



Flood levy information

A Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy (Flood Levy) will apply to individuals for the 2011/12 income year only

The Flood Levy is designed to assist affected communities recover from the natural disasters by providing additional funding to rebuild essential infrastructure - the rebuilding of roads, bridges and schools, for example.

The Flood Levy will only apply from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

If you have a taxable income over \$50,000 in the 2011/12 financial year, and if you are not eligible for an exemption, then you will have to pay the flood levy. Certain payments received from a superannuation fund are considered taxable income for the purposes of the Flood Levy.

Exemptions

You are exempt from paying the Flood Levy if you are in one of the three exemption classes described below:

Class 1 - Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment recipient

You were eligible for an Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment for a natural disaster that occurred during the 2010/11 financial year and you received the payment before 30 June 2012.

Class 2 - Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

You were affected by an event that occurred during 2010/11 declared as a natural disaster under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, and you satisfy all of the following four requirements set out below:

1. You were not eligible for an Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment as a result of the disaster
2. You were at least 16 years old at the time of the disaster or were receiving a social security payment from Centrelink
3. You were an Australian resident for social security purposes at the time of the disaster; and
4. You meet at least one of the following conditions:
 - as a direct result of the disaster:
 - you were seriously injured
 - your spouse, child, parent, legal guardian, brother or sister (who was an Australian citizen) was killed
 - your principal place of residence was destroyed
 - your principal place of residence sustained major damage
 - you were unable to gain access to your principal place of residence for at least 24 hours; or
 - you were stranded in your principal place of residence for at least 24 hours
 - as a result of the natural disaster your principal place of residence was without electricity, or water, or gas, or sewerage service, or another essential service for at least 48 hours; or
 - you are a principal carer of a dependent child who experienced any of the events listed above (under item 4).

Class 3 - New Zealand citizens holding a special category visa who are not eligible for the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

You are a New Zealand citizen who received an ex-gratia payment from Centrelink before 30 June 2012 for a natural disaster that occurred in the period 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011.

If you qualify under one of the exemptions listed above you can provide the Fund with a *Flood levy exemption declaration (NAT 73797) form*, which is available from the Australian Taxation Office website (www.ato.gov.au). By completing and returning this form, the Flood Levy will not be included in the tax taken out of any of your superannuation payments.

If you are entitled to an exemption but do not complete this form and give it to your employer(s) and super fund(s), any tax overpaid will be refunded as part of your 2011/2012 income tax assessment.

You will also not be liable for the Flood Levy if your taxable income is under \$50,000 for 2011/12.

How much is the Flood Levy?

Taxable income	Flood Levy on this income
\$0 to \$50,000	Nil
\$50,001 to \$100,000	Half a cent for each \$1 over \$50,000
Over \$100,000	\$250 plus 1c for each \$1 over \$100,000

How does the Flood Levy affect the payments I receive from Maritime Super?

As with other taxes on benefits paid to you, we may be required to withhold an amount for the Flood Levy from payments we make to you during the 2011/12 financial year.

Your liability for the Flood Levy for the 2011/12 financial year will, however, depend on other factors such as other income you receive, and the amount we withhold may be less than the liability that arises in respect of payments you receive from the Fund.

Rolled-over benefits

The Flood Levy will not apply to any benefits you roll over from Maritime Super to another super fund or Retirement Savings Account, and will not be applied as an additional tax to any benefits on rollover into Maritime Super.

Lump sum payments

If you are 60 years of age or more, you will not be liable for the Flood Levy on any lump sum payments made to you.

If you are under 60, any lump sum payments made to you could be subject to the Flood Levy. This will depend on whether you are eligible for an exemption and your total taxable income for the 2011/12 financial year.

We will generally be required to withhold an amount for the Flood Levy from any lump sum payment where the taxable component is \$50,000.00 or more and we do not hold a Flood Levy exemption declaration for you.

Where we make a lump sum payment to you with a taxable component of \$50,000 or more, the Flood Levy we withhold will be calculated as though this is the only taxable income you receive for the financial year.

If your total taxable income for the 2011/12 financial year is more than \$50,000 and includes other amounts (including other lump sum payments), then the amount we withhold may not be enough to cover your Flood Levy liability for the financial year.

Contact Member Services for more information regarding how the Flood Levy is calculated.

Pension payments (including Salary Continuance and IncomeProtect insurance payments)

Pension payments made to members under 60 and all Salary Continuance and IncomeProtect insurance payments will generally have the Flood Levy withheld from them where the yearly equivalent of the taxable component of the payment would total more than \$50,000 and we do not hold a Flood Levy exemption declaration for you.

Death benefits

The Flood Levy is not payable on a lump sum benefit paid to a tax dependant or the estate of the deceased member.

Unless an exemption declaration is held for the beneficiary, the Flood Levy is payable where the taxable component is \$50,000 or more for 2011/12 for a death benefit paid as a pension and a lump sum benefit paid to a non-tax dependant (which includes children over the age of 18 unless financially dependent on the member at the date of death).



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