

# Boosting your super with government help

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The super co-contribution and low income super tax offset (LISTO) are government initiatives to help low income earners save for their retirement.

## Super co-contributions

If you earn less than \$58,445 in 2023–24 and make after-tax (non-concessional) contributions to super, the government may help boost your super.

This is known as a co-contribution, and means you get more for putting little extra into your super each year.

**! You aren't entitled to a co-contribution for any personal contributions you've claimed a tax deduction for.**

## How much could you receive?

The amount of co-contribution you could receive depends on your income and how much you contribute to super.

For every \$1 you contribute from your after-tax earnings (up to \$1,000 each financial year) the government may contribute up to 50 cents. That's up to \$500 extra in your super each year.

The maximum \$500 co-contribution is only available if your relevant earnings are equal to or below \$43,445 in the 2023–24 financial year.

The amount of co-contribution you could receive reduces for every dollar you earn over \$43,445, and cuts out completely once your annual income exceeds \$58,445.

Total income (2023–24)	Amount payable
Less than \$43,445	You'll receive the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50% of your eligible contributions or</li><li>• \$500.</li></ul>
\$43,445 – \$58,445	You'll receive the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50% of your eligible contributions or</li><li>• \$500 reduced by \$0.03333 for each \$1 you earn above \$43,445.</li></ul> The minimum co-contribution you can receive is \$20.
\$58,445 or more	Nil

**! You must earn taxable income to be eligible for a co-contribution.**

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## Estimating your co-contribution

Your income <sup>1</sup>	Your personal contribution			
	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
Estimated co-contribution				
Less than \$43,445	\$500	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$46,445	\$400	\$400	\$250	\$100
\$49,445	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$100
\$52,445	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$100
\$55,445	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Over \$58,445	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup>The income thresholds are shown for 2023–24. These are indexed annually on 1 July.

## Are you eligible?

You're eligible for the co-contribution if:

- you make a personal contribution into your super account during the financial year
- your total income is less than \$58,445 in 2023–24
- 10% or more of your total income comes from eligible employment, running a business, or a combination of both
- you're less than 71 years old at the end of the financial year
- you didn't hold a temporary visa at any time during the relevant financial year (unless you're a New Zealand citizen or it was a prescribed visa)
- you lodged a tax return for the relevant financial year
- you haven't exceeded your after-tax (non-concessional) cap for the relevant financial year
- your total super balance (across all super fund you participate in) was less than \$1.9 million at the end of 30 June 2023.

## How to make personal contributions

Making personal contributions to super is easy. You can:

- **BPAY®** – Get your personal biller code and reference number in **Member Online** at [spiritsuper.com.au](https://spiritsuper.com.au) or call us on **1800 005 166**.<sup>2</sup>
- **Cheque** – Send a cheque payable to 'Spirit Super' with the *Make a super contribution* form.

<sup>2</sup>Registered to BPAY Pty Ltd ABN 69 079 137 518. | <sup>2</sup>The maximum amount you can contribute in a single payment using BPAY® is \$110,000.

## Contribution caps

There are limits to how much you can contribute to super each financial year. These are known as contribution caps.

If you go over these caps, you will generally pay extra tax. See our *How super is taxed* fact sheet or call us on **1800 005 166** for more information about excess contributions.



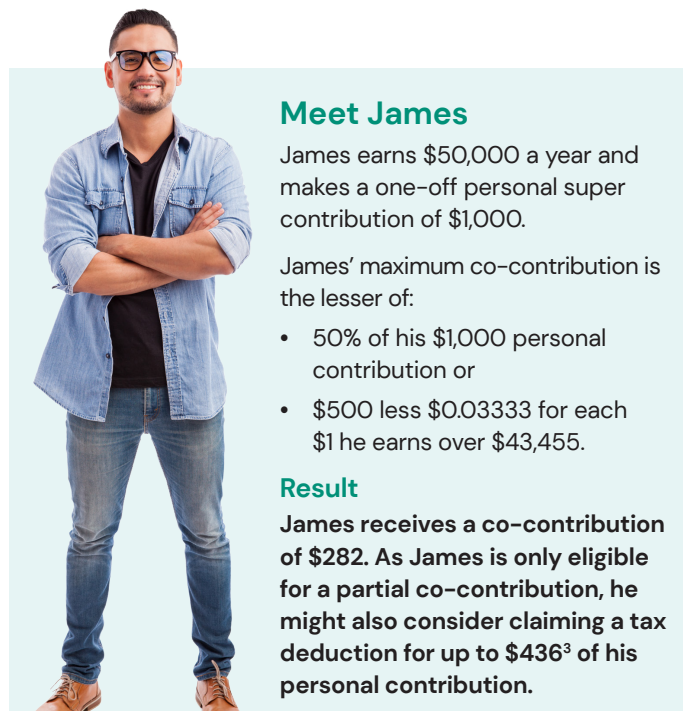
### Meet Zoe

Zoe earns \$35,000 a year and regularly puts extra into her super from savings. These personal contributions add up to \$500 over the financial year.

