



Significant event notice

10 July 2023



Important information about changes to the ADF Super fees and costs table

Tell me quickly

What are the changes?

CSC has established an administration reserve for ADF Super.

What is an Administration Reserve?

The administration reserve exists to pay for non-recurring expenses of ADF Super relating to legislative change, enhancements to member services, extensions to the product range of the scheme, or changes to achieve operational efficiencies. These are expenses that are not otherwise charged as Administration fees and costs.

The administration reserve is funded through interest earned on the ADF Super bank account. No fees deducted from your account have been used to fund the administration reserve.

All ADF Super members benefit from being part of a superannuation fund with appropriate and prudently managed reserves, as they enable the Fund to sustain operations and member services over the long term.

Have the fees and costs of my ADF Super account increased?

The Administration fees and costs deducted from your ADF Super account have not changed. The current administration fees and costs of \$7 per month (\$84 a year) remains.

The administration reserve cost (0.02%) was not directly charged to your account, but reduced the administration reserve balance held by the Fund to cover administration costs incurred in the 2021/22 financial year.

What are the changes?

The [ADF Super Product Disclosure Statement \(PDS\)](#) and the ADF Super '[Your ADF Super fees and costs](#)' booklet are being updated to include the administration reserve cost and the impact of this change on the ADF Super Administration fees and costs. The remainder of this document covers the changes being made. All changes are shown in red text for ease of identification.

The Administration fees and costs have been updated to reflect the deduction of funds from the ADF Super administration reserve during the 2021/22 financial year.

Changes to the fees and costs in the ADF Super Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)

Effective from 10 July 2023, changes have been made to include the ADF Super administration reserve within the 'Fees and costs summary' and the 'Example of annual fees and costs' table on page 5 of the ADF Super PDS. All changes are in red.



Australian Defence Force Superannuation Scheme (ADF Super)

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
Ongoing annual fees and costs¹		
Administration fees and costs	\$7 per month (\$84 a year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged monthly in arrears. Deducted from your super account at the beginning of the next month. Charged for each day you're an ADF Super customer. E.g. if you were a customer for one year and 11 days, for the last 11 days, you'd be charged a pro rata daily rate for administration fees (and not the full monthly fee).
	0.02% p.a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid from administration reserves. These costs are not directly charged to your account but have reduced the reserve balance held by the Fund to cover future administration costs. These costs are based on the costs deducted from the reserve in the 2021/22 financial year. The actual amount will change from year to year and may be different to the amounts shown.
Investment fees and costs²	Estimated at 0.77%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not deducted directly from your account. Paid from or reduces the amount of investment returns or assets related to each investment option. Reflected in the unit price of each investment option, which is published each business day.
Transaction costs	Estimated at 0.11%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not deducted directly from your account. Paid from or reduces the amount of investment returns or assets related to each investment option. Reflected in the unit price of each investment option, which is published each business day.
Member activity fees and costs		
Buy-sell spread	Buy spread: 0.14% Sell spread: 0.13% Buy and sell spreads are subject to change, refer to csc.gov.au/buysellspread for current spread values.	Deducted from your account when you buy or sell units (this is what happens when you transfer money in or out, contribute to or withdraw from your super account or switch investments, or when we deduct fees).
Switching fee	\$0 for your initial investment option(s) nomination, if you do this within 30 days of joining ADF Super or if you're an Ancillary customer who joins ADF Super. \$0 for the first two switches you make in any financial year. \$20 per switch for additional switches over and above the first two you make in any financial year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deducted from your account when you change investment options more than twice in any one year. The deduction is per switch and happens when the switch is processed. You get two switches at no extra charge in any one financial year.
Other fees and costs³	Refer to the Your ADF Super fees and other costs booklet.	Where these fees and costs are applied to your account, they are deducted as described in the 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in the Your ADF Super fees and other costs booklet.

¹ If your account balance for a product offered by the superannuation entity is less than \$6,000 at the end of the entity's income year, the 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 must be refunded.

² Investment fees and costs includes an amount of 0.27% for performance fees. The calculation basis for this amount is set out under 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' in the Fees and other costs booklet available on our website.

³ You should read the important information about Fees and costs set out in the Your ADF Super fees and other costs booklet before making a decision. See the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' on page 8 and 'Other fees information' on page 13 of the Your ADF Super fees and other costs booklet on our website.

