REDUCTION OF THE MINIMUM PENSION WILL CONTINUE INTO 2022/23

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In response to the economic impact of COVID-19, the Government provided temporary relief to pension members by halving the minimum amount they must receive as a pension for the last three financial years (2019/20,2020/21 and 2021/22). The Government has recently extended this relief for another year.

Why has this relief been extended for another year?

The Government relief provides account-based pension members, including allocated pension, given ongoing volatility in markets, with the choice not to sell assets in order to satisfy the minimum drawdown requirements.

By reducing the minimum amount of pension that must be paid for the last three financial years and into 2022/23, the risk of investment losses when markets are down is minimised by pensioners who elect to take up the minimum payment option.

What is your minimum annual pension for 2022/23?

The minimum pension drawdown rates for your ANZ Smart Choice Pension will remain halved for 2022/23 and are detailed in the table below.

From 1 July 2023, the minimum drawdown rates are expected to revert back to the Standard rates which applied before the Government relief was provided (refer below).

Age at 1 July	Reduced minimum drawdown rates for 2022/23 (p.a.)	Standard minimum drawdown rates for 2023/24 (p.a.)
Under 65	2.0%	4.0%
65 to 74	2.5%	5.0%
75 to 79	3.0%	6.0%
80 to 84	3.5%	7.0%
85 to 89	4.5%	9.0%
90 to 94	5.5%	11.0%
95 or more	7.0%	14.0%

You can estimate your minimum annual pension payment for 2022/23 by multiplying your account balance on 1 July 2022 by the applicable reduced minimum drawdown rate for your age at 1 July 2022 (refer to the table above).

What happens from 1 July 2022?

From 1 July 2022, the following automatically applies for your ANZ Smart Choice Pension, but you can request a change:

- if you you have nominated to receive the minimum pension, then for 2022/23 you will continue to receive the minimum pension calculated at 1 July 2022 (using the reduced minimum drawdown rate for your age – refer to the table on the previous page), or
- if you nominated to receive a particular amount of pension for 2021/22, then for 2022/23 you will continue to receive the same amount of pension (unless it is below the minimum annual pension required to be taken for 2022/23, in which case it would be brought up to this amount).

We will write to you to confirm your annual pension for 2022/23.

How do I change my annual pension for 2022/23?

You can phone or email Customer Services with your full name, member number and instructions to:

- apply the temporary minimum drawdown rate, or
- pay a fixed dollar amount of pension, or
- suspend pensions payments until 2023/24 (once you have received the minimum pension for 2022/23).

Any questions?

If you have any questions or require further information, please:

- speak to your financial adviser
- call Customer Services on **13 12 87**, weekdays 8.30am to 6.30pm (AEST), or
- email **anzsmartchoice@anz.com**