



ANZ First Home Saver Account

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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 into 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 that 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 ANZ 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 the interest your savings earn

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

4. How ANZ helps you save

Your savings earn interest

- The savings in your ANZ First Home Saver Account earn bonus tiered interest calculated daily and paid monthly when you make one deposit of \$10 or more per month, helping you to get to your first home quicker.

See www.anz.com for our current interest rates.

Your savings will not go down

- The ANZ First Home Saver Account is a bank account – so what you put in, stays in. And, we don't charge any day-to-day fees which can also reduce your savings.

An example of how savings can grow

If you save \$100 a week for 4 years, your savings could grow to around \$27,000, after Government contributions and interest. This is a general example based on an account earning 5% interest (after tax) and may be different from the actual interest ANZ pays.

To find out how much you need to save use the calculator at www.fido.gov.au/firsthomesaver

5. What happens if your situation changes

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.

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 ANZ and close your account within 30 days, or penalties from the Tax Office 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 ANZ 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.

7. The fees

We do not charge you any fees on your account.

8. How to open an account

To open an account

Fill out the application form.

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 deposit.

- You will need to tell us in writing, within 14 days of opening the account, using the form provided on www.anz.com.
- We will refund your deposit, minus any taxes we have paid.

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

If you do, we will transfer the savings in your account to your new provider. ANZ will close your old account after your savings have been transferred.



9. Where to go for more information

ANZ enquiries

Visit: www.anz.com

Call: 13 13 14

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).

Call: 1300 780 808

Visit: www.fos.org.au

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