

Account Based Pension



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WHAT IS AN ACCOUNT BASED PENSION?

An **account-based pension** creates a regular income stream for you, purchased with money you have accumulated in your super.

HOW IT WORKS?

An account-based pension is started with a lump sum transfer of money from your accumulation super fund to your new account-based pension. This can only be done once you have reached your preservation age. There is a minimum withdrawal amount you will have to take out each year. This has been reduced temporarily for 2020-2021 financial years.

These amounts can be found in the table below:



BENEFITS OF AN ACCOUNT BASED PENSION

- You are to determine the pay amount.
- You won't pay tax on pension payments from age 60.
- You can access a lump sum at any time.
- Your balance will increase as investment earnings are added to your account.
- You can choose how the money is invested by the fund manager.
- You don't pay any tax on investment earnings.

DRAWBACKS OF AN ACCOUNT BASED PENSION

- Your investment earnings are not guaranteed and may fluctuate depending on the investment option you choose.
- There is no guarantee that your money will last as long as you.



Age	Annual Payment as a % of Account Balance	Minimum Drawdown for 19/20 FY and 20/21 FY
Under 65	4%	2%
65- 74	5%	2.5%
75- 79	6%	3%
80- 84	7%	3.5%
85- 89	9%	4.5%
90- 94	11%	5.5%
95 +	14%	7%

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FS360 - What does being financially secure mean?

It means assessing your personal and business goals and developing a plan to achieve these.

We have identified **12 key areas** to help you become financially secure:

- 1. Goals & objectives**
- 2. Estate plan**
- 3. Risk plan**
- 4. Asset protection plan**
- 5. Taxation plan**
- 6. Debt plan**
- 7. Retirement and succession plan**
- 8. Business plan**
- 9. IT Plan**
- 10. Marketing Plan**
- 11. Superannuation plan**
- 12. Investment plan**

Setting goals and objectives and having strategies to achieve these is an essential element of becoming financially secure. Once you know what you are aiming to achieve and how you are going to get there, we then need to make sure you have a strong foundation in place to protect you, your family and other investments.

A strong foundation needs an estate plan, risk plan, asset protection plan, taxation plan and debt plan. With the foundations in place we can then work on the strategies to achieve your goals and objectives.

It may seem out of order that we have the retirement and succession plan at number 7 rather than 12. It is important that this is considered early and a plan is put in place. This assists to plan for this financially as well as keeping the communication lines open on the topic.

12 Steps to becoming Financially Secure

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Picture yourself in 10 years time... Where do you want to be? How are you going to get there? Being clear on your goals & objectives ensures you can develop a strategy to achieve them.

2. ESTATE PLAN

"What will happen when I'm gone?" Only assets owned in your name are covered by your will. Your Estate Plan protects your family from the potential threats that your Will does not.

3. RISK PLAN

Your Risk Plan addresses whether you need to save or insure to protect your family's financial security in the event of an injury, accident or death.

4. ASSET PROTECTION PLAN

An Asset Protection Plan makes sure your assets are owned in the right names or entities so you limit the risk of them being exposed to creditors.

5. TAXATION PLAN

A Taxation Plan structures your affairs so that you legally pay the least amount of tax and retain more of your income.

6. DEBT PLAN

A Debt Plan ensures your assets aren't over exposed to debt and structures your debt to maximise tax deductibility of the interest.

7. RETIREMENT PLAN

Retirement is setting the date when you can choose to stop work. Your Retirement Plan details the income and assets you need (in addition to superannuation) to retire and outlines the steps to get there.

8. BUSINESS PLAN

Your business value is the one asset or investment that you have full control over. How does the business cashflow, profitability and end value fit with your overall plan? Review the 10 characteristics of what makes a great business to help your business reach it's full potential.

9. I.T. PLAN

Your data, your email, your devices – they play a key role in the smooth running of your business. Backups, workflow and ongoing maintenance of technology can be a game changer.

10. MARKETING PLAN

Promoting your business to potential clients has many working parts. Generating enquiry and building your brand is key to your business success.

11. SUPERANNUATION PLAN

Many people miss out on the enormous tax benefits of superannuation. A Superannuation Plan will ensure you have a strategy to produce greater wealth at retirement.

12. INVESTMENT PLAN

An Investment Plan will increase your asset base, while focusing on preserving your capital and managing your risks, to meet your personal and financial goals.

We offer a free no obligation meeting to review your situation. Call us today on 1300 204 781 and take advantage of this valuable offer.

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