



## Getting ready to switch-off paper Contribution Returns from 1 January 2017

With the vast majority of employers now paying into NESS Super via electronic means in order to meet the Government SuperStream requirements (see article below), the need for the paper-based Contributions Returns being sent out to employers each month or quarter, will no longer be required.

As a result, NESS Super will not be mailing paper Contribution Returns to employers from 1 January 2017, resulting in the final paper Contribution Returns mailed to employers in December 2016.

The removal of the paper Contribution Returns will not only help employers meet the Government SuperStream requirements (by moving to an approved electronic format) but will also reduce printing costs (which benefits NESS Super members) and helps the environment – mailing thousands of paper Contribution Returns uses a lot of paper and fossil fuel!

**So, if you are an employer who is using the paper Contribution Returns for your superannuation payments, please contact us on 1800 022 067 to assist you to update to a SuperStream compliant electronic format. This can be either NESS Super “EmployerAccess”, (if paying only to NESS Super) or the SCH Online clearing house facility (if paying to multiple superannuation funds).**

## ...and we're also going electronic with EmployerNews, so it's important to update your employer email address today!

**The Spring 2016 edition of EmployerNews will be the last edition mailed to employers, with all future quarterly EmployerNews newsletters and Employer eAlerts (as per the last Employer eAlert emailed on 22 June 2016) emailed to employer email addresses.**

As with the removal of the paper-based Contribution Returns, going electronic with our employer communication further reduces the amount of printed material, which helps to keep printing costs down (which means more money goes to NESS Super members' accounts!), and also helps save the environment.

It is important to ensure that your business email address with NESS Super is up-to-date, so that we can stay in touch and continue to receive our regular communication electronically.

**So, if your business email has changed or you haven't updated it recently, please login to EmployerAccess on the NESS Super website [www.nesssuper.com.au](http://www.nesssuper.com.au) and update your email address online. Alternatively, please contact us on 1800 022 067 and update your employer email address.**

## The Government SuperStream deadline for small employers has been extended to 28 October 2016...but that's only just around the corner!

**The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will not be taking any compliance action against small employers who missed the 30 June 2016 SuperStream deadline.**

In an ATO Media Release published 22 June 2016, the ATO announced that it is providing small businesses (with 19 or less employees) additional time to complete their SuperStream implementation, with compliance flexibility extended until 28 October 2016.

In announcing the compliance flexibility extension, the ATO is advising small business that it will not be taking compliance action against those who missed the 30 June SuperStream deadline.

The SuperStream requirements will require all employers to make super payments and send the applicable payment data electronically, as opposed to cheques and paper-based contribution returns.

Whilst the Government has extended the deadline, it is important to prepare now to ensure you are able to comply and meet the required timeframe, which is just around the corner!

**NESS Super can help participating employers meet the Government SuperStream requirements with the SCH Online clearing house solution, AT NO COST TO EMPLOYERS. Please see the NESS Super website <http://nesssuper.com.au/employers/forms-publications/> and click on the "SCH Online" tab or contact us on 1800 022 067 for more information.**

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