Example of annual fees and costs

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs for the MySuper Balanced option for this superannuation product can affect your superannuation investment over a 1 year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE—MySuper Balanced		BALANCE OF \$50,000
Administration fees and costs	\$84 0.02% p.a. paid from the administration reserve	For every \$50,000 you have in the superannuation product, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$10 ⁴ in administration fees and costs, plus \$84 regardless of your balance.
PLUS Investment fees and costs	0.77% (Est.)	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$385 in investment fees and costs.
PLUS Transaction costs	0.11% (Est.)	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$55 in transaction costs.
EQUALS Cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000 at the beginning of the year, then for that year you will be charged fees and costs of \$534 for the superannuation product.

Additional fees may apply. This example is illustrative only.

⁴ These costs are not directly charged to your account, but have reduced the administration reserve balance held by the Fund.

Changes to the ADF Super Fees and costs booklet

Effective from 10 July 2023, changes have been made to include the ADF Super administration reserve within the 'Fees and costs summary' on pages 5–6 of the '[Your ADF Super fees and costs](#)' booklet. All changes are in red.

Australian Defence Force Superannuation Scheme (ADF Super)			
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	More information
Ongoing annual fees and costs⁵			
Administration fees and costs	\$7 per month (\$84 a year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged monthly in arrears. Deducted from your super account at the beginning of the next month. Charged for each day you're an ADF Super customer. E.g. if you were a customer for one year and 11 days, for the last 11 days, you'd be charged a pro rata daily rate for administration fees (and not the full monthly fee). 	See the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration fees and costs definition on page 9.
	0.02% p.a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid from administration reserves. These costs are not directly charged to your account but have reduced the reserve balance held by the Fund to cover future administration costs. These costs are based on the costs deducted from the reserve in the 2021/22 financial year. The actual amount will change from year to year and may be different to the amounts shown. 	

⁵ If your account balance for a product offered by the superannuation entity is less than \$6,000 at the end of the entity's income 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 must be refunded.

Australian Defence Force Superannuation Scheme (ADF Super)

Type of fee or cost	Amount		How and when paid	More information	
Investment fees and costs ⁶	Investment Option	% per annum (Estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not deducted directly from your account. Paid from or reduces the amount of investment returns or assets related to each investment option. Reflected in the unit price of each investment option, which is published each business day. 	See the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment fees and costs definition on page 10. 	
	Cash	0.07%			
	Income Focused	0.50%			
	MySuper Balanced	0.77%			
	Aggressive	0.79%			
Transaction costs	Investment Option	% per annum (Estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not deducted directly from your account. Paid from or reduces the amount of investment returns or assets related to each investment option. Reflected in the unit price of each investment option, which is published each business day. 	See the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transaction costs definition on page 11. 	
	Cash	0.00%			
	Income Focused	0.12%			
	MySuper Balanced	0.11%			
	Aggressive	0.12%			
Member activity related fees and costs					
Buy sell spread	Investment Option	Buy spread	Sell spread	Deducted from your account when you buy or sell units (this is what happens when you transfer money in or out, contribute to or withdraw from your super account or switch investments, or when we deduct fees).	See the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy-sell spread definition on page 9 Buy-sell spread entry on page 12 for details.
	Cash	0.00%	0.00%		
	Income Focused	0.14%	0.09%		
	MySuper Balanced	0.14%	0.13%		
	Aggressive	0.15%	0.14%		
Buy and sell spreads are subject to change, for current spread values refer to csc.gov.au/buysellspread .					
Switching fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 for your initial investment option(s) nomination, if you do this within 30 days of joining ADF Super. \$0 for the first two switches you make in any financial year. \$20 per switch for additional switches over and above the first two you make in any financial year. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deducted from your account when you change investment options more than twice in any one year. The deduction is per switch and happens when the switch is processed. You get two switches at no extra charge in any one financial year. 	There are two types of switches: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The first is where you switch your current ADF Super balance from your existing investment option(s) into other investment option(s). This is called a current switch. The second is where you change the investment option(s) that will apply to new money received into your account. This is called a future switch. We only charge switching fees for a current switch.	

