

The potential impact of withdrawing your Superannuation under the new COVID-19 Economic Response.

The coronavirus pandemic is having profound effects on Australian families, communities and businesses. Many people have lost their jobs and there is much uncertainty around duration of the current crisis.

As part of the COVID-19 Economic Response, the Government is allowing eligible persons to access up to \$20,000 tax free from their super (\$10,000 in 2019/20 and \$10,000 in 2020/21).

While it may be absolutely necessary for some to access funds now, don't forget to keep in mind the future impacts of such withdrawals (as outlined below). A withdrawal of \$20,000 could mean \$205,000 less in retirement for a 27 year old.

Comparing potential withdrawal impacts at different ages

Investor's current age	Years to retirement	Value of \$10,000 at retirement	Value of \$20,000 at retirement
67	0	\$10,000	\$20,000
57	10	\$17,908	\$35,817
47	20	\$32,071	\$64,143
37	30	\$57,435	\$114,870
27	40	\$102,857	\$205,714

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