

## 6. FEES AND COSTS

The information in this document forms part of the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), dated 1 October 2021 for the Active Super Accumulation Scheme. This document is dated 1 October 2021 and is available free of charge at [activesuper.com.au/PDS](https://activesuper.com.au/PDS) or from Member Services on 1300 547 873.

This fact sheet provides information about the various fees and other costs that may apply to an account within the Active Super Accumulation Scheme. All percentage-based fees are calculated on your total account balance.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and other costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You or your employer, as applicable, may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees<sup>1</sup>. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) website ([moneysmart.gov.au](https://moneysmart.gov.au)) has a superannuation calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### FEES AND OTHER COSTS

Fees and costs can be paid from your account or deducted from investment returns. Fees and costs for the Active Super Lifestage Product are shown in the *Fees and costs summary* below and can be used to compare costs between different superannuation products.

---

<sup>1</sup> To help you compare different superannuation products, the Trustee is required by law to provide the above statement in a PDS. It is important to note that Active Super does not charge contribution fees and the management costs cannot be negotiated.

## FEES AND COSTS SUMMARY

ACTIVE SUPER LIFESTAGE PRODUCT		
TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>ONGOING ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS<sup>2</sup></b>		
Administration fees and costs	\$1.27 per week (\$66.04 p.a.) and 0.24% p.a.	Dollar based fees are deducted from your account monthly.  AND  Administration fee percentage is paid from the Fund's assets prior to unit prices being calculated.
Investment fees and costs <sup>3</sup>	From 0.80% to 0.93%* p.a.  *The amount varies according to the option you are invested in. Refer to page 5 for more information.	Investment fees and costs are paid from the Fund's assets prior to unit prices being calculated.  The investment fee you pay will depend on how your super is invested.
Transaction costs	From 0.07% to 0.08%* p.a.  *The amount varies according to the option you are invested in. Refer to page 5 for more information.	Transaction costs are paid from the Fund's assets prior to unit prices being calculated.  The Transaction cost you pay will depend on how your super is invested.
<b>MEMBER ACTIVITY RELATED FEES AND COSTS</b>		
Buy-sell spread	Nil	Not applicable
Switching fee	Nil	Not applicable
Other fees and costs <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insurance fees.</li> <li>Personal advice fees.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to <i>Additional explanation of fees and costs</i> for more information on other fees and costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deducted directly from your account each month.</li> </ul> <p>Personal advice fees are deducted from your account based on your agreement with the financial planner. No advice fees are charged for providing general advice.</p>

<sup>2</sup> If your account balance is less than \$6,000 at the end of the year, certain fees and costs charged to you in relation to administration and investment are capped at 3% of the account balance. Any amount charged in excess of that cap will be refunded to you.

<sup>3</sup> Investment fees and costs includes an estimated amount of between 0.23% and 0.29% for performance fees, depending on the investment options you are invested in (Please refer to the *Performance fees* section on page 5).

<sup>4</sup> Please refer to the *'Financial planning (advice fee)'* section on page 7 and the *'Additional explanation of fees and costs'* on page 4 for more information. For details of insurance fees please read the PDS and the *Insurance in super* fact sheet.

## COST OF PRODUCT INFORMATION

### Cost of product for one year

The cost of product gives a summary calculation about how ongoing annual fees and costs can affect your superannuation investment over a one-year period for all superannuation products and investment options. It is calculated in the manner shown in the 'Example of annual fees and costs' in the Product Disclosure Statement. The cost of product information assumes a balance of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year. (Additional fees such as a buy-sell spread may apply; refer to the Fees and costs summary for the relevant superannuation product or investment option.)

You should use this figure to help compare superannuation products and investment options.

ACTIVE SUPER LIFESTAGE PRODUCT	COST OF PRODUCT
Accelerator (Default option for members aged 49 and below)	\$686.04
Accumulator (Default option for members aged between 50–54)	\$636.04
Appreciator (Default option for members aged 55+)	\$626.04
INVESTMENT OPTION	COST OF PRODUCT
High Growth	\$686.04
Balanced	\$636.04
Conservative Balanced	\$626.04
Conservative	\$556.04
Managed Cash	\$276.04

The table above shows the cost of product for one year for the MySuper product and the choice investment options offered to Accumulation Scheme members. If you are invested in the MySuper product, you will automatically be switched to another investment option when you change age bands.

## ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OF FEES AND COSTS

### Administration fees and costs

Active Super charges an administration fee in two ways:

1. We charge \$1.27 per week (\$66.04 p.a.). This is deducted directly from your account balance; and

2. We charge a fee of 0.24% p.a. that is paid from the Fund’s assets prior to unit prices being calculated.

The percentage-based administration fee is charged through the unit prices and redeemed on a monthly basis. The balance is then paid to the Active Super Trustee. Any excess funds within the Trustee bank account are transferred to the Administration Reserve. The Administration Reserve is utilised to fund strategic projects within Active Super to drive better outcomes for members.

