



Meat Industry Employees'  
Superannuation Fund



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This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is a summary of significant information and contains a number of references to important information. Each of these references is marked with a ✓ and forms part of this PDS. You can download this information from [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) or request a copy by calling the Fund. You should consider that information before making a decision about MIESF.

The information provided in the PDS is general information only and does not take into account your personal financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

The information within this PDS may change from time to time. If the change is not materially adverse, we will provide updated information on our website or in a mail-out. You can obtain paper copies of any updates at no charge by contacting the Fund.

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## 1. About Meat Industry Employees' Superannuation Fund (MIESF, the Fund)

MIESF is an accumulation fund, which was established over 35 years ago by the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union. It operates Australia-wide as a multi-employer fund, providing superannuation (super) for people working in the meat industry and their spouses.

- MIESF has 3 sections and this PDS relates to the Main section and the Spouse section. It does not cover the Pension section.
- MIESF is an industry fund that returns all profits to members.
- MIESF is run by the Trustee, which is a company (Meat Industry Employees' Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd).
- **MIESF is MySuper Authorised 17317520544110 and can accept all Superannuation Guarantee contributions made by your Employer.**
- The Fund's Main section offers the MIESF MySuper investment option and the High Growth Option. Main section members' account balances are invested in the MIESF MySuper investment option unless they choose the High Growth Option.
- The Fund's Spouse section members are invested in the MIESF MySuper investment option.
- The latest Product Dashboard for MIESF MySuper can be seen on our website at [miesf.com.au/dashboard](https://miesf.com.au/dashboard)
- The Target Market Determinations for the Pension section and the High Growth Option available for Main section members are available on our website at [miesf.com.au/target-market-determinations](https://miesf.com.au/target-market-determinations)
- Other important information, including executive and director remuneration and other documents prescribed by superannuation law, is available on our website at [miesf.com.au/who-runs-fund](https://miesf.com.au/who-runs-fund)

✓ An employer wishing to enrol members into the Fund should read this PDS and complete a Participating Employer form available from [miesf.com.au/employers/new-employers](https://miesf.com.au/employers/new-employers). New Participating Employers have a 'cooling off' period after joining the Fund and enrolling their first employee. Contact us for further details. Generally, from 1 November 2021, if a new employee does not choose their own super fund and the ATO advises the employee does not have a stapled fund, the Employer can enrol the new employee into the Fund.

## 2. How super works

When you retire, it is likely that the kind of lifestyle you have in retirement will largely depend on what you do about your super now and in the future. Therefore it is important for you to understand how your super works and what it can do for you. Your super can also provide financial support for your dependants if you die while you are a member of MIESF.

Superannuation was introduced by the Government as a partly compulsory form of investment to help you save for your retirement. The Government supports superannuation savings and therefore provides favourable tax treatment for the money invested in superannuation.

The types of contributions that MIESF will accept on behalf of Main section members are:

- Before-tax contributions, including
  - Compulsory Superannuation Guarantee (SG) contributions made by your Employer; and
  - Salary sacrifice contributions that you may wish (with your Employer's agreement) to make to the Fund from your pre-tax salary;
- Voluntary member contributions, which are contributions you make to the Fund from your after-tax salary (you may also be entitled to claim a tax deduction on these contributions which will result in the voluntary member contributions being treated as before-tax contributions);
- Government co-contributions – if you earn less than \$56,112 a year and make after-tax contributions to the Fund, you may qualify for a Government co-contribution.
- Government Low Income Super Tax Offset (LISTO) – if you earn less than \$37,000 a year, the ATO will refund the 15% tax paid by the Fund on your Employer contributions. The maximum payment is \$500 p.a. and it is made directly into your superannuation account if you are eligible.

Spouse section members can only receive contributions made for them by an eligible Main section member.

**Please note, the Government places limits on the amount of before-tax (concessional) and after-tax (non-concessional) contributions you may make to a superannuation fund.** Further information on this and the taxation of super is provided in Section 7 of this PDS.

