



ABC

FIRST HOME SAVER ACCOUNT

- The First Home Saver Account has been developed by the Government to make it easier to save for your first home.
- This account receives Government contributions and earns investment income which is taxed at a low rate.
- This account restricts when you can take your money out and for what purpose.

ABC Enquiries 1800 111 222

More contacts *Go to section 9*

More information and tools to help you make a decision about this product are available online at

www.ato.gov.au *and*

www.abcinvestments.com.au

Find out if the ABC First Home Saver Account is right for you

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1.

Who can have a First Home Saver Account

You should consider opening a First Home Saver Account if you

- only want to use your savings to buy or build your first home in Australia to live in ('buy your first home'), **and**
- are able to save at least \$1,000 a year (\$20 a week) in 4 separate financial years – they do not need to be in a row.

A financial year is from July 1 to June 30.

To open an account, you must

- be aged 18 or over and under 65
- have a tax file number
- have never owned a home in Australia that you have lived in, **and**
- have never opened a First Home Saver Account before.

You can open another First Home Saver Account if you are transferring your savings from one First Home Saver Account to another – see section 8.

If you are saving with others

- each person must open their own individual First Home Saver Account – each of you can then receive the benefits of having a First Home Saver Account.

You cannot open a joint account with someone else.

If you are unsure about your eligibility go to www.ato.gov.au

2.

How the First Home Saver Account works

How you can use the savings in a First Home Saver Account

You can *only* use your savings in three ways

- 1 to buy your first home
- 2 as money you can add to your super
- 3 as money you can withdraw as a lump sum if you are aged 60 or over.

How to save with a First Home Saver Account

- You put money into your account the same way you would make deposits into a normal bank account. You can do this at any time, and for as long as you need to save.
- You cannot salary sacrifice into your account.
- You do not need to put money in every year – but your account will only get Government contributions when you do.
- Once the total amount in your account reaches \$75,000 – including Government contributions and income from investment earnings – you cannot put any more money into your account.
- You can keep your account open until you buy your first home, or turn 65.
When you turn 65 you must close your account and withdraw all of your savings, or move it into super.

3.

How the Government helps you save

The Government boosts your savings with contributions and a low rate of tax on the income your investment earns.

When you put money into your account, the Government puts money in too

- When you put a dollar into your account, the Government will contribute 17 cents.
- Any money you put in up to a total of \$5,000 in a financial year will get this Government contribution – anything over this amount will not.

For example, if you put \$5,000 into your account in one financial year, the Government will contribute \$850 to your savings.

If you are saving with other people who have their own First Home Saver Accounts, each person will receive Government contributions on the money they put into their account.

- Government contributions are paid directly into your First Home Saver Account after you have lodged your tax return and ABC has told the Tax Office how much you have put in.

You are not taxed

- on the money you put into your account
- on the Government contributions, **or**
- when you withdraw your savings for your first home.

There is a low rate of tax on your investment earnings

- Any income that your investment earns will be taxed at a low rate of 15%. This tax will be deducted from your investment earnings and paid to the Tax Office.

4.

How ABC Investments helps you save

The money that you put into an ABC First Home Saver Account can be invested in shares, property, cash and fixed interest products.

Our Fund offers you a choice of 3 different investment options. By choosing one of these options, you decide where your savings will be invested and how much you are prepared to risk a drop in value of your savings. You can change your investment choice at any time.

Choose an investment approach from one of the following 3 options:

If you do not choose an option, your savings will automatically go into the Capital Stable option.

- 1 **Capital Stable option (lower risk)** This investment is made up of 100% cash and fixed interest. In the past this type of investment has earned an average of around 1.5% above the inflation rate. For example, if the inflation rate was 2.5% this type of investment earned 4%.

Choose this option if you want a low risk of your savings falling in value and are willing to accept modest growth.

- 2 **Conservative option (medium risk)** This investment is made up of two thirds cash and fixed interest, and one third property and shares. In the past this type of investment has earned an average of around 2.5% above the inflation rate. For example, if the inflation rate was 2.5% this type of investment earned 5%.

Choose this option if you want steady growth for your savings and accept that this type of investment is likely to go down in value at least one year during a 10 year period.

Investment options continued next page →

5. What happens if your situation changes

3 Balanced option (higher risk) This investment is made up of about 50% cash and fixed interest and 50% property and shares. In the past this type of investment has earned an average of around 3.5% above the inflation rate. For example, if the inflation rate was 2.5% this type of investment earned 6%.

Choose this option if you want a higher level of growth for your savings and accept that this type of investment is likely to go down in value at least one year during a 7 year period.

The average earnings shown in the 3 options above are after the ongoing fees and tax has been deducted.

If you choose option 2 or 3

You need to be prepared for your savings to go down in value because the value of shares and property go up and down.

You should only consider choosing option 2 or 3 if you are planning on saving for more than 5 years.

