port of Melbourne Authority Superannuation Scheme and are subject to the benefit provisions of Division F of the Rules (Miscellaneous members).

**5. Date of Effect of this Certificate:**

1 July 2008

**6. Date this Certificate Ceases to Have Effect:**

This certificate has effect until 1 July 2013, or until such earlier time as another Benefit Certificate is issued in respect of the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (or a class of members forming part of that Fund), or the Fund is changed in a way that affects or may affect the level or method of calculation of Minimum Requisite Benefits provided for any employee covered by this certificate.

**7. Minimum Requisite Benefits for each class of Member:**

The Minimum Requisite Benefits (MRBs) for each class of member described above are specified in Attachment A to this Certificate.

**8. Regulation under which Notional Employer Contribution Rate determined:**

The Notional Employer Contribution Rate (NECR) in respect of each class of members described above has been determined in accordance with Regulation 4(2), and in accordance with Section 7 of Guidance Note 456 issued by the Institute of Actuaries of Australia. Details of significant assumptions used in determining the NECR are set out in Attachment B to this Certificate.

**9. Ordinary Time Earnings**

Ordinary Time Earning is calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) of the definition in section 6 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992, subject to a maximum of the annual amount of the maximum contribution base specified from time to time for the purpose of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.

**10. Notional Employer Contribution Rates:**

The NECRs for each class of members covered by this Certificate, expressed as a percentage of Ordinary Time Earnings as defined in the Act, are as follows:

The NECR for Category A, D, E and F Members for the period from 1 July 2008 onwards is calculated individually for each member and can vary from quarter to quarter. For the period from 1 July 2008 onwards, it is equal to the lower of:

- 9%; and

- The percentage calculated as the total of:
    - 9% of Salary (subject to the maximum contribution base); plus
    - the amount of employer contributions made to accumulation accounts in respect of the member during the quarter\*
- all divided by their Ordinary Time Earnings (subject to the maximum contribution base) for that quarter.

The NECR for Category B and C Members for the period 1 July 2008 onwards is also calculated individually for each member and can vary from quarter to quarter.

For the period from 1 July 2008 onwards, it is equal to the lower of:

- 9%; and
- the percentage calculated by dividing the amount of employer contributions made during the quarter in respect of the member\* by their Ordinary Time Earnings (subject to the maximum contribution base) for that quarter.

For NECRs prior to 1 July 2008, refer to the previous Benefit Certificate dated 9 March 2007.

These percentages apply in respect of periods of employment falling within the periods indicated, other than employment after the employee's 70th birthday, periods during which the employee is on leave without pay, or any month in which the employee earns less than \$450.

9. I, Matthew Burgess FIAA, being the actuary to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund, certify that each Notional Employer Contribution Rate specified in this certificate has been determined using a method which:

- is applicable to the class of members specified;
- is consistent with Regulations 5 and 6 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Regulations;

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\* Employer contributions made during a quarter can include any contributions made to the relevant member's accumulation account, that could be used to reduce the employer's Superannuation Guarantee Charge if the Fund were an accumulation fund (Section 23 of the Act), in respect of the quarter even where made prior to or after the quarter.

- determines a rate that is comparable to the rate at which the employer of the employees must contribute to the Fund to provide the employees with the minimum requisite benefit.

10. I confirm that the Notional Employer Contribution Rate has been calculated in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Regulations and Guidance Note 456 issued by the Institute of Actuaries of Australia. I also confirm that this certificate has been prepared in accordance with the letter from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) dated 3 June 1998 which states that *“in calculating the minimum requisite benefit for Superannuation Guarantee purposes it is permissible to fully allow for the impact of the surcharge.”*

Signature: Matthew Burgess

Date: 5 December 2008

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I confirm that this document was produced in accordance with Russell Employee Benefits Quality Assurance procedures.

Signature: D. Campbell

Date: 5 December 2008

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**ATTACHMENT A TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATE**  
**LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION FUND**  
**DESCRIPTION OF MINIMUM REQUISITE BENEFITS**

Category A Members

Members aged less than 55 years at exit

The vested benefit applying on leaving service, as defined in the Rules. This will be the resignation benefit as defined in Clause C.4.9 of the Rules for members aged under 55 years at exit less any balance in the member's Surcharge Offset Account at date of exit.

