

2023 end-of-financial year tax planning checklist - Self Managed Superannuation Funds (SMSFs)

The end of the financial year is approaching quickly, so now is the time to ensure you are up to date with the administration of your SMSF.

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SMSF – Trustee Responsibilities

Have you checked:	We require	What you need to do
Is your investment strategy up to date?	A copy of the signed and dated strategy to enable your auditor to be able to complete the fund's 2023 audit.	Review your strategy and ensure it covers the key areas. <u>CLICK HERE for guidance and to access a recording of our information session</u> If you prepared a strategy some time ago, take this opportunity to review it, compare it to your current investments and ensure it is still relevant and corresponds to your actual investments.
Have you documented decisions and actions taken during the year?	Copies of any minutes or resolutions recording decisions.	Review the decisions and ensure the documentation is in order. If you have not documented your decisions to date, contact our office to discuss how to record the decisions you have made.
Is there a lease agreement in place for the fund's property?	A copy of the executed lease.	Check the lease and take steps to update it if necessary.
Have you reviewed the fund's real property values?	Auditors are required to confirm all real property is valued at 'market value.' You can demonstrate the market value to the auditor with an agent's appraisal which needs to include comparable sales, or by researching the value yourself (you will need supporting documentation).	Engage an agent to appraise your real property or a valuer. Provide a copy of this document to us with your SMSF records; OR Determine the value of your property and provide supporting documentation showing how you have arrived at your determined value. <u>CLICK HERE for more information.</u>

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SMSF – Trustee Responsibilities (cont'd)

Have you checked:	We require	What you need to do
Does your fund have investments in unlisted entities?	Audited financial statements for the unlisted company or trust; OR Unaudited financial statements; and Supporting evidence of the underlying assets and recent share or unit sales.	Contact the trustee/directors of the unlisted entity and provide them with details of the information you will require to ensure they are able to provide this. If they are unable to provide this, contact our office to discuss your options.
Has the fund invested in cryptocurrencies?	Evidence that will support the market value in accordance with ATO guidelines. Provide us with the 30 June closing value published on the website of a cryptocurrency exchange that reports on historical cryptocurrency values.	Double check these investments are allowed for under the trust deed. Ensure you have documented the investment decision and it is in accordance with your investment strategy
Does your fund invest in collectibles or personal use assets?	Copies of evidence of existence and storage arrangements, such as photographs that are date marked and storage invoices. Copies of insurance documentation and documentation to support the market value of the asset(s). Auditors are required to confirm that these assets are not leased to related parties or stored or displayed by at a private residence. Provide us with as much evidence as possible to provide to the auditor.	Arrange access to the asset(s) as close as possible to 30 June to capture evidence required.
Have the fund's members addressed their estate planning needs?	Superannuation does not automatically form part of the fund's members estate in the event of death. Instead, it is dealt with by the remaining trustees who will look to any reversionary pensions or binding death benefit nominations that have been made. If neither of these are in place, distribution of the decease's balance will be at the discretion of the trustee who has the option of distributing it to a dependent or to the member's estate. It is important to include this as part of your annual review.	Copies of any nominations or documents Please contact us if you need assistance.

SMSF – Admin

Have you checked:	We require	What you need to do
A TERM DEPOSIT that has a maturity date after 30 June 2023	Documented evidence of having the term deposit in place as at 30 June 2023.	<p><i>If your term deposit matures PRIOR to us receiving your work:</i></p> <p>Provide us with your reinvestment or redemption notice.</p> <p><i>If your term deposit is due to mature AFTER we receive your work:</i></p> <p>Contact your bank and request a statement showing that the term deposit was in place as at 30 June 2023.</p>
DIRECT SHARE-HOLDINGS	<p>Confirmation of shareholdings held within your SMSF as at CLOSE OF TRADE 30 June 2023</p> <p><i>(NB: confirmations must contain the Registry details on the document. Reports printed from your own bookkeeping file e.g., MYOB/Xero is not sufficient for audit purposes).</i></p>	<p><i>If you have a Stockbroker:</i></p> <p>Request a copy of your Investment Summary Report. This report should detail your fund's CHESS sponsored holdings and their market value as at close of trade 30 June 2023.</p> <p><i>If you have an online broking account e.g., Commsec, nabtrade, E-trade:</i></p> <p>Log on to your account and download a copy of your Investment Summary Report. This report should detail your fund's CHESS sponsored holdings and their market value as at close of trade 30 June 2023.</p>
Taken a PENSION from your SMSF	<p>Check to ensure that you have taken your minimum pension (your accountant may have advised you of this in previous correspondence).</p> <p>Check whether you have made any additional contributions to your SMSF prior to 31 May 2023.</p>	<p>Review your bank statements to confirm how much you have drawn as a Pension payment.</p> <p>If you have contributed additional money to your SMSF and have not advised us, do so now.</p> <p>We need to ensure your minimum pension has been calculated on the total balance of your fund pension accounts (including contributions made during the year where you have used these funds to commence a new pension).</p>
Planned to make a CONTRIBUTION to superannuation this year	The contribution must be in your SMSF bank account prior to close of business 30 June 2023.	<p>Ensure that your contribution is within the relevant limits.</p> <p>If you are unsure about what these are, contact our office prior to making the contribution.</p>

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