⁶ Investment fees and costs may include an amount of 0–0.27% for performance fees. The calculation basis for this amount is set out under ‘Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs’.

Australian Defence Force Superannuation Scheme (ADF Super)

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	More information
Other fees and costs⁷	Refer to the the 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' section of this booklet.	Where these fees and costs are applied to your account, they are deducted as described in the 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' section of this booklet.	See the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice fees definition on page 9.

The material relating to fees and costs may change between the time when you read this Statement and the day when you acquire the product.

Effective from 10 July 2023, changes have been made to include the ADF Super administration reserve on page 7 of the 'Your ADF Super fees and costs' booklet', within the 'Example of annual fees and costs for a superannuation product' table and the 'Cost of a product for 1 year' table.

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs for the MySuper Balanced option for this superannuation product can affect your superannuation investment over a 1 year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE—MySuper Balanced		BALANCE OF \$50,000
Administration fees and costs	\$84 0.02% p.a. paid from the administration reserve	For every \$50,000 you have in the superannuation product, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$10 ⁸ in administration fees and costs, plus \$84 regardless of your balance.
PLUS Investment fees and costs	0.77% (Est.)	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$385 in investment fees and costs.
PLUS Transaction costs	0.11% (Est.)	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$55 in transaction costs.
EQUALS Cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000 at the beginning of the year, then for that year you will be charged fees and costs of \$534 for the superannuation product.

Additional fees may apply. This example is illustrative only.

Cost of product for 1 year

The cost of product gives a summary calculation about how ongoing annual fees and costs can affect your superannuation investment over a 1 year period for all superannuation products and investment options. It is calculated in the manner shown in the 'Example of annual fees and costs'.

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.

ADF Super Investment Option	Cost of product
Cash	\$129
Income Focused	\$404
MySuper Balanced*	\$534
Aggressive	\$549

Effective from 10 July 2023, changes have been made to include the ADF Super administration reserve on page 12 of the 'Your ADF Super fees and costs' booklet, within the 'Other fee information' section.

⁷ You should read the important information about fees and costs set out under 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' on page 8 and 'Other fees information' on page 12.

⁸ These costs are not directly charged to your account, but have reduced the administration reserve balance held by the Fund.

Administration reserve

We maintain an administration reserve that was established during the 2020-21 financial year.

The administration reserve is funded through interest earned on the ADF Super bank account. The use and management of the administration reserve is conducted in accordance with CSC's administration reserve strategy.

The reserve exists to pay for non-recurring expenses of ADF Super relating to legislative change, enhancements to member services, extensions to the product range of the scheme or changes to achieve operational efficiencies.

All ADF Super members benefit from being part of a Fund with appropriate and prudently managed reserves, as they enable the Fund to sustain operations and member services over the long term.

If the administration costs are higher than the Administration fees and costs charged to members in a given financial year, we have the option to cover any shortfall from the administration reserve. The additional administration costs paid from the reserve are shown in the 'Fees and Costs Summary'. The actual amount will change from year to year and may be different to the amounts shown and may be nil.

Australian Defence Force Superannuation (ADF Super, or the Fund, ABN 90 302 247 344, RSE R1077063) is a superannuation fund for current and former Australian Defence Force members.

ADF Super is issued by Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC, we or us, ABN 48 882 817 243, AFSL 238069, RSEL L0001397). To know more about us and to see other documents we have to disclose under law, [visit our website](#).

General advice

Any financial product advice in this document is general advice only and has been prepared without taking account of your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. Before acting on any such general advice, you should consider the appropriateness of the advice, having regard to your own objectives, financial situation and needs. You may wish to consult a licensed financial advisor. You should obtain a copy of the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and consider its contents before making any decision regarding your super. Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC). ABN 48 882 817 243 AFSL 238069 RSE Licence No: L0001397.

Target Market Determination

To ensure that CSC is keeping customers at the centre of our approach to the design and distribution of our products, a [Target Market Determination \(TMD\)](#) has been made for ADF Super, PSSap and CSCri. A [TMD](#) describes the types of customers a financial product is appropriate for, based on their likely needs, objectives and financial situation (target market), and it establishes the conditions and restrictions in relation to how the product can be distributed to customers. The [TMD](#) also describes our reporting requirements, and events or circumstances where we may need to review the [TMD](#).



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