As she isn't claiming a tax deduction for her personal contributions, Zoe is entitled to a co-contribution of 50% of her \$500 contribution.

### Result

**Zoe receives a co-contribution of \$250.**



### Meet James

James earns \$50,000 a year and makes a one-off personal super contribution of \$1,000.

James' maximum co-contribution is the lesser of:

- 50% of his \$1,000 personal contribution or
- \$500 less \$0.03333 for each \$1 he earns over \$43,455.

### Result

**James receives a co-contribution of \$282. As James is only eligible for a partial co-contribution, he might also consider claiming a tax deduction for up to \$436<sup>3</sup> of his personal contribution.**

<sup>3</sup>James will need to make sure he doesn't claim a tax deduction for at least \$564 of his \$1,000 contribution to receive a \$282 co-contribution.

## Low income super tax offset

If you earn \$37,000 or less in a financial year, you could be eligible for a LISTO payment from the government.

The low income super tax offset (LISTO) is a reimbursement of any contributions tax paid on your before-tax super contributions.

It's designed to make the super system fair for low-income earners by ensuring you don't pay more tax on your super contributions than your take-home pay.

### How much could you receive?

The LISTO is 15% of any before-tax (concessional) contributions paid into your super. This includes:

- compulsory super guarantee (SG) contributions paid by your employer
- salary sacrificed contributions and
- contributions you've claimed a tax deduction for.

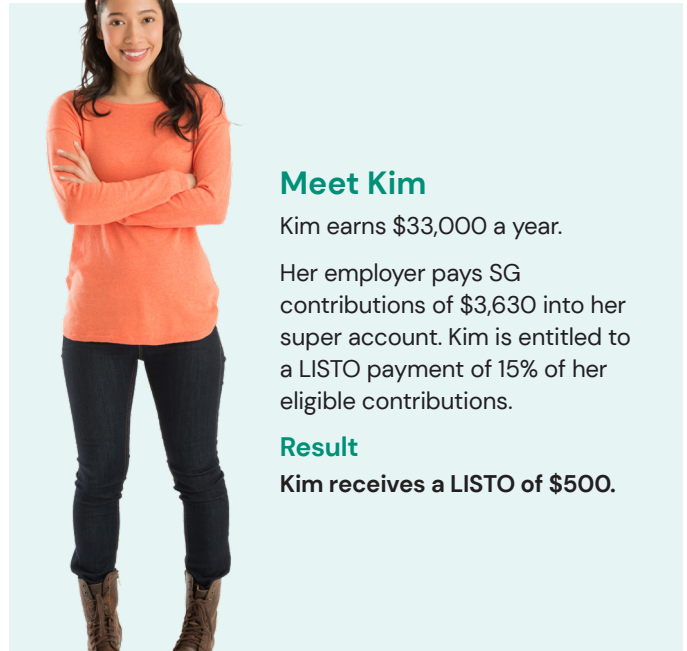
For each financial year that you are eligible for a LISTO payment, the maximum amount you can receive is \$500, and the minimum is \$10.

### Are you eligible?

You're eligible for the LISTO if:

- you or your employer pay before-tax (concessional) contributions to a complying super fund like Spirit Super
- your actual or estimated adjusted taxable income is \$37,000 or less
- you haven't held a temporary resident visa at any time during the relevant financial year<sup>4</sup>
- 10% or more of your total income comes from business and/or employment if you lodge a tax return, or 10% of your income from employment only if you don't lodge a tax return.

<sup>4</sup>New Zealand citizens in Australia are eligible for the payment.



### Meet Kim

Kim earns \$33,000 a year.

Her employer pays SG contributions of \$3,630 into her super account. Kim is entitled to a LISTO payment of 15% of her eligible contributions.

### Result

**Kim receives a LISTO of \$500.**

## How to apply for the government contributions

You don't have to apply for either the co-contribution or the LISTO.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will automatically pay any contributions directly into your super account.

If you've reached your preservation age and retired, or you're the legal representative of an eligible account holder who has died, you can apply to receive a direct payment online using *myGov* or by calling the ATO on **13 10 20**.

**! You must provide your tax file number to your super fund to receive co-contribution or LISTO payments.**

## When will you get the payment?

The ATO makes most payments between November and January for the previous financial year.

If you don't lodge an income tax return, LISTO payments for the applicable financial year will start from 1 July of the next financial year after.

Once the contributions have been paid, you can view them in **Member Online** at [spiritsuper.com.au](https://spiritsuper.com.au).

## Can you get both a co-contribution and a LISTO?

You may be eligible for a co-contribution and a LISTO, but not for the same contributions.

Co-contributions are paid when you make eligible after-tax (non-concessional) contributions. LISTO payments offset tax paid on before-tax (concessional) contributions.

For more information, see our *Super contributions* fact sheet.

## 4 Need advice?

Making super contributions may be a good idea, depending on your circumstances.

We provide access to general information, education and personal (intra-fund) advice on your Spirit Super account at no extra cost.

Go to [spiritsuper.com.au/get-advice](https://spiritsuper.com.au/get-advice) for more details.

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