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**SPOUSE MEMBERS SUPPLEMENTARY
PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
Award & SG Category prepared 22 October 2009

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This Supplement should be read in conjunction with the Award/SG Category Member Booklet (also known as a Product Disclosure Statement) prepared on 22 October 2009. If you decide to join the Fund as a Spouse Member, there are several minor differences between the benefits and conditions relevant to other categories of membership, as outlined in the above documents, and those that will apply to you. These variances are explained in this Supplement. While this document has been written for the potential Spouse Member, it should also be read by their partner (i.e. the current Fund member).

This document contains general information only. It is not intended to contain any recommendations, statements of opinions or advice, and does not consider your individual objectives, financial situation or particular needs. Therefore, before making any decisions regarding your superannuation benefits, you should consider the appropriateness of any information provided in the Award & SG Category Member Booklet and this associated update. You may also wish to obtain independent financial advice.

ACCESS TO CURRENT INFORMATION

Please note that the information in this document is correct as at the date of printing. If changes to the information in the Award & SG Category Member Booklet and the Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement occur that may materially affect you, or where there is a change of fees and charges, we will notify you within 30 days of the change. In other instances you will be advised in writing within three months of its date of effect.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement for potential spouse members to the combined Award & SG Category Member Booklet and Financial Services Guide, also known as a Product Disclosure Statement, prepared 22 October 2009, of Mercy Super.

In this document, Mercy Super ABN 11 789 425 178 is referred to as 'the Fund' and 'we'. It is offered by the Trustee of the Fund, Mercy Super Pty Ltd ABN 98 056 047 324. The Trustee is a Corporate Authorised Representative No. 268897 of IFAA Pty Ltd (AFSL No 238507) and is authorised to provide general financial product advice in relation to superannuation.

Introduction

A Spouse Account is a Mercy Super account which is opened for the partner of an existing Fund member.

Such an account enables contributions to be made by and on behalf of that person. As a spouse of a Fund member you can also rollover your other super balances, which may reduce fees thereby further building your retirement benefit. It also may make managing your financial affairs easier.

By arranging payments to a Spouse Account, you will:

- be taking steps to secure your own retirement benefits; and
- as a Mercy Super member, enjoy access to the same benefits as your spouse. These are explained in the comprehensive Award & SG Category Member Booklet.

Your Spouse Account will be established in your name as you are its owner. You will have the same rights, privileges and benefits as any other member (subject to the differences explained in this document).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to join the Spouse Category of Mercy Super Fund you must be a spouse of an existing member of the Mercy Super Fund.

Spouse generally means:

- Another individual (whether of the same sex or a different sex) with whom the individual is in a relationship that is registered under a state law or territory law prescribed for the purposes of Section 22B of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 as a kind of relationship prescribed for the purposes of that section; and
- Another individual who although not legally married to the member lives with the member on a genuine domestic basis in a relationship as a couple.

The law stipulates a number of requirements for contributions. These are outlined in the sections following.



Please note: The following information should be read in conjunction with the Boost your super section on pages 4 to 6 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet.



SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

You can make contributions into your Spouse Account:

- If you are under age 65 – regardless of whether you are in paid employment; and
- If your age is 65 or over, but less than 75, and have been paid to work at least 40 hours in any period of not more than 30 consecutive days in the financial year in which the contribution is to be made.

By law, you cannot contribute to your account once you reach 75.

As Mercy Super is not a public offer superannuation fund, employer contributions can only be accepted if your employer is registered as one of the Fund's Associated Employers. For further details, please contact us.

Your spouse can contribute to your Spouse Account:

- If you are under age 65, your partner can pay contributions at any time regardless of whether you are in paid employment.
- If your age is 65 or over, but less than 70, your partner can pay contributions if you have been paid to work at least 40 hours in any period of not more than 30 consecutive days in the financial year in which the contribution is to be made.

Your partner cannot contribute to your account once you reach age 70.

All contributions belong to you as the Spouse Account is held in your name.

Making Contributions

You or your spouse can make contributions into the account by direct debit from a bank account or by making individual payments. To make payments, please contact us for further details. You can start or stop making payments at any time.

You can rollover money from another superannuation fund at any time once your Spouse Account has been established. An Easy Rollover form is included in the Award & SG Category Member Booklet.

SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS TAX BENEFITS

A tax offset is payable for spouse contributions made on behalf of a low-income or non-working spouse. If your spouse makes contributions to your account, he or she may be able to claim an 18% tax offset (also known as a rebate) on contributions up to \$3,000. The maximum offset is \$540.

In order for your spouse to claim the tax offset:

- the total of your assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and reportable fringe benefits (if any) for the year of income must be less than \$13,800;
- your spouse must not be claiming a tax deduction for the contributions;
- you must not be employed by your spouse;
- your spouse must be an Australian tax payer; and
- both you and your spouse must be Australian residents for tax purposes at the time you make the eligible spouse contribution.

To claim the maximum tax offset, your assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and any reportable fringe benefits must be less than \$10,801.

If the total of your assessable income, reportable employer superannuation contributions and any reportable fringe benefits is equal to or greater than \$13,800, your spouse will not be entitled to the tax offset.

Insurance

Please note: The following information should be read in conjunction with pages 14 to 28 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet.

As a Spouse Member you will be eligible for the same insurance benefits as other members, subject to meeting the terms and conditions relevant to this cover.

Please note – you must be employed and work for at least an average of 10 hours a week to be eligible for Income Protection Insurance.

Your application for any insurance cover will need to be assessed by the Fund's insurer, MLC Ltd. You may be required to undergo medical and financial assessments. We will contact you to confirm these requirements when we receive your Spouse Member Application.

You will also need to ensure that your account has a sufficient balance to cover any insurance premiums. You can do this by making contributions or by rolling over the balance you hold with another fund.

It is important to think about insurance cover as part of your total financial plan.

Imagine for a minute what it would be like if you were off work for an extended period because of sickness or injury. Or worse, how would your family cope with your unexpected death or total and permanent disablement? How will you or they pay the bills? Will you or they have enough? More often than not, these will be times of uncertainty.

Insuring your Life and Income against the potential risks of death, total and permanent disablement or temporary disablement can be a very worthwhile decision. After all, you probably already insure assets such as your car, your home or your personal valuables. Why? Because it makes sense, as you recognise there is a risk that these assets could be damaged or destroyed.

This is why it makes even more sense to protect your most important assets – **you and your family.**

Why you should consider insurance?

It is important to think about your own situation when you are considering how much insurance you may need. Everybody has different needs, but most of us don't want to make a terrible situation worse for our loved ones and ourselves. Consider some of these common concerns when thinking about your own insurance needs:

Some common reasons people consider insurance

I want my family to be financially secure if I should die,

I want to make sure I can pay the bills should I be Totally and Permanently Disabled as a result of an accident or other unforeseen event,

If I am Totally and Permanently Disabled I want to make sure I can have enough cover to ensure I can live comfortably in my home,

I have a mortgage. I need to make sure I receive most of my regular income to cover it – even when I am unable to work.

For more information on the Insurance Cover available through the Fund, please refer to your Member Booklet or contact us.

How do I open a Spouse Account?

To open a Spouse Account, you and your spouse need to complete a Spouse Member Application (attached). Your partner will also need to complete part of the same form.

It is important that you provide your Tax File Number to the Fund so that we can accept your contributions.

To establish the Spouse Account, will need an initial deposit of \$1,000. This can be made as a contribution or as rollover from another fund.

Contact Details

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Spouse Member Application

AWARD & SG CATEGORY



Please send this completed form to:
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PO Box 8334, WOOLLOONGABBA QLD 4102

Phone: 1300 368 891 or (07) 3163 8867
Fax: (07) 3163 2421
Email: information@mercysuper.com.au

Becoming a member of Mercy Super (the Fund) is easy. Please read the Award & SG Category Member Booklet (Combined PDS and Financial Services Guide) and complete all sections of this form. Please refer to page 41 of the Member Booklet to check what other forms you may need to complete and return.

Please complete in a black or blue pen and BLOCK letters. This form is invalid if the Declaration is not signed.