This benefit shall be reduced for any amount permitted under the Family Law Act 1975 or its Regulations and consequent amendments to Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations (SIS).

The benefit shall be increased by the accumulation of Additional SG employer contributions, additional voluntary member contributions and government co-contributions (if any) with interest at the Fund Earning Rate (including negative interest) to the date of exit reduced as determined by the Trustee by an allowance for tax on contributions, other taxes, expenses, the cost of any insurance cover and any transfers (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement).

Additional SG employer contributions are employer contributions made to an accumulation account that are included in the Notional Employer Contribution Rate (NECR) as defined in this certificate.

The Fund Earning Rate is the rate determined by the Trustee until 31 March 1999, calculated in accordance with SIS, and then at the rates applicable to the investment choices made by the member.

Members aged 55 years or over at exit

The MRB is calculated by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{MRB}_{2001} \times \text{INDEX}_{2001}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \quad \{MCR(i)/S \times FAS1 + NECR(i) \times FAS2\} \times SERV2001(i) \times DF \\
 &+ \quad ADDACC \\
 &- \quad PRAB \times FAS1/FAS3
 \end{aligned}$$

This benefit shall be reduced for any amount permitted under the Family Law Act 1975 or its Regulations.

where

MRB2001 =	the member's Minimum Requisite Benefit as at 30 June 2001 calculated in the manner described in the Benefit Certificate in force as at that date
INDEX2001 =	the ratio of the member's FAS1 at the date of calculation to FAS1 at 30 June 2001
FAS1 =	the member's Adjusted Final Salary as defined in Part C.1.2 of the Rules
FAS2 =	FAS1, but limited to the maximum contribution base as defined in Section 15 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992
DF =	1.0 at age 65 reducing by a simple discount of 1.5% for each year (or part thereof) by which the date of calculation precedes age 65, with a minimum discount factor of 0.7 applying
MCR(i) =	the rate of member contributions payable during period (i) averaged on a daily basis if the rate of member contributions changes during the period
S =	1 for member contributions made through salary sacrifice, and 0.85 for member contributions made from after-tax salary
NECR(i) =	8% for the period 1/7/2001 to 30/6/2002; 9% for the period 1/7/2002 to 30/06/2013.

SERV2001(i) = the period of Service from 1 July 2001 to the date of calculation (inclusive), for each separate period (i) for which the NECR(i) and/or MCR(i) have changed, calculated in a manner consistent with the definition of Service in relation to a member, as defined in Part C.1.2 of the Rules except including Service to age 70

ADDACC = The accumulation of Additional SG employer contributions, additional voluntary member contributions, transfers in and government co-contributions (if any) with interest at the Fund Earning Rate to the date of exit reduced as determined by the Trustee by an allowance for tax on contributions, other taxes, expenses, the cost of any insurance cover, any payments or transfers out (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement) and any balance in the member's Surcharge Offset Account at date of exit.

The member's current Pre-Retirement Pension Account at the date of calculation is included in ADDACC.

The Fund Earning Rate is the rate determined by the Trustee until 31 March 1999, calculated in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations (SIS), and then at the rates applicable to the investment choices made by the member.

PRAB = The member's commencement Pre Retirement Pension Accrued Benefit (if applicable)

FAS3 = the member's Adjusted Final Salary as defined in Part C.1.2 of the Rules calculated at the time the member commenced their Pre Retirement Pension (if applicable)

Additional SG employer contributions are employer contributions made to an accumulation account that are included in the NECR as defined in this certificate.

#### Category B and Category C Members



An accumulation of member contributions, transfers in and government co-contributions (if any) plus employer contributions equal to the NECR multiplied by Ordinary Time Earnings (subject to the maximum contribution base, prior to 1 July 2008 Notional Earnings Base applied as defined in the previous Benefit Certificate dated 9 March 2007), plus interest at the Fund Earning Rate to the date of exit, reduced as determined by the Trustee by an allowance for tax on contributions, other taxes, expenses, the cost of any insurance cover, any transfers out (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement) and any balance in the member's Surcharge Offset Account at date of exit.

