



GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTIONS

Individual taxpayers who earn income from eligible employment or carrying on a business, or both may qualify for the Government Superannuation Co-contribution payment. The maximum \$1,000 co-contribution payment is for taxpayers whose total income is below the lower income threshold.

A taxpayer must satisfy the following conditions to receive the government co-contribution payment:

- ✚ have made a eligible personal superannuation contribution during the financial year;
- ✚ have lodged an income tax return for the financial year;
- ✚ have total income for the income year is less than the higher income threshold for the year;
- ✚ the person is less than 71 years old on 30 June of the year in which the contributions were made;
- ✚ the person have not held an eligible temporary resident visa during the year.

Lower & Higher Income Thresholds

Year	Assessable Income/Reportable Fringe Benefits/Reportable employer superannuation contributions (AI)**	Maximum Government co-contribution payment
2010-12	0 - \$31,920	\$1,000
	\$31,921 - \$61,919	$\$1,000 - [(AI - \$31,920) * 0.03333]$
	\$61,920 +	Nil

** The co-contribution thresholds are indexed annually. However, the thresholds would be frozen until 30 June 2013 according to the Government Federal Budget in the 2011-12.

We have provided general information for guidance only in this newsletter. For business and personal taxation planning, or other professional advice having regard to your circumstances, please come and see either Charles or Matthew.