### Transaction costs

Transaction costs include explicit transaction costs such as brokerage, settlement costs or stamp duty, as well as buy sell spreads charged by our investment managers or in underlying investment vehicles. Currently, buy-sell spreads do not apply.

Transaction costs in respect of all investment options are an estimate based on the explicit transaction costs incurred by the Fund and underlying investment vehicles over the year ended 30 June 2021. These estimates are based on information provided by our investment managers and custodian and reflect actual amounts for the year ended 30 June 2021 where available and some estimated components.

The actual amount of transaction costs that you will incur in the current and subsequent financial year(s) depends on the investment option(s) you are invested in. The transaction costs range from 0.00% to 0.08% p.a. as shown in the table below.

### Investment fees and costs

Investment fees are those fees that relate to the investment of the assets of Active Super. These fees are incurred directly by the Trustee for the exercise of care and expertise in the investment of those assets and may include management fees, transactional and operational costs, performance related fees and custody fees.

Investment fees are paid from Active Super’s assets prior to unit prices being calculated. Based on information provided by the investment managers we invest with, estimated transaction costs incurred in the Fund’s underlying investments range from 0.18% p.a. to 0.93% p.a. as shown in the table below.

The fees and costs for each investment option are shown below.

INVESTMENT OPTION	INVESTMENT FEES AND COSTS	ADMINISTRATION FEES AND COSTS	TRANSACTION COSTS	TOTAL P.A.
<b>MySuper product</b>				
Accelerator	0.93%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.07%	1.24% + \$66.04
Accumulator	0.83%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.07%	1.14% + \$66.04
Appreciator	0.80%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.08%	1.12% + \$66.04

<b>Choice investment options</b>				
High Growth	0.93%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.07%	1.24% + \$66.04
Balanced	0.83%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.07%	1.14% + \$66.04
Conservative Balanced	0.80%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.08%	1.12% + \$66.04
Conservative	0.67%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.07%	0.98% + \$66.04
Managed Cash	0.18%	\$1.27 p.w. + 0.24%	0.00%	0.42% + \$66.04

The fees shown above are provided as indicative costs only and include reasonable estimates and are subject to change.

### Performance fees

The Trustee has entered into performance fee agreements with certain investment managers, which are closely monitored.

Performance fees are payable when investment returns exceed an investment manager's benchmark and form part of the investment fee. Generally, these fees are calculated as a percentage of the investment returns that exceed and agreed level of return. If the investment returns are below each manager's benchmark, no performance fee is payable until the underperformance has been made up.

Performance fees are included as part of the Investment fees and costs, depending on the type of underlying investment. Table below includes performance fees for each option averaged over the five financial years to 30 June 2021. The Performance fees range from 0.09% to 0.29% as shown in the table below.

Estimated performance fees as at 30 June 2021.

<b>MYSUPER PRODUCT</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE FEES (%)</b>	<b>CHOICE INVESTMENT OPTIONS</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE FEES (%)</b>
Accelerator	0.29%	High Growth	0.29%
Accumulator	0.24%	Balanced	0.24%
Appreciator	0.23%	Conservative Balanced	0.23%
		Conservative	0.19%
		Managed Cash	0.09%

### Buy-sell spread

A buy-sell spread is the costs associated with investing in, switching between or withdrawing from the investment options.

All costs associated with any of these transactions (including brokerage and commission) are taken into account at the time of valuation for the investment option. Currently Active Super does not apply a buy-sell spread for any of these transactions however buy-sell spreads are charged by the external Unit Trust Managers that the Fund invests with.

### **Payments to authorised representatives**

Our authorised representatives receive remuneration by means of salary only. No commission is paid by Active Super or its members. You will only be charged an advice fee if you agree to receive personal financial advice from one of our financial planners and the fees will be discussed and agreed with you at the time.

### **Taxation rebate**

Active Super receives a tax deduction on fees and insurance costs which is passed back to members in the form of reduced contributions tax. For more information on taxation, please read the *How super is taxed* fact sheet.

### **Charges paid to investment managers**

Investment management fees and other charges may be paid by the Trustee out of the Fund's assets.

All investment management fees and charges are deducted from the gross investment returns prior to the net investment return for each strategy being declared.

### **Information on abnormal expenses**

The costs set out in this fact sheet do not incorporate an allowance for abnormal expenses (if any) to which the Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed from Active Super. As at the date of this fact sheet, we do not anticipate any abnormal expenses to be paid.

### **Changes to fees and costs**

Active Super operates on a profit-to-members basis. The Trustee can change the amount of fees which apply without your consent, but we will provide you with at least 30 days' notice as required by law if there is a material increase in the fees we charge you.