### WITHDRAWING BENEFITS FROM THE FUND

As superannuation benefits are intended to support you in your retirement, you are generally unable to access your super until you reach your preservation age (between age 55 and 60 depending on when you were born) and retire permanently from the workforce. In some circumstances you may be able to access your super under early release conditions prior to retirement. Please contact the Fund for information on these circumstances.

### CHOICE OF FUND

Choice of fund legislation allows most people to choose which super fund their Employer makes SG contributions to. If you do not actively choose the superannuation fund that your Employer pays contributions to when you start employment with the Employer on or after 1 November 2021, your Employer's contributions will be paid into your stapled fund (as notified by the ATO to your Employer) or, if none, the Employer's default super fund. Your stapled super fund is usually an active super account you already hold.

If you want your Employer to pay your contributions to MIESF, please complete the Nomination Of MIESF As My Choice Of Fund form which is available on our website and give it to your Employer.

If you become a member of the Fund and then subsequently your Employer makes SG contributions for you to another fund because you have chosen another fund, your Employer will need to notify the Trustee of this and the date contributions were first remitted to your chosen fund.

For more information about choice of fund go to the ATO's website.

### TRANSFERRING YOUR ACCOUNT BALANCE

If you have "exercised choice" and transferred part of your account balance to another fund, your Death, Terminal Illness and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) insurance cover in the Fund may cease (please see Section 8 of this PDS).

If you choose to have your SG contributions paid to another fund and you do not transfer part of your account balance out of the Fund, you may continue to receive Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover in MIESF, however your insurance cover will cease if MIESF has not received an amount on your behalf for a continuous period of 16 months and you have not provided the Fund with a signed Membership Application form or Member Super Choices form in which you have chosen insurance by completing Section 2, before the 16 months has been completed. Refer to page 8 for further details. TPD insurance cover always ceases at age 65. Similarly, Terminal Illness cover ceases at age 69 and Death insurance cover ceases at age 70. For further information on Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover in MIESF, please see Section 8 of this PDS.

To arrange for your account balance to be transferred to another fund, you can contact us, or alternatively, you can contact the other fund and they will advise you what to do.

### PRIVACY

Superannuation funds are subject to privacy laws and MIESF has a Privacy Policy. It can be seen on our website at [miesf.com.au/who-runs-fund](https://miesf.com.au/who-runs-fund)

- ✓ You should read the important information about how super works, including privacy, before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 2 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material relating to how super works may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

For more general information about super and how it can benefit you to make additional contributions, and other calculators that may help you make decisions in relation to your superannuation, please visit [www.moneysmart.gov.au/how-super-works](https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/how-super-works)

### 3. Benefits of investing with MIESF

Every member has a MIESF account. The growth of your super benefits is linked to the amount of contributions made to this account, the deductions from it, and the investment earnings in the relevant investment option(s). The larger the contributions and the higher the investment returns, the faster your account will grow.

#### FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF THE MAIN SECTION

MIESF is a simple, low cost superannuation fund that offers the following features and benefits depending on whether you are a member of the Main section or Spouse section:

- Contributions are accepted from your Employer on your behalf;
- You can make additional voluntary contributions on a pre-tax (by salary sacrifice) or after-tax basis;
- The ability to roll over any superannuation benefit received from another superannuation plan;
- Lump sum benefits can be paid on retirement, resignation or retrenchment (subject to preservation requirements under Superannuation Law);
- Death, Terminal Illness and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) insurance cover is provided to eligible members subject to some restrictions (please refer to Section 8 of this PDS for more information);
- Our Pension section means that you can continue with the Fund even after you retire, or otherwise become eligible to commence a superannuation pension;
- If you leave the meat industry, your new Employer can usually make contributions to MIESF;
- MIESF can accept contributions from existing members who become self-employed;
- MIESF provides a long-term superannuation vehicle. You don't have to leave MIESF when you change or leave an Employer. You can:
  - Leave your benefit in the Fund indefinitely (subject to Superannuation Law); or
  - Receive a pension when you retire, or otherwise become eligible to commence a superannuation pension.

