

Recent changes to our products



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DEFINED BENEFITS & GUARANTEED INCOME

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This document provides important information about recent changes to fees, investments and beneficiary nomination rules impacting our Defined Benefit fund and Guaranteed Income accounts. Please read this document to understand how the changes affect you, and remember we're here to help you if you'd like more information.

Updates to fees and costs

Amounts deducted from reserves

If required, we deduct amounts from fund assets held in general reserves to meet administration expenses that exceed the administration fees and costs deducted from member accounts each year.

In 2025–26, we used 0.05% of net assets per member from our general reserves to help manage these expenses, down from 0.06% in 2024–25. The amount we use may vary each year, depending on actual costs.

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Investment fees and costs and transaction costs

Each year, we update our estimated investment fees and costs and transaction costs in our Defined Benefit funds to reflect actual expenses from the previous financial year, as required by regulation. This means that, if you hold a Defined Benefit account, the estimated fees and costs will vary each year. Investment fees and costs and transaction costs do not apply to Guaranteed Income accounts.

These fees and costs are deducted from investment returns before being applied to your account through the calculation of the interim crediting rate each business day. This means they reduce investment returns before they are credited to your account, rather than being charged as a separate fee deducted directly from your account. We've outlined the changes to these fees and costs for Defined Benefit accounts in the following table.

Defined Benefit fund	Costs until 30 September 2026 ¹ % of assets each year		Costs from 1 October 2026 ² % of assets each year	
	Investment fees and costs	Transaction costs	Investment fees and costs	Transaction costs
Quadrant Defined Benefits fund	0.42	0.06	0.41	0.07
HCC Defined Benefits fund	0.42	0.06	0.42	0.07
LCC Defined Benefits fund	0.42	0.06	0.42	0.07

¹ Estimates based on the actual fees and costs incurred during the financial year ending 30 June 2025. Investment fees and costs include an estimated amount of 0.05% - 0.06% for performance fees, depending on the Defined Benefit fund.

² Estimates based on the actual fees and costs incurred during the financial year ending 30 June 2026. Investment fees and costs include an estimated amount of 0.05% - 0.06% for performance fees, depending on the Defined Benefit fund. The calculation basis for these amounts is set out in the *Defined Benefits guide* available at caresuper.com.au/pds.

Changes to Defined Benefit fund investments

We invest with one goal in mind – to help you achieve your best possible lifestyle when you wind down from work.

Our focus remains on delivering the best financial outcomes for our members over the long term while carefully managing risks. This disciplined approach underpins our investment strategy, and our commitment to delivering a smoother ride for members. As part of our annual investment strategy review, we've made adjustments to our Defined Benefit fund investments effective 1 October 2026. Changes are indicated in **bold blue** text.

	Until 30 September 2026	From 1 October 2026
Risk level ³	Medium	Medium
Likelihood of a negative annual return in a 20-year period ³	2.6	2.1
Asset class mix – benchmark % (range %)		
Australian shares	17 (5-30)	17 (5-30)
Overseas shares	20 (5-30)	20 (5-30)
Private equity	2 (0-10)	2 (0-10)
Property	5 (0-15)	5 (0-15)
Infrastructure	7 (0-20)	9 (0-20)
Credit	9 (0-25)	9 (0-25)
Alternatives	10 (0-30)	12 (0-30)
• Absolute return	9	11
• Thematic opportunities	1	1
Fixed interest	14 (0-50)	16 (0-50)
Cash	16 (0-50)	10 (0-50)
Indicative growth and defensive asset mix (%) ⁴		
Growth assets	52	54
Defensive assets	48	46

³ The likelihood of a negative annual return and the risk level is based on the Standard Risk Measure explained in the *Defined Benefits fund guide* available at caresuper.com.au/pds.

⁴ Based on the strategic asset allocation to growth and defensive assets.

Changes to beneficiary nominations

We offer the following types of beneficiary nominations:

- binding (lapsing and non-lapsing)
- non-binding
- reversionary (retirement income accounts only)

Binding nominations (lapsing and non-lapsing) are legally binding on the Trustee if they are valid and effective when you pass away. If the nomination isn't valid, we'll treat the nomination as if it were a non-binding nomination. This means that while your wishes are considered, the Trustee must decide who receives your death benefit in accordance with super laws.

Lapsing binding nominations last for three years unless you cancel or change it earlier. Other nominations continue until you cancel or change the nomination.

On 1 October 2026 the Trust Deed was amended to change the circumstances in which a binding nomination may become invalid. Previously a binding nomination could become invalid if you entered into a new spousal relationship (including a de facto relationship) after making your nomination. This no longer applies from 1 October 2026. The updated rules are provided below.

A binding nomination may be invalid at the time we receive it for a number of reasons, including:

- the form requirements were not satisfied (e.g. it wasn't witnessed by two people who are over 18 years old who were not nominated as beneficiaries, or they didn't sign and date the form on the same day that you signed it)
- the form contained amendments or corrections

A binding nomination may also become invalid if, when you pass away, any of your nominated beneficiaries are no longer your dependant under super laws or your legal personal representative.

Some examples include:

- one or more of your beneficiaries have passed away
- your nominated spouse is no longer your spouse (including a de facto partner)
- a stepchild is no longer considered a stepchild
- a nominated beneficiary is not financially dependent on you or in an interdependency relationship with you when you passed away
- your legal personal representative has either passed away or ceased to be your legal personal representative

Non-lapsing binding nominations can also become invalid if you nominated one or more children and you have another child after making the nomination.

Make sure your super goes where you want it to

It's important to review your nomination whenever your circumstances change.
Find out more at caresuper.com.au/beneficiaries.



Next steps

We understand that everyone's circumstances are different, so please take some time to review these changes and consider whether they affect your account, investment choices, or beneficiary nomination.

If you need help to do this, you can:

Find out more

Visit our dedicated page for more information and FAQs.

Go to caresuper.com.au/SENchanges-Oct2026.

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