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New employees – rejoining deferred benefit CSS members

There are a number of things you need to know when starting a new fulltime non-ongoing/ temporary employee.

First, an easy way to make sure your employees are in the right scheme is to use the eligibility determiner at www.employer.pss-css.gov.au.

If your new employee is already a CSS deferred benefit member (and they qualify to rejoin) you need to give them an **application to become an eligible employee of the CSS (CSS S20)** within a year. This is an important form as if it is not complete the employee will not be able to choose to join the CSS. It is also important to keep the form on the employee's file.

For Australian Public Service (APS) agencies - if your new employee (who is a deferred CSS benefit member) does not make a choice of fund, they will default to the PSS.

For non-APS agencies (where the default super fund is not an ARIA scheme) - you will need to have another default super fund for your employees as your deferred benefit CSS employee will not qualify to default to the PSS or PSSap.

For more information on rejoining deferred benefit CSS members visit <http://employer.pss-css.gov.au/>.

Current topics

Updating or adding address details

We will soon be sending out **annual member statements** in the mail, and it is important that we send statements to members - not to your agency.

When a member's annual statement shows there is 'no valid address' it means the address details have been entered incorrectly in **employer services online (ESO)**. When this happens, we have to send the statement to the member's work address, for their employer to pass on.

You can help reduce the number of **annual member statements** we send to your agency by removing punctuation marks (such as commas, full stops and hyphens) when you are updating or adding address details to members' profiles on ESO.

ESO user group meeting

Our second ESO user group meeting, held on 27 May, was a great success with 17 people attending representing 12 agencies.

As an open forum, the meeting gave participants a good opportunity to give feedback and ask questions about ESO. Topics such as the AWOTE calculator and error messages were discussed. Our IT services employee also answered the technical questions and Kevin Hilder, Director of Business Intelligence gave a presentation on the new employer scorecard.

If you would like to get the most out of ESO and want to find out about upcoming user group meetings, call Maureen or Scott on **1300 338 240**.

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What's new

Remember – financial year data and contributions due

Please remember to send us member data and contributions for this financial year before 30 June 2009 so we can make sure our member statements are up to date.

For more information visit <http://employer.pss-css.gov.au/>.

Average weekly ordinary time earnings – latest figures released

You can find the latest **average weekly ordinary time earnings** (AWOTE) figures, and the updated calculator, on the employer website - which will help when you are updating super salaries after a salary reduction. To find the latest AWOTE update, visit <http://employer.pss-css.gov.au/index.shtml>.

Budget 2009 update

The government recently announced a number of superannuation proposals in the 2009 Budget, including:

- > temporary reductions in the government's super co-contribution
- > reductions in concessional contribution caps
- > general recommendations from Australia's Future Tax System Review Panel, including retaining the three-pillar concept (super guarantee, voluntary savings and means-tested age pension) that underpins Australia's retirement income system.

We will keep you up-to-date with how these proposals might affect you and your employees. For more information on the Budget measures visit:

- > [2009-10 Commonwealth Budget](#)
- > [Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law ministerial website](#).



At Work for You

Would you like a free solution to help your employees understand and manage their super?

ARIA offers **free** in-house super workshops to all government agencies and departments. These workshops will give you and your employees valuable information about super. Our At Work for You workshops cover topics such as retirement and resignation options, other ways to contribute, tax on super, insurance, investment options and managing super before retirement.

Our presenters can come to your agency for an in-house member workshop (depending on agency employee numbers).

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