#### SPOUSE SECTION

As a member of MIESF, you can make contributions on behalf of your spouse if your spouse joins MIESF's Spouse section. These contributions are included in your spouse's \$110,000 limit for non-concessional contributions and they can only be made on an after-tax basis, i.e. from after-tax earnings. Spouse for this purpose, includes:

- A person with whom you are living in a genuine domestic relationship as a couple; or
- A person in a registered relationship under State or Territory law.

To become a Spouse section member, simply complete the Spouse Application Form which is available from the Fund or [miesf.com.au/publications/member-forms](https://miesf.com.au/publications/member-forms)

You may be able to claim a tax offset for superannuation contributions made on behalf of a low-earning or non-working spouse. Eligibility for the tax offset is dependent on your spouse's assessable income, with a maximum tax offset for a financial year of \$540 applying for assessable incomes up to \$37,000 p.a. For incomes in

excess of \$37,000 p.a, the tax offset gradually phases out to nil at assessable incomes of \$40,000 p.a. The maximum eligible contribution for the tax offset is limited to \$3,000. Other eligibility criteria apply.

The Spouse section does not provide any Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover.

Spouse section members cannot make contributions to the Fund or make an investment choice.

The Pension section means Spouse section members can receive a pension from the Fund when they become eligible to receive a pension.

- ✓ You should read the important information about making contributions to the Fund and the treatment of small account balances and unclaimed moneys before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 3 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

### 4. Risks of super

All investments, including superannuation, carry a certain level of risk. Generally, those investments with a higher investment return over the long term have a higher level of investment risk over the short term. Conversely, those investments with a lower risk over the short term usually have a lower return over the long term.

When investing in the Fund, you should consider the following general risks:

- The value of your investment in the Fund will vary over the period of your membership;
- The level of returns and risks in the two investment options will vary depending on the assets that make up the options and past returns are not necessarily an indicator of future returns;
- The Fund's investment objectives are not a forecast or a guarantee of future performance;
- A positive investment return cannot be guaranteed and you may lose some of your money;
- Superannuation laws may change in the future, affecting the tax treatment and how and when you can take your super;
- The amount of your superannuation savings may not adequately provide for your retirement;
- The level of risk that you are comfortable with will vary based on your age, your investment time frame, other investments you may have and your own tolerance for risk.

Other significant risks relevant to the Fund include market risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, security-specific risk, derivatives risk, inflation risk and fund or operational risk.

- ✓ You should read the important information about the risks of super before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 4 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material relating to the risks of super may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

## 5. How we invest your money

MIESF has two investment options and each of these options has a different level of risk and potential return. If you are a Main section member, you can elect to have all or part of your account balance split between the two investment options. You can switch between options twice a year, with effect from 30 June and 31 December. You can make an investment choice by completing a Member Super Choices form available from [miesf.com.au/publications/member-forms](https://miesf.com.au/publications/member-forms). Spouse section members do not have investment choice.

The Trustee may change the investment options by altering the objectives, asset allocation or the available options. We will update you with any changes on our website.

**You should consider the likely investment return, level of risk and your investment time frame when choosing an investment option.**

When you join the Fund, if you don't make an investment choice or you are a Spouse section member, your account balance will be invested in MIESF MySuper, which is our MySuper Authorised investment option.

