

Strategy Brief

Strategy	Spouse super rebate
What is involved?	By contributing up to \$3,000 to your spouse's superannuation account, you can receive a tax rebate of up to \$540.
Why it works	<p>The Australian Government wants to encourage us to put money away for our future so offer a rebate of up to \$540. So whilst \$3,000 is invested into your spouse's super account and you receive growth and income returns on \$3,000, it has only cost the family \$2,460.</p> <p>A rebate is better than a tax deduction as it reduces the actual amount of tax you have to pay. The \$540 rebate is the equivalent to a \$1,161 tax deduction for a taxpayer on the highest marginal tax rate.</p>
Who can benefit from implementing this strategy?	Families that have a non-working spouse, and that spouse earns less than \$13,800pa of assessable income.
Issues to be aware of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You lose access to the money until you are aged between 55 and 60 (depends on your date of birth) and you may also need to be retired.■ The Australian Government can change the rules that govern super.■ This contribution counts towards the non-concessional contribution caps.
Our advice will ensure that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You never forget to make the contribution!■ The money in your superannuation account is invested in a strategic manner.■ Investment returns are not reduced by unnecessary fees, tax or commissions.

Notes

- Of particular interest to families who do not qualify for the Australian Government co-contribution due to the employment status of a spouse.
- Full rebate if non-working spouse's assessable income is less than \$10,800.
- Part rebate if between \$10,800 and \$13,800.
- Calculation for rebate = 18% x [Assessable income - \$10,800].

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