

# Self Managed Superannuation Funds



## What is a SMSF?

A Self managed superannuation fund (SMSF) is superannuation fund that you, yourself manage. A SMSF can receive contributions from multiple sources including your employer, the government and voluntary individual contributions.

## Why have a SMSF?

- ✓ **Choice**- investment and management decisions are made exclusively by the Trustees.
- ✓ **Control** – you choose how your retirement assets are invested and managed.
- ✓ **Tax Effective**- lowest rate of tax of any entity in Australia.
- ✓ **Multiple family members** - combine multiple super balances and reap the rewards.
- ✓ **Low fees**- compared with other types of super funds.
- ✓ **Flexibility**- many options for taking retirement income streams.



## What are the advantages of a SMSF?

- ✓ Control over investment decisions.
- ✓ Tax efficiency, as the features of any pensions can be designed in line with your personal objectives. They also allow assets with unrealized capital gains to move from accumulation tax regime to pension regime without triggering a CGT event.
- ✓ Certain personal assets such as listed shares and business real property may be transferred in-specie or purchased by the fund.
- ✓ Estate planning.
- ✓ Protection from creditors whilst retaining assets.

## How do I operate a SMSF?

Operating a SMSF means you are responsible for the fund. If you fail to achieve your duties according to the law you may face severe penalties and your fund may suffer serious tax penalties.

An advisor like a financial planner tax agent or accountant can help you establish a SMSF, but it is important to understand the step involved and talk it through.



## *What can BMO do for your SMSF?*

All SMSF trustees are required to have financial statements prepared, lodge income tax and regulatory return and other relevant statements with the Australian Taxation Office each year.

- ✓ Prepare annual financial statements, including operating statement, statement of financial position, notes to financial statements.
- ✓ Prepare and lodge the fund's annual income tax return, calculate and advise of tax liability or tax refund due.
- ✓ Audit of the SMSF by an approved auditor.
- ✓ Prepare member benefits statement, which contains member's tax components.
- ✓ Provide a detailed investments reports.
- ✓ Facilitate obtaining of an actuarial certificate where required.
- ✓ Manage communications and correspondence with Australian Taxation Office and ASIC.



BMO Business Centre provides all of the above services. Which also includes the compilation of a full set of financial statements, preparing the income tax & regulatory return, other relevant statements and liaising with the auditors who complete the audit of our SMSF's.

When you use our services, you can be assured the highest level of quality and care will be taken. The team at BMO are qualified with specialist knowledge, expertise and skill in the area of SMSF's.

BMO is a registered tax agent and has been using the same external auditors to complete the audits of our SMSF's for a number of years.