



# ***SGD 97/2 - Superannuation Guarantee: what is the maximum contribution base for each contribution period in 1997-98?***

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## Superannuation Guarantee Determination

### Superannuation Guarantee: what is the maximum contribution base for each contribution period in 1997-98?

- \$23,630.
- By applying subsection 15(3) of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (the Act), the maximum contribution base for a contribution period in 1997-98 is:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$22,590 \\ \text{(maximum contribution} \\ \text{base for a contribution} \\ \text{period in 1996-97)} \end{array} \quad \times \quad \text{indexation factor for the 1997-98 year.}$$

- By applying section 9 of the Act, the indexation factor for 1997-98 is the greater of '1' and the number found by dividing the AWOTE amount for February 1997 by the AWOTE amount for February 1996.
- The AWOTE amount is an estimate by the Australian Statistician of the full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings for persons in Australia. The estimate for February 1997 was \$696.10 and the estimate for February 1996 was \$665.80.
- This produces an indexation factor of 1.046. When applied to \$22,590, the amount comes to \$23,629.14. Subsection 15(4) provides for this amount to be rounded to the nearest 10 dollar multiple (rounding 5 dollars upwards). Therefore, the maximum contribution base for 1997-98 contribution periods is \$23,630.

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