



# AMP Bank can now offer you a First Home Saver Account!

The First Home Saver Account is a simple and tax effective special purpose account that's designed to help you into your first home sooner.

You can use the account to save the deposit for your first home or to cover other costs associated with purchasing your first property.

This account has been designed by the Federal government to help boost your chances of buying your own home in a tax effective way.

## How will the First Home Saver Account benefit you?

With a First Home Saver Account, the more money you save the more the government will contribute (up to a certain limit each year) as follows:

- If you save \$5,000 per financial year, the government will contribute an extra 17% into your First Home Saver Account every year. You can save more, but the amount the government contributes is capped at 17% of \$5,000. This means you'll get up to an extra \$850 per year from the government.
- Every year the amount the government pays will be indexed.
- You won't pay any tax on the earnings for this account. AMP is obliged to pay a 15% contribution tax on the interest earned in the account.

Once the balance in the account reaches \$75,000 you must stop making personal contributions. You will still receive interest payments and any government contributions that are due.

## What is the eligibility criteria for opening a First Home Saver Account?

First Home Saver Accounts can only be opened for a single individual - this means that joint accounts cannot be opened.

You are eligible to apply to open a First Home Saver Account with AMP Bank if you:

- Are over 18 and under 64 years old.
- Have a tax file number you can quote in your application.
- Have not previously owned, either on your own or jointly, a home (dwelling) in Australia that you have lived in as your main residence.
- Have not previously opened a First Home Saver Account.

If you meet the above criteria, you're eligible to apply to open a First Home Saver Account with AMP Bank. Be aware that government penalties apply if you open an account and you're not eligible.

You will be eligible to receive the government contribution to your account for the relevant financial year in the following financial year, given both conditions below are met:

- you have lodged your tax return for the relevant financial year or provided advice to the Australian Taxation Office that you are not required to lodge a tax return, and
- AMP Bank has reported your contributions to the account for the relevant financial year to the Australian Taxation Office.



**IMPORTANT - You can withdraw your funds within the 14 day cooling off period. However, after that time you can only withdraw the money to buy a home and only after having contributed at least \$1,000 each year for 4 financial years.**

## When you're ready to buy or build your first home

When you're ready to buy or build your first home, having met all the requirements, here's what you'll need to know about withdrawing money from your account:

- You must close your First Home Saver Account and use all the money in your account.
- The funds can be used towards the purchase of your first home including the purchase of land to build a home, the cost of a builder to build your home, the deposit to build or buy your home and other purchase costs, including stamp duty or other fees.
- The savings from this account must be used within 6 months of withdrawing the money.
- You must live in your home for at least 6 of the first 12 months after you've bought or built.
- If you're buying a home, you must let AMP Bank know within 30 days of the purchase.

These are regulatory requirements and the government will apply penalties if you:

- withdraw your money but don't buy or build a home, or
- don't satisfy the conditions about living in the home.

## What if you decide not to buy a home and want the funds from your First Home Saver Account?

If you've been saving money in a First Home Saver Account and you decide not to go ahead with buying or building your first home, you:

- Must close your account.
- Must put the money into your super account. The money that is transferred into your super account does not count towards the super co-contribution.
- Can't open another First Home Saver Account in the future.

If you buy or otherwise acquire a home (for example, if you inherit or win one), you're no longer eligible to continue contributing to this account. You must close your account and transfer the money into your super.

## Once you're 60 years old or over

Once you've turned 60, you can apply to have the balance of your First Home Saver Account released to you.

Once you turn 65, your account must be closed. You can choose whether to have the funds transferred into your superannuation account or paid directly to you. AMP Bank is required to facilitate this closure if they do not hear from you. If you do not provide a super fund for AMP to pay the funds to, then AMP is required to close the account and pay funds to the nominated complying superannuation plan with AMP in your name.

## Closing your account

When your First Home Saver Account is closed, there are only certain circumstances under which you can open another one. These include when:

- You transfer from one account provider to another.
- Your first home purchase falls through.

## Why choose AMP Bank's First Home Saver Account?

AMP Bank is part of the AMP group, one of the leading financial solutions providers in Australia. The AMP group provides investment, insurance, superannuation, retirement and banking solutions to more than 3 million Australians. For over 150 years, AMP has helped generations of Australian families and individuals build their financial future.

AMP Bank can provide all your banking needs, a First Home Saver Account could be just the beginning. If you'd like more information on this please go to [www.ampbanking.com.au](http://www.ampbanking.com.au) or call 13 30 30.

## Getting started

To open a new First Home Saver Account with AMP Bank simply follow these steps:

- Read the AMP Bank First Home Saver Account Product Disclosure Statement.
- Download and fill in the application form from [www.amp.com.au/depositapplication](http://www.amp.com.au/depositapplication) or call 13 30 30 and we can send you one.
- Remember that you need to open the account in your individual name (accounts in joint names are not permitted).
- Send the form back to AMP Bank in the reply paid envelope or to the address on the back of the application form, free of charge.
- Arrange for deposits from your after-tax income into your First Home Saver Account.
- If you have any questions call 13 30 30 or contact your AMP Financial Planner.

Please be aware that opening a First Home Saver Account doesn't prevent you from applying for the First Home Owners Grant. You may still be eligible for the First Home Owners Grant but you will need to apply for this separately as different rules of eligibility apply.

There is also a 14-day cooling off period in which time you can change your mind about opening a First Home Saver Account and AMP Bank will return your funds to you.

## Getting identified

Under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML/CTF Act) we must verify your identity and that of any signatory on an account. To do this we require you to provide us with a copy of identity document(s) such as your current Australian drivers licence or Australian passport containing your photograph and signature.

The identity documents can either be originals sighted and copied by an AMP Financial Planner or copies certified by an authorised certifier under the AML/CTF Act.

If you don't have either of the above-mentioned documents there are other forms of identification that are also acceptable.

You can download an *Identification Verification form* from the AMP website at [www.amp.com.au](http://www.amp.com.au) or call for a copy on 13 30 30. This form includes all the required documents and a list of persons who may certify the copy.

If you're an existing AMP Bank customer who has been identified since 12 December 2007, you can mail your application to us with your opening deposit (if required) to the reply paid address shown on the back of the application form.

If you're a new AMP Bank customer or have not been identified since 12 December 2007 we are required by law to verify your identity as outlined above.



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