Need help choosing?

If you want advice on which investment approach to take, talk to an ABC adviser.

To find out how your savings could grow in the 3 different investment options go to www.fido.gov.au/firsthomesaver

You should consider the following situations before choosing this account.

You decide not to buy a first home

If this happens you can choose to

- move your savings into super, *or*
- withdraw your savings as a lump sum if you are aged 60 or over.

You want to buy your first home before you have put \$1,000 into your account in 4 separate financial years (they do not need to be in a row)

- You *cannot* use the savings in your account if you are buying your first home on your own.
- You *can* use the savings in your account if you are buying your home with someone else who has put \$1,000 into their account in 4 separate financial years (*see section 6*).

You don't have any money to put into your account

You do not need to put money into your account every year. You can choose to

- start saving again when you can
- move your savings into super, *or*
- withdraw your savings as a lump sum if you are aged 60 or over.

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You haven't put \$1,000 a year into your account in 4 separate financial years (they do not need to be in a row) and you want to close your account

You can choose to

- move your savings into super, *or*
- withdraw your savings if you are 60 or over.

You move overseas

You can keep your account open, and continue to put money into your account – but, you won't receive any Government contributions if you are overseas for an entire financial year.

You start living in a home you own

If you start living in a home that you own, you will no longer be eligible to have an account. You must tell the ABC Bank and close your account within 30 days, or penalties will apply.

When you close your account you can either

- move your savings into super, *or*
- withdraw your savings as a lump sum if you are aged 60 or over.

You experience hardship

After moving your savings into super you may apply to access your super under the early release provisions. These include severe financial hardship, permanent disability or on specified compassionate grounds.

6. Using your savings for your first home

Withdrawing your savings

- You can only withdraw your savings to buy your first home after you have put at least \$1,000 a year into your account in 4 separate financial years (they do not need to be in a row).
- If you are buying your first home with other people that have First Home Saver Accounts you can withdraw the savings from each account if just one of you has put \$1,000 into your account in 4 separate financial years.

When you're ready to use your savings for your first home

- 1 Apply to ABC to withdraw all of the money from your First Home Saver Account.

To check that you meet the withdrawal rules go to www.ato.gov.au

- 2 Close your First Home Saver Account.

Generally, you will not be able to open another First Home Saver Account.

You must live in your first home for at least 6 months

- within 12 months of settlement, *or*
- on completion of building construction.

Help with your mortgage

ABC Investments have a team of professional mortgage brokers who can help you choose the most competitive loan for your needs.

7. The fees and costs

Establishment fee

\$100

Management fees and costs

An ongoing fee based on a percentage of your account balance will be deducted monthly.

- Capital Stable option 1.0% per year
- Conservative option 1.2% per year
- Balanced option 1.4% per year

In addition, we deduct other running costs from the fund. These costs can vary, but are usually around 0.2% of your account balance a year.

Termination fees

- Transfer to another First Home Saver Account \$40
- Transfer to superannuation \$40

For a list of other fees that apply to special situations and transactions (e.g over-the-counter deposits) go to www.abc.com.au/fees

An example of the fees and costs

If you put a total of \$20,000 into the Capital Stable option over 4 years, the fees and other costs will total about \$640. The fees and costs in this example are made up of:

an entry fee of \$100

+ ongoing fees of \$450

+ other ongoing costs of \$90

= \$640 in overall fees and costs (which is 1.4% of the average account balance each year)

Compare the fees and costs

Use the 1.4% in fees and costs from the above example as a broad comparison with the fees and costs of other investment-linked First Home Saver Accounts.

8. How to open an account

To open an account

- 1 Fill out the application form.
- 2 Make an initial deposit of \$100 into your account to pay the establishment fee.

You cannot open a joint account with someone else.

If you change your mind

We provide a cooling-off period that lets you close your First Home Saver Account within 14 days, with a refund of your money.

- You will need to tell us in writing, by email or mail, within 14 days of opening the account.
- We will refund your money, minus any taxes paid, and any administration costs.

You can move your savings to another First Home Saver Account provider

If you do, we will transfer the balance of your account to your new provider, minus the termination fee and any costs to sell your investments – *this may reduce the value of your investment.*

Your old account will be closed as soon as your savings have been transferred.

9. Where to go for more information

ABC Investments enquiries

CALL 1800 111 222

VISIT www.abcinvestments.com.au/fhsa

MAIL PO Box 555 Sydney 2001

First Home Saver Account enquiries

Information about how First Home Saver Accounts work, eligibility, fees and taxes, and links to savings calculators and other useful online tools.

VISIT www.ato.gov.au

Complaints

If you have a complaint call the number below, or write to us. If you are not satisfied with our complaint resolution process, you can take the case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

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VISIT www.fos.org.au

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As a member of the Investment and Financial Services Association, we are bound by the standards set by the association in relation to informing our customers.

For contact information see section 9.