This benefit shall be reduced for any amount permitted under the Family Law Act 1975 or its Regulations.

The Fund Earning Rate is the rate determined by the Trustee until 31 March 1999, calculated in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations (SIS), and then at the rates applicable to the investment choices made by the member.

#### Category D Members

The MRB is calculated by reference to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{PRE92} \times \text{INDEX92} \\
 + & 1.0266 \times \text{DF} \times \text{Sum}\{[\text{MCR}(i)/\text{S} \times \text{FAS1} + \text{NECR}(i) \times \text{FAS2}] \times \text{SERV}(i)\} \\
 + & \text{RO92 with interest at the Fund Earning Rate reduced by any transfers} \\
 + & \text{AVC with interest at the Fund Earning Rate} \\
 - & \text{Surcharge Offset Account} \\
 - & \text{PRAB} \times \text{FAS1/FAS3}
 \end{aligned}$$

This benefit shall be reduced for any amount permitted under the Family Law Act 1975 or its Regulations.

where

$$\text{PRE92} = \text{the member's cash lump sum benefit on voluntarily leaving service at 30 June 1992}$$

INDEX92 =	the ratio of the member's FAS1 at the date of calculation to FAS1 at 30 June 1992
FAS1 =	the member's Final Average Pay as defined in Part D.1 of the Rules
FAS2 =	FAS1, but limited to the maximum contribution base as defined in Section 15 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992
DF =	1.0 at age 65 reducing by a simple discount of 1.5% for each year (or part thereof) by which the date of calculation precedes age 65, with a minimum discount factor of 0.7 applying
MCR(i) =	the rate of member contributions payable during period (i) averaged on a daily basis if the rate of member contributions changes during the period
S =	1 for member contributions made through salary sacrifice, and 0.85 for member contributions made from after-tax salary
SERV(i) =	the number of years and fractions of a year based on complete days in period (i), coincident with Fund membership, at the date of calculation. For periods of part-time service, SERV is proportioned on an equivalent full-time basis. For periods of leave without pay, SERV is zero during the period of leave. SERV is zero from age 70.
NECR(i) =	4% for the period 1/7/1992 to 31/12/1992; 5% for the period 1/1/1993 to 30/6/1995; 6% for the period 1/7/1995 to 30/6/1998; 7% for the period 1/7/1998 to 30/6/2000; 8% for the period 1/7/2000 to 30/6/2002; 9% for the period 1/7/2002 to 30/06/2013.

RO92 = the member's additional preserved rollover benefits (if any) accumulated with interest to 30 June 1992.

AVC = additional member voluntary contributions paid from 1 July 1992, Additional SG employer contributions paid from 1 July 2008, transfers in and government co-contributions paid reduced by any transfers out (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement) and less any taxes or expenses as determined by the Trustee.

The member's current Pre-Retirement Pension Account at the date of calculation is included in AVC.

PRAB = The member's commencement Pre Retirement Pension Accrued Benefit (if applicable)

FAS3 = the member's Final Average Pay as defined in Part D.1 of the Rules calculated at the time the member commenced their Pre Retirement Pension (if applicable)

Additional SG employer contributions are employer contributions made to an accumulation account that are included in the NECR as defined in this certificate.

### Category E Members

The MRB is calculated by reference to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{PRE92} \times \text{INDEX92} \\
 + & \text{SAL1} \times \text{DF} \times \text{Sum}\{\text{MCR}(i)/0.85 \times \text{SERV}(i)\} \\
 + & \text{SAL2} \times \text{DF} \times \text{Sum}\{\text{NECR}(i) \times \text{SERV}(i)\} \\
 + & \text{AVC with interest at the Fund Earning Rate} \\
 + & \text{ROLL with interest at the Fund Earning Rate} \\
 - & \text{Surcharge Offset Account} \\
 - & \text{PRAB} \times \text{SAL1} / \text{SAL3}
 \end{aligned}$$

This benefit shall be reduced for any amount permitted under the Family Law Act 1975 or its Regulations.

