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Investment fees and costs and transaction costs are generally calculated based on actual costs incurred in the previous financial year (or the previous five financial years, for performance fees). Where actual costs are not available, reasonable estimates of actual costs are used.

For the QSuper Product Disclosure Statement for Accumulation Account (PDS) issued on 1 July 2023, we calculated investment fees and costs and transaction costs for the 2022-23 financial year before the end of the financial year. This calculation was based on the actual costs that were available at the time the PDS was prepared.

Following the end of the 2022-23 financial year, we recalculated the investment fees and costs and transaction costs, based on a greater proportion of actual costs, relying less on reasonable estimates.

As a result, the investment fees and costs and transaction costs for several of our investment options have been updated.

QSuper Product Disclosure Statement

The below updates apply to Section 6. 'Fees and Costs' of the PDS issued 1 July 2023. We have highlighted the updated information, so that you can easily see what's changed. This Important Update should be read in conjunction with the QSuper Product Disclosure Statement for Accumulation Account.

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Fees and costs summary

QSuper Accumulation account – Lifetime					
Type of fee or cost	Amount		How and when paid		
Ongoing annual fees and costs ¹					
Administration fees and costs	0.15% p.a. capped at \$875 p.a. Plus 0.07% p.a.		We deduct a percentage fee of 0.15% p.a from your investment returns. Percentage fees are calculated on a daily basis and deducted before we declare the unit price on working days. We apply an administration fee cap of \$875 p.a. in a financial year to the 0.15% p.a. fee you pay.		
			When the administration costs exceed member administration fees collected these costs are met from our general reserve, not from your account balance or investment returns.		
			We estimated this amount as 0.07% for the year ending 30 June 2023.		
Investment fees and costs ^{2,3}	Outlook <mark>0.50%</mark> p.a.	Focus 2 <mark>0.37%</mark> p.a.			
	Aspire 1 0.47% p.a.	Focus 3 <mark>0.35%</mark> p.a.			
	Aspire 2 <mark>0.42%</mark> p.a.	Sustain 1 <mark>0.29%</mark> p.a.			
	Focus 1 <mark>0.40%</mark> p.a.	Sustain 2 <mark>0.26%</mark> p.a.	Percentage fees are calculated on a daily basis		
Transaction costs ³	Outlook <mark>0.08%</mark> p.a.	Focus 2 0.06% p.a.	- and are deducted from investment returns before we declare the unit price on working days.		
	Aspire 1 <mark>0.08%</mark> p.a.	Focus 3 0.05% p.a.			
	Aspire 2 0.07% p.a.	Sustain 1 0.05% p.a.			
	Focus 1 <mark>0.07%</mark> p.a.	Sustain 2 <mark>0.04%</mark> p.a.			
Member activity re	lated fees and cost	S			
Buy-sell spread	Nil				
Switching fee	Nil				
Other fees and costs⁴	Other fees and costs may be deducted from your account, such as advice fees for personal advice and insurance fees. See 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in our Accumulation Guide for details.				

1 If your account balance for a product offered by the superannuation entity is less than \$6,000 at the end of the entity's income year, certain fees and costs charged to you in relation to administration and investment are capped at 3% of the account balance. Any amount charged in excess of that cap must be refunded. 2 Investment fees and costs includes an amount of 0.07% to 0.18% p.a. for performance fees. The calculation basis for this amount is set out under 'Additional explanation of fees and costs'. 3 The investment fees and costs and transaction costs are estimates only. We explain the calculation basis for investment fees and costs and transaction costs in the Fees and costs section of our Accumulation Guide. 4 Refer to 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in our Accumulation Guide.

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Example of annual fees and costs for superannuation products

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs for QSuper Lifetime – Outlook for this superannuation product can affect your superannuation investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE – Lifetime Outlook		BALANCE OF \$50,000	
Administration fees and costs	0.22% p.a. ¹	For every \$50,000 you have in the superannuation product you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$110 in administration fees and costs.	
PLUS Investment fees and costs	<mark>0.50%</mark> p.a.	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$250 in investment fees and costs.	
PLUS Transaction costs	<mark>0.08%</mark> p.a.	And , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$40 in transaction costs.	
EQUALS Cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000 at the beginning of the year, then for that year you will be charged fees and costs of \$400 for the superannuation product.	

Note: *Additional fees may apply. If you have insurance, premiums will apply. The above table showing an example of annual fees and costs for our MySuper option is illustrative only and based on the assumptions listed. The actual amount of fees and costs can vary depending on your investment option and other factors.
A portion of the administration fees and costs are paid from the Fund's reserves, being 0.07%, which for a \$50,000 balance is \$35 of fees that will therefore not be deducted from your account. Please see 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' in our Accumulation Guide for more information.