	MIESF MySuper			High Growth Option		
<b>Investment Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid a loss; that is to be in a position to declare a positive rate of return for each year ending 30 June; and</li> <li>Beat inflation; that is to achieve a rate of return which exceeds the rate of inflation (as measured by the CPI) by at least 2% per annum, after allowance has been made for tax and investment costs, over rolling ten-year periods measured at each 30 June.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide capital growth over rolling seven-year periods measured at each 30 June; and</li> <li>Beat inflation; that is to achieve a rate of return which exceeds the rate of inflation (as measured by the CPI) by at least 4% per annum, after allowance has been made for tax and investment costs, over rolling ten-year periods measured at each 30 June; and</li> <li>Achieve a total return, after allowance has been made for tax and investment costs, that is greater than the median (middle-ranking) return of "growth" investment options in the SelectingSuper survey, over rolling five-year periods measured at each 30 June (<a href="https://selectingsuper.com.au">selectingsuper.com.au</a>).</li> </ul>		
<b>Asset Classes</b> (showing the target and allowable range allocations)		Target %	Range %		Target %	Range %
	Australian Shares	15	5 - 25	Australian Shares	36	34 - 38
	International Shares	18	5 - 25	International Shares	38	34 - 42
	Property	20	10 - 30	International Shares (Hedged)	16	14 - 18
	Infrastructure	12	4 - 22	Fixed Interest - Australian	3	1 - 5
	Fixed Interest	25	5 - 45	Fixed Interest - International	7	5 - 9
	Cash	10	5 - 30			
<b>Description of Option</b>	<p>The aim of this option is to ensure the security of your retirement money and to provide a reasonable rate of return above bank rates of interest over the medium and long-term without taking undue financial risk. This option is intended to be suitable for members who have a strong need to achieve a positive earning rate each year.</p>			<p>The aim of this option is to provide members with an exposure to Australian and International Shares of around 90%. It is designed to deliver higher long term returns to members, but is likely to experience significantly higher volatility than the MIESF MySuper option. This option is intended to be suitable for members who can tolerate a higher degree of risk.</p>		
<b>Investment Time Frame</b>	At least 3 years			At least 5 to 7 years		
<b>Risk Label</b>	Medium Risk			High Risk		
<b>Risk Band</b>	4			6		

There is an industry-wide "Standard Risk Measure" which measures the estimated number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period. This is 2.7 for MIESF MySuper and 4.5 for the High Growth Option. The Standard Risk Measure covers seven Risk Bands/Risk Labels from 1 (very low risk) to 7 (very high risk).

- ✓ You should read the important information about how we invest your money (including investment switches and the allocation of investment returns) before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 5 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material relating to investments may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

## 6. Fees and Costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns. For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You or your Employer, as applicable, may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** website: [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au) has a superannuation calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### FEES AND OTHER COSTS FOR MIESF MYSUPER AND THE HIGH GROWTH OPTION

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your account balance or from the returns on your investment or from the Fund's assets as a whole.

Taxes and Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover costs are set out in Sections 7 and 8 of this PDS. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment. The information can be used to compare our fees with similar funds.

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
Investment fees <sup>1</sup>	MIESF MySuper - 0.39% per year <sup>2</sup> High Growth Option - 0.35% per year <sup>2</sup>	These costs come out of the investment option's before-tax earnings before determining the earnings rates.
Administration fees <sup>1</sup>	\$122.35 per year (\$2.35 per week) Plus 0.18% of assets expense recovery fee per year	The net of tax cost of \$104 is deducted from your account balance at 30 June each year or pro rata of \$2.00 per week at your date of exit from the Fund. This expense recovery fee comes out of the investment option's before-tax earnings before determining the annual earnings rates.
Buy - sell spreads	Nil	Not Applicable
Switching fees	Nil	Not Applicable
Advice fees	Nil	Not Applicable
Other fees and costs <sup>3</sup>	Varies depending on your insurance cover (where applicable)	Deducted from your account when applicable.
Indirect cost ratio <sup>1</sup>	Nil	Not Applicable

**Note:** Our fees are not negotiable.

- If your account balance is less than \$6,000 at the end of the financial year, the total combined amount of administration fees, investment fees and indirect costs charged to you is capped at 3% of your account balance. Any amount charged in excess of that cap must be refunded.
- This is an estimate of the investment-related costs, as a percentage of an option's assets, based on the costs for the year ended 30 June 2021 including performance related fees of 0.00% p.a.
- Insurance fees apply if you have insurance cover. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](http://miesf.com.au/pds) and read the "Additional Member Information Booklet" and "Insurance Booklet".

### EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS

The table below gives an example of how the fees and costs for the MIESF MySuper product for this superannuation product can affect your superannuation investment over a one year period. You should use this table to compare this superannuation product with other superannuation products.

