

Fact sheet:

# Family Law – Important information

## Defined Benefit members and non-member spouses

### Group Super intends to merge with Australian Retirement Trust

Commonwealth Bank Group Super is working towards a merger with Australian Retirement Trust. Leading up to and during the merger, Group Super will enter a limited services period from the cut-off time 3:00pm 25 October 2023 until mid-November 2023, while we transfer members' accounts to Australian Retirement Trust. This means the processing of all transactions, including family law requests, will pause from 3:00pm 25 October 2023 until mid-November 2023. You can find more information about the merger by visiting [oursuperfund.com.au/merger](https://oursuperfund.com.au/merger).

#### What this means for you

The limited services period will impact the timing and completion of any existing and new requests. Where possible, please ensure you submit any requests or completed forms ahead of the cut-off time of **3:00pm 25 October 2023** to avoid any potential delays due to the merger.

Where your request is not finalised before the merger or is received after the cut-off time of **3:00pm 25 October 2023** it will be transferred to Australian Retirement Trust who will manage your family law matter following the completion of the limited service period.

For more information please also refer to our Family Law factsheet available on our website from [oursuperfund.com.au/factsheets](https://oursuperfund.com.au/factsheets)

#### Requests for information – must be received by 3:00pm 25 October 2023

For super to be considered as part of a property settlement, the first step is generally to determine the value of the benefit. This information must be requested in writing on a Request for Information form (included in the form section of our website under other transactions available from [oursuperfund.com.au/forms](https://oursuperfund.com.au/forms)).

#### Family law superannuation split – Court Orders and Agreements must acknowledge the merger

Some couples reach a property settlement through a mutual Superannuation Agreement. In other cases, superannuation between the parties may be divided by Court Order.

Court Orders and Agreements will need to reference that Group Super is intending to merge with Australian Retirement Trust. Final orders and agreements served after the merger will need to reference Australian Retirement Trust or have the wording “Commonwealth Bank Officers Superannuation Corporation Pty Limited (ABN 76 074 519 798 as Trustee and issuer of Commonwealth Bank Group Super (or any successor fund))”.

The Group Super merger with Australian Retirement Trust is a ‘splittable payment’ event and your entitlement under the family law splitting instructions will be released effective the merger date.

For Group Super members, a Defined Benefit offset account will be created as part of your Defined Benefit membership effective as at the merger date and transferred with your benefit to Australian Retirement Trust. Australian Retirement Trust will advise you of how this offset account will operate and how your benefits will be adjusted soon after the merger.



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Non Member spouses have some options in relation to receiving your payment. You can choose to receive your entitlement as a cash lump sum (if you have satisfied a condition of release under super law). Alternatively you can retain your benefit in Australian Retirement Trust or transfer your benefit to a superannuation fund of your choice. Australian Retirement Trust will be in touch with you in relation to your benefit options after the merger.

## **Flagging a super account – Court Orders and Agreements must acknowledge the merger**

A payment flag is an optional step that prevents a fund from making any splittable payments from the super account. Any existing flags will be carried across to Australian Retirement Trust.

For new requests to flag an account, if you are working with a legal adviser to assist with the documentation required to flag an account, please ensure they are aware of the upcoming transfer.

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### **Where to get help**

**Up until 7:00 pm on Friday 3 November 2023** – call Group Super on 1800 023 928 between 8:00am to 7:00 pm AEST/AEDT, Monday to Friday.

**From 8:00 am on Monday 6 November 2023** – call Australian Retirement Trust on 1800 572 153 between 8:00am to 7:30pm AEST/AEDT, Monday to Friday. Or email [groupsuper\\_transition@art.com.au](mailto:groupsuper_transition@art.com.au).

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