

SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS & MINIMUM PENSION RATES - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS:

The superannuation annual contribution caps for the year ending 30 June 2012 are as follows:

Concessional (<i>ie Tax Deductible</i>)	
- Under 50 yo	\$ 25,000
- 50+ yo	\$ 50,000
Non Concessional *	\$ 150,000
<i>(ie Not claimed as a Tax deduction)</i>	

* If under 65 yo a bring forward rule applies and you can contribute \$450,000 in one financial year with no further contributions for the next 2 years.

From 1 July 2012 the annual concessional superannuation cap will be limited to \$25,000 for everyone irrespective of age. The only exception to this rule being for individuals who are 50yo+ and have a superannuation balance below \$500,000. People who fall into this category will still be allowed to contribute \$50,000 pa as a concessional contribution.

From 1 July 2012 there is no change in the Non Concessional contributions caps noted above.

It is critical the superannuation contribution caps are not exceeded as the penalties for doing so can be extreme. This is an area that the Australian Taxation Office is actively targeting.

SUPERANNUATION PENSIONS:

The 50% reduction in the minimum payment standards that has applied for the last 3 years will be reduced to 25% for the year ending 30 June 2012.

The Government has indicated that the minimum pension rate will revert to the full standard rates from 1 July 2012.

The following table sets out the minimum pension payments required for Account Based Pensions:

Age	2011/12 (25% Reduction)	2012/13 (No Reduction)
55 - 64	3.00%	4.00%
65 - 74	3.75%	5.00%
75 - 79	4.50%	6.00%
80 - 84	5.25%	7.00%
85 - 89	6.75%	9.00%
90 - 95	8.25%	11.00%
95 +	10.50%	14.00%