where

PRE92 = the member's lump sum benefit on voluntarily leaving service at 30 June 1992 as defined in Division E of the Rules (subject to the provisions of paragraph 6.12 of Guidance Note 456 of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia), subject to a maximum of, for members who would be eligible for a benefit at age 65 of 8.4 times salary (assuming continuation of member contribution rate for former Section B members of the Melbourne Water Corporation Employees' Superannuation Fund), the following amount:

$$8.4 \times \text{Salary at 30 June 1992} \times \text{PM/TM}$$

where

PM = the member's membership period to 30 June 1992 as defined in Division E of the Rules

TM = the member's total potential membership period at age 65 as defined in Division E of the Rules

INDEX92 = the ratio of the member's FAS1 at the date of calculation to FAS1 at 30 June 1992

SAL1 = the member's salary, as defined in Division E of the Rules, at the date of calculation. For part-time members, the equivalent full-time salary applies

SAL2 = SAL1, but limited to the maximum contribution base as defined in Section 15 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 at the date of calculation

DF = 1.0 at age 65 reducing by a simple discount of 1.5% for each year (or part thereof) by which the date of calculation precedes age 65, with a minimum discount factor of 0.7 applying

- MCR(i) = the rate of member contributions payable during period (i) averaged on a daily basis if the rate of member contributions changes during the period
- SERV(i) = the number of years and fractions of a year based on complete days in period (i), coincident with Fund membership, at the date of calculation. For periods of part-time service, SERV is proportioned on an equivalent full-time basis. For periods of leave without pay, SERV is zero during the period of leave. SERV is zero from age 70.
- NECR(i) = 4% for the period 1/7/1992 to 31/12/1992;  
5% for the period 1/1/1993 to 30/6/1995;  
6% for the period 1/7/1995 to 30/6/1998;  
7% for the period 1/7/1998 to 30/6/2000;  
8% for the period 1/7/2000 to 30/6/2002;  
9% for the period 1/7/2002 to 30/06/2013.
- AVC = Additional SG employer contributions and government co-contributions less any transfers (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement) and less any taxes and expenses as determined by the Trustee.
- The member's current Pre-Retirement Pension Account at the date of calculation is included in AVC.
- ROLL = any benefits arising on termination from amounts rolled over into the fund after 30 June 1992 less any transfers (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement).
- PRAB = The member's Pre Retirement Pension Accrued Benefit (if applicable)
- SAL3 = the member's salary, as defined in Division E of the Rules, at the date of commencing the Pre Retirement Pension (if

applicable). For part-time members, the equivalent full-time salary applies.

### Category F Members

Category F members continue to have the benefit entitlements and benefit accruals of their former fund (Transport Superannuation Fund, State Superannuation Fund or Port of Melbourne Authority Superannuation Scheme) as defined in Division F of the Rules. The MRB for Category F members is the same as the MRB they would have if they had continued as a member of their former fund as determined by the Benefit Certificate of their former fund effective 30 June 2008 (with service after 30 June 2008 included).

The benefit shall be increased by the accumulation of Additional SG employer contributions, additional voluntary member contributions (separate to the defined benefit) and government co-contributions (if any) with interest at the Fund Earning Rate (including negative interest) to the date of exit reduced by an allowance for tax on contributions, other taxes, expenses, the cost of any insurance cover and any transfers (including because of a contributions splitting arrangement) as determined by the Trustee.

Additional SG employer contributions are employer contributions made to an accumulation account that are included in the Notional Employer Contribution Rate (NECR) as defined in this certificate.

The Fund Earning Rate is the rate determined by the Trustee until 31 March 1999, calculated in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations (SIS), and then at the rates applicable to the investment choices made by the member.

**ATTACHMENT B TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATE**  
**LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION FUND**  
**ASSUMPTIONS USED IN DETERMINING MRBS**

Category A Members

The actuarial assumptions used to value the MRBs given in Attachment A are those set out in Appendix D of Part 1 and Appendix B of Part 2 of the Report on the Actuarial Investigation of the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund as at 31 December 2005, except that death and disablement decrements have been ignored, as required by Section 7.3 of Guidance Note 456 of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

Signature:

*Matthew Burgess*  
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Date: 5 December 2008