

## **Closure of the Australian Eligible Rollover Fund (AERF) and transfer of members to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)**

We're writing to let you know about important changes impacting your AERF account.

The Government has recently passed legislation that requires all account balances held by eligible rollover funds (**ERFs**) to be transferred to the ATO by 31 January 2022.

Perpetual Superannuation Limited, as trustee of the AERF (the Trustee) has determined it is in the best interests of AERF members to be transferred to the ATO on or around 18 June 2021.

### **What is an ERF?**

An ERF is a registered superannuation fund that receives transferring members' benefits from other superannuation funds, retirement savings accounts or approved deposit funds. The purpose of an ERF has been to act as a temporary repository for transferred superannuation benefits. The AERF is an ERF and you may have been transferred to the AERF from another superannuation fund for any of the following reasons:

- you became a 'lost' member under superannuation legislation
- the balance of your account in your previous fund was less than \$1,000
- you didn't nominate a complying superannuation fund that would accept your benefit within a specified timeframe of leaving your previous fund.

### **What does the closure of the AERF and transfer to the ATO mean for you?**

Your account balance will be transferred to the ATO on or around 18 June 2021 and you will no longer be a member of the AERF. The ATO is responsible for reuniting inactive accounts with members' active super accounts (or paying their super benefits directly to members over age 65). The ATO won't charge fees and any interest you earn on account balances held by the ATO will be based on the consumer price index.

To facilitate the transfer of all AERF member account balances to the ATO:

- all of the AERF's assets will be realised into cash before the transfer, which means that the asset allocation ranges shown within the investment guidelines in the current Product Disclosure Statement dated 30 June 2019 (available from [www.perpetual.com.au/aerf](http://www.perpetual.com.au/aerf)) will no longer apply from 1 May 2021. By 31 May 2021, the asset allocation of the AERF will be Cash: 100%
- a transaction freeze will be in place from 31 May 2021 so the Trustee can determine the final investment earning rate that will be applied to member account balances before the transfer.

### **Final investment earning rate**

A final investment earning rate will be applied to your account balance prior to the transfer to the ATO. The final investment earning rate will have regard to:

- the investment returns of the AERF
- the costs of the AERF during the current financial year (including costs associated with the closure of the AERF and transfer of members to the ATO) which have not otherwise been charged to member accounts
- income tax that may be payable by the AERF in relation to taxable income derived during the current financial year.

**The investment earning rate can be positive or negative and the Trustee does not guarantee that your benefit will gain in value or retain its value. The value of your benefit can fall due to a negative earning rate.**

### What do you need to do?

No action is required from you in relation to the transfer of your account balance to the ATO on or around 18 June 2021.

Your AERF account will continue to operate as normal until the transaction freeze that will be in place from 31 May 2021. However once the transaction freeze is in place, we will be unable to process any withdrawals or transfers to other superannuation funds prior to the ATO transfer.

### Can you opt-out of the transfer?

If you decide that you do not want your account balance transferred to the ATO, you can either request:

- the transfer of your entire benefit in the AERF to another superannuation fund that you nominate
- the withdrawal of your entire benefit in the AERF (subject to meeting a condition of release).

To do either of these, please complete the Benefit Payment Request form available at [www.perpetual.com.au/resources-and-documents](http://www.perpetual.com.au/resources-and-documents).

Alternatively, you can check and manage your superannuation via myGov at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) where you can consolidate your superannuation into a single fund via a rollover request.

**If you wish to opt-out of the ATO transfer, we need to have received your alternative transfer or withdrawal instruction by 31 May 2021 to ensure this can be processed prior to the transaction freeze.**

### What other information will you receive?

After the transfer of your account balance to the ATO has taken place, your AERF account will be closed and you will receive an exit statement from us. Any subsequent correspondence relating to your former AERF benefit will come from the ATO.

### Historic account information

The ATO will only receive your account balance and relevant details required to administer your account. If you need to access any historic AERF account information, including transaction details, you can refer to your previous AERF member statements or contact us.

### We're here to help

If you require further information about the ATO transfer and its impact on your AERF account, please call us on **1800 677 424**, Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm (Sydney time).

Yours sincerely,  
Customer Service Team  
On behalf of the Trustee, Perpetual Superannuation Limited