

Trustee declaration

To be completed by new trustees and directors of corporate trustees of self-managed super funds.

- ! We strongly recommend you undertake a free trustee education course before reading and signing this declaration. For more information visit ato.gov.au/smsf and search 'approved education courses'.



Who should complete this declaration?

You must complete this declaration if you become a trustee or director of a corporate trustee (trustee) of:

- a new self-managed super fund (SMSF)
- an existing SMSF.

You must sign this declaration within 21 days of becoming a trustee or director of a corporate trustee of an SMSF.

A separate declaration is required to be completed and signed by each and every new trustee.

You must also complete the declaration if you:

- have undertaken a course of education in compliance with an education direction
- are a legal personal representative who has been appointed as trustee on behalf of a:
 - member who is under a legal disability (usually a member under 18 years old)
 - member for whom you hold an enduring power of attorney
 - deceased member.

Understanding your obligations

We have a range of services available to help you understand your obligations and keep up to date with the latest news for SMSF trustees.

To subscribe to our news and alerts service visit ato.gov.au/smsf and search 'news and alerts'.

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Before completing this declaration

Before you complete and sign this declaration, make sure you:

- read each section
- understand all the information it contains.

- ▶ If you have any difficulties completing this declaration or you do not fully understand the information it contains:
 - speak to a professional adviser
 - visit ato.gov.au/smsf
 - phone us on **13 10 20**.

When completing this declaration

When you complete this declaration, remember to:

- insert the full name of the fund at the beginning
- sign and date it
- ensure it is signed and dated by a witness (anyone 18 years old or over).

What should you do with the declaration?

You must keep your completed declaration for at least 10 years and make it available to us if we request it.

- ! Do not send your completed declaration to us unless we request this from you.

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Self-managed super fund trustee declaration

I understand that as an individual trustee or director of the corporate trustee of

Fund name

Matsuda Family Super Fund

I am responsible for ensuring that the fund is operated in accordance with the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (SISA) and other relevant legislation. The Commissioner of Taxation (the Commissioner) has the authority and responsibility for administering the legislation and enforcing trustees' compliance with the law.

I must keep myself informed of changes to the legislation relevant to the operation of my fund and ensure the trust deed is kept up to date in accordance with the law and the needs of the members.

If I do not comply with the legislation, the Commissioner may take the following actions:

- impose administrative penalties on me
- give me a written direction to rectify any contraventions or undertake a course of education
- enter into agreements with me to rectify any contraventions of the legislation
- disqualify me from being a trustee or director of a corporate trustee of any superannuation fund in the future
- remove the fund's complying status, which may result in significant adverse tax consequences for the fund
- prosecute me under the law, which may result in fines or imprisonment.

Sole purpose

I understand it is my responsibility to ensure the fund is maintained for the purpose of providing benefits to the members upon their retirement (or attainment of a certain age) or their beneficiaries if a member dies. I understand that I should regularly evaluate whether the fund continues to be the appropriate vehicle to meet this purpose.

Trustee duties

I understand that by law I must at all times:

- act honestly in all matters concerning the fund
- exercise skill, care and diligence in managing the fund
- act in the best financial interests of all the members of the fund
- keep records of decisions made about the running of the fund, including the appointment of professional advisers and the retirement of members and payment of benefits
- ensure that my money and other assets are kept separate from the money and other assets of the fund
- take appropriate action to protect the fund's assets (for example, have sufficient evidence of the ownership of fund assets)
- refrain from entering into any contract or do anything that would prevent me from, or hinder me in, properly performing or exercising my functions or powers as a trustee or director of the corporate trustee of the fund
- allow all members of the fund to have access to information and documents as required, including details about
 - the financial situation of the fund
 - the investments of the fund
 - the members' benefit entitlements.

I also understand that by law I must prepare, implement and regularly review an investment strategy having regard to all the circumstances of the fund, which include, but are not limited to:

- the risks associated with the fund's investments
- the likely return from investments, taking into account the fund's objectives and expected cash flow requirements
- investment diversity and the fund's exposure to risk due to inadequate diversification
- the liquidity of the fund's investments having regard to the fund's expected cash flow requirements in discharging its existing and prospective liabilities (including benefit payments)
- whether the trustees of the fund should hold insurance cover for one or more members of the fund.

Accepting contributions and paying benefits

I understand that I can only accept contributions and pay benefits (income streams or lump sums) to members or their beneficiaries when the conditions specified in the law and the fund trust deed have been met.

Investment restrictions

I understand that, as a trustee or director of the corporate trustee of the fund, subject to certain limited exceptions specified in the law, I am prohibited from:

- giving financial assistance using the resources of the fund to a member of the fund or a member's relative (financial assistance means any assistance that improves the financial position of a person directly or indirectly, including the provision of credit)
- acquiring assets (other than business real property, listed securities, certain in-house assets and acquisitions made under mergers, allowed by special determinations or acquisitions from the trustee or investment manager of another regulated super fund as a result of a breakdown of a relationship) for the fund from members or other related parties of the fund
- borrowing money (or maintaining an existing borrowing) on behalf of the fund except in certain limited circumstances (while limited recourse borrowing arrangements are permitted, they can be complex and particular conditions must be met to ensure that legal requirements are not breached)

Accepting contributions and paying a benefit

I understand that I can only accept contributions and pay benefits (pensions or lump sums) to members or their beneficiaries when the conditions specified in the law and the fund's governing rules (including its trust deed) have been met.

Administration

I understand that the trustees of the fund must:

- keep and retain for at least 10 years
 - minutes of all trustee meetings at which matters affecting the fund were considered (this includes investment decisions and decisions to appoint members and trustees)
 - records of all changes of trustees, including directors of the corporate trustee
 - each trustee's consent to be appointed as a trustee of the fund or a director of the corporate trustee, and
 - all trustee declarations
- ensure that the following are prepared and retained for at least 5 years
 - a statement of financial position
 - an operating statement, and
 - accounts and statements that correctly record and explain the transactions and financial position of the fund
- notify the Tax Office within 28 days of any changes in
 - trustees, directors of the corporate trustee or members of the fund
 - fund name
 - details of the contact person, contact phone and facsimile numbers, and
 - the postal address, registered address, or address for service of notices for the fund
- notify the Tax Office in writing as soon as practicable (not later than 28 days) after becoming aware that the fund has ceased to be a self managed superannuation fund or ceased to exist
- ensure that an approved auditor is appointed to audit the fund for each income year and provide that auditor with documents as requested, and
- lodge the fund's annual return by the due date.

DECLARATION

By signing this declaration I acknowledge that I understand my duties and responsibilities as a trustee or director of the corporate trustee of the self managed superannuation fund named on this declaration (or if the fund's name changes, that name). I understand that:

- I must ensure this document is retained for at least 10 years or while I remain a trustee or director of the corporate trustee (whichever is longer) and if I fail to do this, penalties may apply, and
- I may have to make this document available for inspection by a member of staff of the Tax Office and if I fail to do this, penalties may apply.

Trustee's or director's name

Claire Vella

Trustee's or director's signature

C. Vella

Date

Day: 05 / Month: 04 / Year: 2011

Witness' name (witness must be over the age of 18 years)

Nobuko Matsuda

Witness' signature

Nobuko Matsuda

Date

Day: 05 / Month: 04 / Year: 2011