1. Your personal details

Surname	(Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Given names	Date of birth	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
Address	Gender (✓ tick one only)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Suburb	State Postcode	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
Email	Telephone	Mobile number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. Current member's details

Surname	(Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Given names	Date of birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

3. Tax File Number (TFN) (See page 32 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet)

Superannuation funds are required and authorised to ask you for your TFN under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993. You are not required to provide your TFN, but if you choose to do so the Trustee will only use it for approved purposes as outlined in the Member Booklet. I agree to provide my Tax File Number for approved purposes:

(✓ tick one only) Yes No I advise that my Tax File Number is:

4. Your employment details

Your employer's company name	Date joined employer
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Your occupation	Contracted hours per fortnight
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Nature of your employment (✓ tick one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time

5. Contributions (See page 4 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet)

Initial deposit

Please provide details of your initial contribution. Please note – the initial contribution and/or rollover must be at least \$1,000.

Amount paid by current Fund member: \$

Amount paid by new spouse member: \$

Rollovers by the spouse member from another superannuation fund: \$

Ongoing Contributions

I would like to contribute \$ a month

Please ✓ tick this box if you wish to make payments by direct debit from your bank account.

6. Investment choice (See page 7 to 13 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet)

I would like my account balance, future contributions, rollovers and investment earnings to be invested in the following investment option: (✓ tick one only)

Balanced Growth (default) Balanced Shares Cash/Cash enhanced Socially Responsible Investment

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7. Insurance cover (See pages 14 to 28 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet)

Life and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) Cover and Income Protection insurance

Please note, Insurance cover is not available until specific medical evidence has been provided by you and assessed and accepted by the Fund's Insurer. You can apply for any combination of number of units of Life and TPD Cover, subject to the maximum benefit limits (\$10 million for death and \$3 million for TPD). However, TPD cover is only available in conjunction with Life cover.

Life and TPD

I wish to apply for: (number) of Units of Life Cover and (number) of Units of TPD Cover.

I do not wish to have any Life and TPD Insurance.

Income Protection Insurance

I wish to apply for Income Protection Insurance from the following options:

30 Day Waiting Period and a 2 Year Benefit Period

90 Day Waiting Period and a 2 Year Benefit Period

30 Day Waiting Period and a 5 Year Benefit Period

90 Day Waiting Period and a 5 Year Benefit Period

30 Day Waiting Period and a to Age 70 Benefit Period

90 Day Waiting Period and a to age 70 Benefit Period.

My annual salary is \$

I do not wish to have any Income Protection insurance.

I confirm I am working at least 10 hours per week.

8. Nomination of beneficiaries (See page 29 of the Award & SG Category Member Booklet)

A beneficiary must be a dependant – your spouse, child(ren), a person who is wholly or partially financially dependent on you or who meets the definition of interdependency at the date of your death or your Legal Personal Representative.

You have two options to nominate beneficiaries in the event of your death:

Option 1 – Non-binding: If you complete this section, the Trustee of Mercy Super will determine who is to receive your benefit in the event of your death. However, it will take your wishes into consideration. Please provide the details of the beneficiaries who you would like to receive your superannuation benefit and any insurance in the event of your death. You can nominate more than one person. You can revoke this nomination in writing at any time. If you do not have any dependants (as defined) you may nominate your Legal Personal Representative (i.e. if you are eligible).

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP	% OF BENEFIT
			TOTAL: 100%

Option 2 – Binding: Tick ✓ this box if you would like to make a death benefit nomination that is binding on the Trustee and we will send you a *Change of Beneficiaries* form for you to complete.

9. Authorisation

You must sign and date this form. I hereby apply to become a member of Mercy Super and agree to be bound by the provisions of the Trust Deed as it exists and as it may be amended from time to time.

I confirm that I have received and have had the opportunity of reading and understanding the *Award & SG Category Member Booklet (Combined PDS and Financial Services Guide)* dated 22 October 2009 and the associated *Spouse Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement* dated 22 October 2009 attached to this *Member Application* form and that the information on this *Spouse Member Application* is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that I have received and had an opportunity of reading the latest *Annual Report* to members. I confirm that I am an eligible spouse as outlined in the attached *Spouse Members Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement*.

Privacy

The Fund collects your personal information to establish and administer your superannuation account. If you choose not to provide your personal information we may not be able to process your *Member Application* or administer your account.

- I confirm that I have had the opportunity of reading and understanding the Fund's Privacy Statement on page 39 of the *Award & SG Category Member Booklet*. I understand how the Fund intends to handle my personal information and acknowledge that my personal information will only be used for the purposes specified.
- I consent to the collection and use of my personal information by the Trustee to establish and administer my superannuation account.

Applicant's signature

Date

/ /

Existing Member's signature

Date

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