

Retirement Checklist

Making the right move can be all in the planning

Now may be a good time to check-in and see if you are on track to achieve your retirement lifestyle goals. We have developed a checklist of some of the key considerations you might want to think about prior to retiring.

When you are approaching retirement	Yes	No
Have you decided at what age you would like to retire?		
Have you thought about how much money per year you would need to live on in retirement?		
Do you know how much super you need to ensure you have enough money to live comfortably in retirement (MLC Retirement forecaster available at mlc.com.au/personal/retirement/am-I-on-track)?		
Have you revisited your investment strategy to ensure it is appropriate for your stage of life?		
Have you thought about your likely life expectancy and how long your funds are likely to last?		
Your super	Yes	No
Have you investigated strategies that may help boost your super savings?		
Do you know where all of your super is? That is, do you have multiple super funds?		
Do you know how much super you have in total?		
Do you know how your super is invested?		
Do you know if your super fund offer an Account-based pension or Retirement income product?		
Retirement planning	Yes	No
Have you spoken to a financial adviser about your retirement plans?		
Is your current health insurance adequate?		
If you have a partner, have you thought about what will happen if he/she outlives you.		
Have you considered delaying retirement to ensure adequacy of your retirement income?		

Retirement income products	Yes	No
Have you explored any retirement income products and thought about which may suit you best?		
Are you aware of the age based percentage draw down limits?		
Do you know the tax implications of taking your super as a cash lump sum or an income stream?		
Do you know what a transition to retirement pension is, and have you considered using this to ease yourself into retirement?		
Lifestyle in retirement	Yes	No
Are you considering a change to your housing arrangements, or where you live?		
Have you thought about how your income needs may fluctuate during the different phases of your retirement years?		
Have you considered what sort of lifestyle would you like in retirement?		
Have you thought about what activities you will be involved in or how will you spend your time?		
Have you considered the impact of your retirement on your family?		
Government assistance	Yes	No
Do you know if you are likely to qualify for the Age pension?		
Are you aware of the current Age pension entitlements for singles or couples?		
Have you obtained information on the other benefits that are available for seniors?		
Do you understand how the Age pension income and assets tests works?		
Your legal arrangements	Yes	No
Do you have a Will?		
Is your Will up to date?		
Have you stored all your important and legal documents together in the same place?		
Does the executor of your Will know where to find a copy?		
Have you organised an Enduring Power of Attorney in case of an emergency?		
Do you have any other estate planning considerations (eg. Testamentary trusts)?		

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Talk to us on 132 652 between 8am and 6pm AEST /AEDT, Monday to Friday or request a call back.

Our telephone consultants can help you get set in the right direction by referring you to one of three different services: general advice, limited advice or comprehensive advice.

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