KnowHow

How to track your total super balance

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Your total super balance impacts how much you can contribute to super. Here are the key things you need to know about the total super balance and how to track it.

What is total super balance?

Generally, your total super balance (TSB) is the sum of all amounts you have in the superannuation system (certain exceptions apply*). At a high level, it includes:

- your accumulation account balances
- your superannuation pension accounts, and
- the outstanding balance of a Limited Recourse Borrowing Arrangement (if you have a self- managed super fund which has borrowed to invest), in certain circumstances.

TSB is used as part of the eligibility criteria for certain types of super contributions.

* Exceptions and modifications may apply, for example if you've made a personal injury contribution to super. Calculating TSB can be complex, so it is important to seek advice.

When is it measured?

Your TSB for a financial year is measured on the previous 30 June when determining your eligibility to make or receive certain types of super contributions.

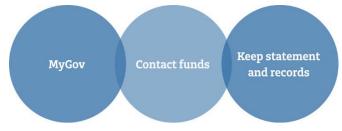
How does TSB impact contributions?

Eligibility rules apply to the different types of contributions that can be made to super. Some contributions require that your TSB is below certain thresholds (usually generally based on your TSB at the previous 30 June). For this reason, it is important that you carefully check your TSB before making contributions to super. Also, your financial adviser might need to know details of your TSB to ensure that any recommendations to contribute to super are within your contribution caps^.

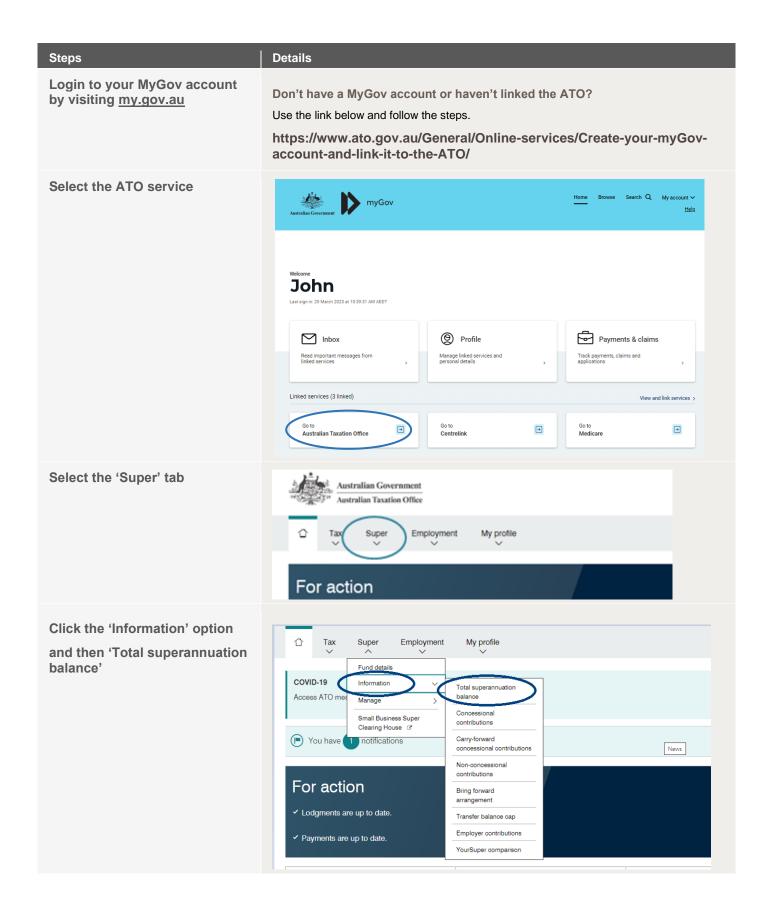
^ The contribution caps limit the amount that can be contributed to super. The amount you can individually contribute (or have made on your behalf) depends on a number of issues including your TSB. Exceeding your contribution cap may result in additional tax or penalties. Visit ato.gov.au for more information.

How to check your TSB

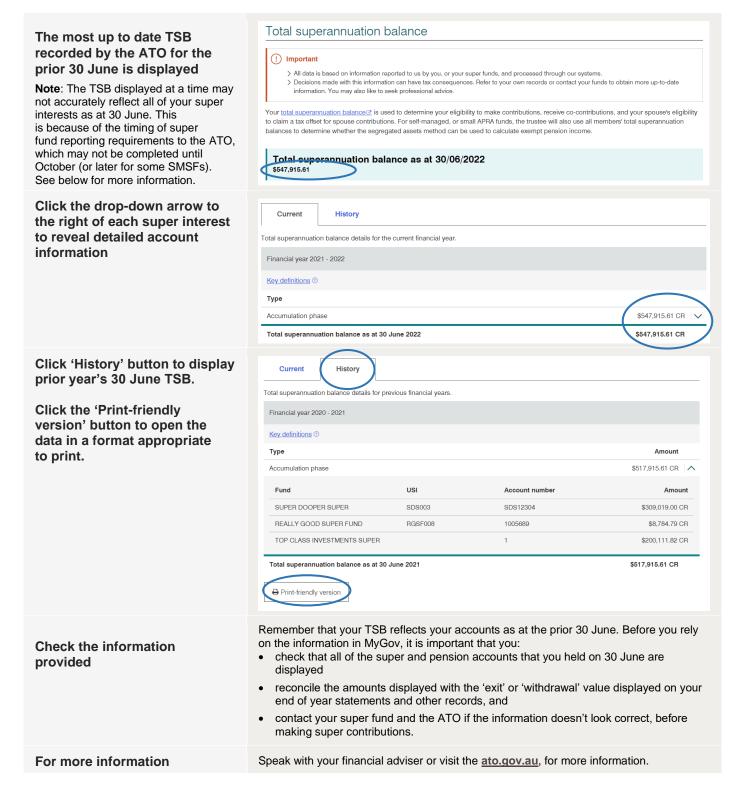
There are a few ways you can track your TSB. A useful source of information is your MyGov account which is explained below. Other options are contacting your superannuation funds or looking at your fund's statements and records. When reviewing your annual statement, the TSB figure your fund reports to the ATO is usually referred to as 'exit value' or 'withdrawal benefit'. This may be different to the 30 June 'closing balance'.



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