## **THE FOLLOWING ARE VARIOUS ACTIVITY FEES THAT MAY BE CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT**

### **Switching fee**

Active Super does not charge any switching fees.

### **Insurance fee**

Other fees such as insurance fees may also be charged. These fees are dependent on the insurance chosen. Please refer to the *Insurance in your super* fact sheet for more information.

### Request for Family Law information fee

This fee is for the provision of information about a member's account relevant to a Family Law split.

The fee is \$110 per request and is payable by the eligible person requesting the information. The payment should be provided in the form of a cheque or money order made payable to LGSS Pty Limited.

### Benefit split fee

This \$88 fee associated with a Family Law court split is generally paid by the member and non-member spouse in equal parts (\$44 each). The member's share of the fee is deducted from their account and the non-member spouse's share is deducted from the non-member spouse's splittable payment prior to transfer of the payment out of Active Super.

### Financial planning fee (Advice fee)

If you consult a financial planner, Active Super will charge a direct fee for some financial planning services. It is important to note that not all financial advice will incur a fee and in many cases there may be no charge. Whether or not a fee applies will depend upon the scope of the financial advice you require. Your financial planner will discuss any fees payable when meeting with you and, if a fee is applicable, will advise you of the fee and seek your agreement before proceeding with the advice.

## DEFINED FEES

This section defines the different fees and costs that can be charged to superannuation accounts. The fee definitions are prescribed by law and can also be found on our website at [activesuper.com.au/sisfees](https://activesuper.com.au/sisfees). Not all charges apply to your Active Super account.

### Activity fees

A fee is an **activity fee** if:

- a. the fee relates to costs incurred by the trustee of the superannuation entity that are directly related to an activity of the trustee:
  - i. that is engaged in at the request, or with the consent, of a member; or
  - ii. that relates to a member and is required by law; and
- b. those costs are not otherwise charged as administration fees and costs, investment fees and costs, transaction costs, a buy-sell spread, a switching fee, an advice fee or an insurance fee.

### Administration fees and costs

**Administration fees and costs** are fees and costs that relate to the administration or operation of the superannuation entity and includes costs incurred by the trustee of the entity that:

- a) relate to that administration or operation of the entity; and
- b) are not otherwise charged as a investment fees and costs, a buy-sell spread, a switching fee, an activity fee, an advice fee or an insurance fee.

### Advice fees

A fee is an **advice fee** if:

- a. the fee relates directly to costs incurred by the trustee of the superannuation entity because of the provision of financial product advice to a member by:
  - i. a trustee of the entity; or
  - ii. another person acting as an employee of, or under an arrangement with, the trustee of the entity; and
- b. those costs are not otherwise charged as administration fees and costs, investment fees and costs, a switching fee, an activity fee or an insurance fee.

### Buy-sell spreads

A **buy-sell spread** is a fee to recover costs incurred by the trustee of the superannuation entity in relation to the sale and purchase of assets of the entity.

*Active Super does not apply a buy-sell spread for any of these transactions.*

### Exit fees

An **exit fee** is a fee, other than a buy-sell spread, that relates to the disposal of all or part of members' interests in a superannuation entity.

*Active Super does not charge exit fees.*

### Investment fees and costs

**Investment fees and costs** are fees and costs that relate to the investment of the assets of a superannuation entity to which the product relates to and includes:

- a) Fees in payment for the exercise of care and expertise in the investment of those assets (including performance fees); and
- b) Costs incurred by the trustee of the entity that:
  - i) relate to the investment of assets of the entity; and,
  - ii) are not otherwise charged as administration fees and costs, a buy-sell spread, a switching fee, an activity fee, an advice fee or an insurance fee.

### Switching fees

A **switching fee** for a MySuper product is a fee to recover the costs of switching all or part of a member's interest in a superannuation entity from one class of beneficial interest in the entity to another.

A **switching fee** for a superannuation product other than a MySuper product, is a fee to recover the costs of switching all or part of a member's interest in the superannuation entity from one investment option or product in the entity to another.

*Active Super does not charge switching fees.*



## Transaction costs

**Transaction costs** are costs associated with the sale and purchase of assets of the superannuation entity other than costs that are recovered by the superannuation entity charging buy-sell spreads.

Issued by LGSS Pty Limited (ABN 68 078 003 497) (AFSL 383558), as trustee for Local Government Super (ABN 28 901 371 321) ('Active Super'). This document contains general information only and is not intended to be a substitute for professional taxation, financial and legal advice. It does not take into account any individual's investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs. Accordingly, an individual should consider the information having regard to their own investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs before making a decision in relation to any of the matters covered in this document and obtain and consider the relevant Product Disclosure Statement available at [activesuper.com.au/PDS](https://activesuper.com.au/PDS) before making a decision about a product.

Date issued: 1 October 2021