

Fact Sheet

Providing your Tax File Number

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It is now more important than ever to provide your Tax File Number (TFN) to your superannuation fund. Whilst it is up to you whether or not you provide your TFN to us, the superannuation changes that became effective on 1 July 2007 mean that if you do not provide your TFN to us, you may pay more tax on some contributions and benefits than you have to.

If we do not have your TFN, contributions will be treated as follows:

- > We cannot accept any non-concessional (personal, after-tax) contributions on your behalf, including member compulsory defined benefit contributions. Any of these contributions we receive for you will be returned to the payer;
- > Pre-tax contributions made to accounts that existed prior to 1 July 2007 will be taxed an additional 31.5% (on top of the 15% contributions tax already paid) once those contributions exceed \$1,000 in the financial year. The additional tax is levied on all assessable contributions which includes the first \$1,000;
- > For accounts that commence after 1 July 2007, the \$1,000 threshold does not apply, meaning that the additional 31.5% will be withheld on all concessional contributions regardless of the amount.

Concessional contributions include:

- The mandatory Superannuation Guarantee (SG) payments paid by your employer;
- Any other Award contributions;
- Defined benefit notional taxed contributions; and
- Any salary sacrifice contributions.

If we do not have your TFN, you could be disadvantaged in the following ways:

- > For accumulation members, this will effectively reduce your account balance and the effect of earnings on your investment. Over time, this could amount to a significant reduction in your benefits.
- > For defined benefit members, your defined benefit entitlements could be reduced.
- > In addition, the taxable element of any superannuation lump sum payment you receive will be subject to tax at the top marginal tax rate.
- > You will not be able to receive any Government co-contributions that you may be eligible for.

To avoid these penalties, you should ensure that you provide your TFN to us as soon as possible.

We will calculate any penalty tax at the end of each financial year. You can advise us of your TFN by:

- > Completing and returning a *Tax File Number notification* form, which you can download from our website at www.equipsuper.com.au; or
- > Calling our **Helpline 1800 682 626**.

What happens if I leave Equipsuper before the end of the financial year?

If you have not provided your TFN and you request payment of your benefit, we will request your TFN again before paying out your benefit. If you do not provide your TFN, the taxes described above will be deducted from your account if applicable to you.

If you do provide your TFN when requested, the additional tax (described above) will not apply and only the usual 15% contribution tax will be deducted from any concessional contributions that have been paid on your behalf.

What happens if I provide my TFN whilst I am still a member of Equipsuper, but after concessional contributions have been paid?

If you provide your TFN after the additional tax (at 31.5%) has been deducted from concessional contributions that have been paid since 1 July 2007, we will refund that tax to your account. The effect of this is that only the usual 15% contribution tax will have been applied to these contributions. The refunded tax will be credited at the date we receive and process the refund from the ATO, not at the date the 'no TFN' tax was originally deducted.

You may apply for a refund of this tax relating up to a four year period from the date paid (including the year in which the TFN is supplied) in respect of any concessional contributions paid after 1 July 2007.

There are strict rules relating to our use of your TFN, which are outlined on the *Tax File Number Notification* form and our website. We assure you that Equipsuper strictly adheres to those rules. If you have any queries about providing your TFN to us, please contact our Helpline.

This brochure is for general information only. It has been prepared without taking into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. You should consider whether this information is appropriate to your personal circumstances before acting on it and, if necessary, seek professional financial advice. If you are considering investing in the Equipsuper Superannuation Fund ABN 33 813 823 017, you should read the appropriate Equipsuper Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) before making an investment decision. You can obtain a PDS via our website or by contacting the Helpline.

The taxation information included in this brochure is a general guide only. As taxation laws are complex and individual circumstances vary, you should seek individual taxation advice from a qualified advisor.

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