

# SUPER CO-CONTRIBUTIONS

From 1 July 2009, the government has continued to contribute \$1 for every \$1 an eligible individual contributes into superannuation, up to a maximum of \$1,000 for the 2010 Financial Year.

The (indexed) thresholds for the **2010 income year** are:

- **Lower income threshold** – has increased to **\$31,920**
- **Higher income threshold** – has increased to **\$61,920**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An individual is entitled to the co-contribution for an income year where **ALL** the following conditions are met:

- The individual makes **personal (after-tax) undeducted superannuation contributions** to a **complying fund or retirement savings account** during the income year.

The following contributions will **NOT be eligible** for the co-contribution.

- Eligible spouse contributions (i.e. contributions made for the individual by their spouse); and
- Employer contributions for the individual (including salary sacrificed contributions).

- **10%** or more of the individual's **'total income' for the year MUST** be from **employment and/or from carrying on a business** (the '10% rule').

- The individual's **total income must be under** the Higher Income Threshold for the income year (i.e. less than \$61,920 for the 2010 income year).
  - An individual's 'total income' for these purposes is defined as the sum of the individual's assessable income and reportable fringe benefits total.

- The individual **must lodge an income tax return** for the income year
  - An income tax return is required to be lodged for this purpose even where an individual is **NOT** otherwise required to lodge a return (e.g. taxable income does **NOT** exceed \$6,000).

- The individual **must be less than 71 years of age** at the end of the income year.
  - If an individual turns 71 years of age on (or before) 30 June of the relevant income year, they will **NOT** be eligible for a co-contribution in that year.
- The individual does **NOT** hold an **eligible temporary resident visa** at any time during the income year.

The following table summarizes the amount of the co-contribution which an individual may be entitled to receive during the 2010 income year, based on different income levels and different amounts of personal (undeducted) superannuation contributions.

### AMOUNT OF CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR 2010

INCOME	If personal super contribution is:			
	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$31,920 or less	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$33,920	\$933	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$35,920	\$867	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$37,920	\$800	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$39,920	\$733	\$733	\$500	\$200
\$41,920	\$667	\$667	\$500	\$200
\$43,920	\$600	\$600	\$500	\$200
\$45,920	\$533	\$533	\$500	\$200
\$47,920	\$467	\$467	\$467	\$200
\$49,920	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$200
\$51,920	\$333	\$333	\$333	\$200
\$53,920	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$200
\$55,920	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$57,920	\$133	\$133	\$133	\$133
\$59,920	\$67	\$67	\$67	\$67
\$61,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0