Self managed superfunds
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FactSheet









Self managed super funds can be a good option for those who prefer a DIY approach. But, they're not for everyone.

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This information is about Cbus Super. It doesn't account for your specific needs. Please consider your financial position, objectives and requirements before making financial decisions. Read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and Target Market Determination to decide if Cbus Super is right for you. Call **1300 361 784** or visit **cbussuper.com.au**.

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What is a self managed super fund?

Self managed super funds (SMSFs) are an alternative to APRA-regulated super funds run by financial institutions, employers and industry funds like Cbus Super. SMSFs are typically family or one-member funds set up to give individuals direct control of their super investment.

SMSF members are also trustees, or director of a corporate trustee, which means they are legally responsible for fund decisions and for complying with super and tax laws.

Like other super funds, SMSFs can generally only be used to provide for retirement. But they are quite different in the way they are set up, managed and regulated.

Things you should know about SMSFs

Pros	Cons
You are in **control financially and responsible** for making decisions.	Running an SMSF takes time – on average eight hours a month or nearly **100 hours a year.***
You decide **how and where your super is invested,** including direct property.†	There can be **penalties** if you don't stay up to date with legislation.
Asset protection and **tax breaks** are available.	According to the most recent available data from the ATO the average SMSF total expenses are over **$15,507 a year** (median total expenses are $8,611)‡.

* **Moneysmart.gov.au**, *Self-managed super fund (SMSF); Understand if an SMSF is right for you*

† You can't make alterations that change the character of the property until you pay off the SMSF property loan. The property also cannot be rented or lived in by a fund member or related party.

‡ Self-managed super funds: A statistical overview 2020-2021 (published February 2023), Australian Taxation Office, Table 25: Expenses

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Winding up a self managed super fund

If you have an SMSF and it no longer suits your needs, it might make sense to wind it up and leave it to the professionals. It's important you wind up your SMSF correctly to avoid future penalties. You have responsibilities to the SMSF, the members and the ATO. Please seek appropriate advice or refer to the ATO *Winding up* checklist for more details.

Some of the steps you'll need to follow include:

1
Check the trust deed for information on winding up the fund.

2
Consult other fund members and complete trust deed requirements.

3
Pay out* or roll over the benefits into a new super fund (see below). You may need to sell assets to convert them back to cash first.

4
Speak with your SMSF accountant and appoint an auditor to close your SMSF.

How to open a Cbus Super account and roll over your SMSF balance

Open a Cbus Super account

Depending on whether you're still working or are already retired, you'll need to roll over your super into either a Cbus Super or super income stream account.

It's easy to join Cbus Super online at **cbussuper.com.au/join**.

If you're retired, call us on **1300 361 784** to speak with a Cbus Super Adviser for help to set up your account.

Roll over your SMSF super balance into your Cbus Super account

Transferring to Cbus Super is easy and won't take long. All you need to do is follow the steps below and let us do the rest.



Simply log into your online account at **cbussuper.com.au/login** and go to *Consolidate your super*.

You will need to provide us with the SMSF name, ABN and Electronic Service Address (ESA) of your SMSF to rollover any super from your SMSF to Cbus Super. If you need an ESA, you can obtain this from:

- your SMSF Administrator, tax agent, accountant or bank; or
- a dedicated SMSF messaging provider – go to **ato.gov.au** for registered providers.

OR you can complete and sign the *Combine your super into Cbus Super* form at **cbussuper.com.au/forms**.



Want to know more about SMSFs? Visit **ato.gov.au/smsf**

* Members must meet a condition of release before benefits can be paid out.

Want more control over your super? Check out Cbus Self Managed



Exchange Traded Funds and Shares on the S&P/ASX 300 Index



Term deposits



Cbus Self Managed Property* & Infrastructure

Cbus Self Managed gives you many of the features of an SMSF, without the admin. We look after the tax, audits, compliance and other legal tasks. Plus, you get access to industry-tailored insurance, built for you.

Cbus Self Managed allows you to invest directly in term deposits, shares on the S&P/ASX 300 Index, exchange traded funds and the Cbus Self Managed Property* & Infrastructure funds using a simple online platform.



Try Cbus Self Managed now

You can give Cbus Self Managed a go and see if it's right for you. Our Free Access package lets you access UBS research and Morningstar market data, as well as track individual stock movements. Simply log into your account at **cbussuper.com.au/login** and click on *Cbus Self Managed* next to the *Super* tab to get started.

*Direct investment in a property of your choice is not available through Cbus Self Managed.

Need help? Just ask us

Has your accountant or financial adviser recommended that you start an SMSF, but you're not sure if it's right for you? That's ok, it's a very big responsibility and you should take the time to consider it. It's your money and how you invest it can have a real impact on your lifestyle in retirement. You should consider:

- Do you have time?
- Do you have the knowledge and experience?
- Do you have enough super?
- Will you get a better result?
- Can you afford it?

Or you can get comprehensive advice

For personal advice beyond super, Cbus Super has partnered with the Financial Advice Association Australia (FAAA) – the peak body for financial planners in Australia – to provide members with direct access to financial planners who meet professional qualification and service criteria as set by Cbus Super and the FAAA.

Any fees for this advice depend on the complexity of your situation and will be agreed with you in advance. You may also be eligible to have these fees deducted from your Cbus Super account.

Talk to us

Our Advice Services team can give you advice on any aspect of your Cbus Super account, over the phone. There's no extra cost to speak with an adviser as it's part of your Cbus Super membership.

Visit **cbussuper.com.au/advice** or call **1300 361 784** to find out more.



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