

When you pass away, your super (including any life insurance you had through Vision Super) makes up your super death benefit.

When you pass away, your superannuation doesn't automatically form part of your estate (the legal term for the sum of your assets, or net worth when you die). There are special rules that control how the Trustee can distribute your super death benefit. Under those rules, certain people may be entitled to claim a share of your super death benefit.

What happens to my super death benefit?

The Trustee does not have to follow the instructions in your will. The Trustee pays your super death benefit to either your dependants or your legal personal representative (this is the executor of your will or the administrator of your estate). A person who receives some/all of your super death benefit is called your beneficiary. The Trustee may have to ask about and decide who should receive your super death benefit.

What is a 'dependant'?

Under super legislation, a dependant includes:

- ▶ Your spouse (including same-sex and de facto partners)
- ▶ Any children (includes an adopted child, step child, ex-nuptial child or child of your spouse), and
- ▶ Any other person, whether you are related or not, with whom you have an interdependency relationship. There is an interdependency relationship if:
 - 1 You have a close personal relationship, and
 - 2 You live together, and
 - 3 One of you provides the other with financial support, and
 - 4 One or both of you provides the other with domestic support and personal care.

Please note: If you and the other person do not live together due to a physical, intellectual or psychiatric disability, an interdependency relationship may still exist.

Can I choose my super beneficiary?

You can nominate who you want your super death benefit paid to by making either a 'non-binding' or 'binding' nomination.

Non-binding (or preferred) nomination: A 'non-binding nomination' serves as a guide to the Trustee. The Trustee is not legally obligated to follow it, especially if you have dependants who you have not nominated. The Trustee is also not required to follow the instructions in your will. Vision Personal members can make or change a non-binding nomination by logging on to Vision Online, or by completing and sending us form 8 available on our website.

Binding nomination: A 'binding nomination' is a written direction to the Trustee that indicates the dependants and/or your 'legal personal representative', that you want to receive your benefit in the event of your death. Provided your binding nomination is valid, the Trustee is required to follow it. Binding nominations lapse every three years from the date

nominated, and must be updated to be valid. You can make, change, update or revoke your binding nomination by completing form 8 available on our website.

Nominating a beneficiary for my Vision Income Stream

Your Vision Income Stream is either a Vision Super Account Based pension (including a Three Bucket pension) or Vision Super Non-commutable Account Based pension. You can nominate one person to automatically receive your Vision Income Stream after you die (that is, the nominated person will receive your pension). This person is called a reversionary beneficiary, and the nomination is binding on the Trustee. Your reversionary beneficiary must be a dependant for superannuation purposes.

Child dependants must be either under 18 or between 18-25 and financially dependent, or disabled as per the Disability Services Act 1986.

When you die, your nominated reversionary beneficiary will receive the remaining balance of your Vision Income Stream. Your reversionary beneficiary can request to receive your remaining account balance in regular income payments, or as a lump sum.

Important note: You can only nominate your reversionary beneficiary at the time you start your Vision Income Stream. Once selected, you cannot change your reversionary beneficiary nomination except in limited circumstances (such as the death of the reversionary beneficiary, or divorce).

Centrelink considerations when nominating a reversionary beneficiary

If you receive or intend to receive Centrelink benefits, we recommend that you contact a Centrelink Financial Information Service Officer to determine if the reversionary beneficiary nomination will impact upon your payment. Generally when choosing a reversionary beneficiary, the longest life expectancy is used when calculating the Centrelink exempt amount.

How do I change my reversionary beneficiary?

If you have a Vision Income Stream and wish to change your reversionary beneficiary nomination, you can only do this in the limited circumstances of death or divorce of your reversionary beneficiary. To change your reversionary beneficiary under these circumstances and have the deductible amount (for Centrelink purposes) recalculated based on your or your new beneficiary's (if applicable) life expectancy, you will need to close your current Vision Income Stream and open a new Vision Income Stream.



Help and advice

Our Member Service team are here to help. Call them between 8:30am-5:00pm Monday to Friday on **1300 300 820**. Don't forget that you can also sort many aspects of your super on Vision Online. Simply log in via www.visionsuper.com.au or download our app from the Apple App Store or Google Play today.

Super and Estate Planning

Your super death benefit does not form part of your Estate unless the Trustee decides to pay it to your estate. This is because the contributions are held by the Trustee of the fund and are distributed in accordance with the terms of the fund's Trust Deed and the superannuation legislation. Unless you have a binding nomination, the distribution of your super death benefit is at the discretion of the Trustee – your Estate has no entitlement or claim. For more information, please refer to the Estate Planning Fact Sheet available on our website.

A valid binding nomination must satisfy all of the following conditions:

- ▶ The nomination must be in writing
- ▶ All beneficiaries nominated must be either dependants or your legal personal representative at your time of death
- ▶ The nomination must be clear as to the proportion payable to each beneficiary
- ▶ The nomination form must be signed by and dated by you in the presence of two witnesses over 18 years of age. Neither witness must be a person mentioned as a beneficiary in the nomination form
- ▶ The nomination form must contain a declaration signed and dated by the witnesses stating that the notice was signed by you in their presence
- ▶ The nomination must have been signed, confirmed or updated with the last previous three years (or shorter period as specified within the trust deed).

If these conditions are not met, your nomination will not be valid and will be non-binding. This means the Trustee will take into account your nomination, however it is not bound to pay your super death benefit to your nominated beneficiary(ies). The Trustee, in this case, will have ultimate discretion as to who will receive your super death benefit.



Further information

For specific information on the Estate Planning implications of your super, please refer to the relevant Product Disclosure Statement, as there may be differences that may affect you. Estate Planning is a complex topic, you may need to discuss this with a solicitor.



Need more help?

We know your super inside out, so you don't have to worry!

If you would like further information about choosing who your super goes to, or any of our products and services, please call our Member Services team on **1300 300 820**. You can also refer to our website for forms and other fact sheets.

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