EXAMPLE - MIESF MySuper		Balance of \$50,000
Investment fee	0.39%	For every \$50,000 you have in the superannuation product you will be charged \$195 each year.
<b>PLUS</b> Administration fees	\$122.35 (\$2.35 per week) +0.18%	<b>And</b> , you will be charged \$122.35 in administration fees regardless of your balance plus \$90 will be deducted from your investment.
<b>PLUS</b> Indirect costs for the superannuation product	0%	<b>And</b> , indirect costs of \$0 per year will be deducted from your investment.
<b>EQUALS</b> Cost of product		If your balance was \$50,000, then for that year you will be charged fees of <b>\$407.35*</b> for the superannuation product.

\* **Note:** Additional fees may apply. The fees and costs for the High Growth Option consist of investment fees of 0.35% (\$175) plus administration fees of \$122.35 and \$90 which amounts to \$387.35 per year for a balance of \$50,000. The Trustee has the right to increase fees at any time without requiring your consent. You will receive 30 days' notice before any material increase in fees takes effect, however estimated fees may vary from year to year without prior notice.

- ✓ You should read the important information about fees and costs before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](http://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 6 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet" and Section 1 in MIESF's "Insurance Booklet". The material relating to our fees and costs may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

## 7. How super is taxed

This section gives a brief summary of how superannuation is taxed as at the date of preparation of this PDS in relation to Australian citizens or permanent residents. Taxation treatment may vary from year to year. Go to [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) for further information.

### CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Employer contributions (including salary sacrifice contributions) and member contributions for which a tax deduction has been claimed are known as concessional contributions. Concessional contributions are usually subject to tax at a maximum rate of 15% provided they are limited to \$27,500 per person per annum.

Higher taxes apply to concessional contributions if we don't hold your tax file number or if your income is over \$250,000 in the year contributions are made.

### NON-CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary member contributions for which a tax deduction has not been claimed and spouse contributions, are known as non-concessional contributions. Non-concessional contributions are not subject to tax (provided that they are within a cap of \$110,000 per year). If you are under age 67, you may be able to bring forward contributions for the next two years and make a contribution of up to \$330,000 in one year. However, if you do this, you will then be unable to make further non-concessional contributions for the next two years. **There are taxation consequences if contribution limits are exceeded.**

### TAX ON INVESTMENT EARNINGS

The Fund's investment earnings are taxed at up to 15% and this is deducted before the earnings rates for members are declared and applied to your account.

### TAX ON WITHDRAWALS YOU MAKE FROM THE FUND

#### For members 60 years of age or over

Benefits will be paid tax free (where the benefit has already been subject to tax within the fund, as is the case with the Fund).

#### For members under 60 years of age

Your benefit may be made up of two components. The **tax-free component** is, as its name implies, tax free.

For members under their preservation age, the **taxable component** is taxed at a maximum rate of 22%.

If you are between your preservation age and 60, the taxable component is tax free up to the tax-free threshold amount, which for the 2021/2022 financial year is \$225,000. Any element of the taxable component in excess of this is taxed at a maximum rate of 17%.

Death benefits, terminal illness benefits and other benefits are subject to special tax treatment.

### TAX FILE NUMBER

**You should provide your Tax File Number (TFN) to the Trustee.**

You do not have to provide your TFN, however, if you choose not to provide it:

- Your concessional contributions and some benefits will be subject to extra tax; and
- We will not be able to accept member contributions by/for you.

Any tax amounts that are due to be paid by the Trustee to the ATO are deducted from your account (in the case of contributions tax up to 15%, no TFN tax and tax on super benefits), where applicable, or investment earnings (in the case of tax on investment earnings) and forwarded

to the ATO when required. Any extra taxes relating to contributions may be deducted from your account or must be paid by you directly to the ATO.

✓ You should read the important information about how super is taxed before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](http://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 7 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material relating to how super is taxed may change between the time you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

## 8. Insurance in your super

MIESF provides Death and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) insurance cover to eligible Main section members. The Death insurance cover will also be payable on Terminal Illness, which effectively means that the payment is made "early" prior to the date of death.

The insurance cover provided is subject to the terms and conditions contained in a group insurance policy taken out by the Trustee with TAL Life Limited (ABN 70 050 109 450 AFSL 237848). There are costs associated with insurance cover.

### HOW MUCH DEATH, TERMINAL ILLNESS AND TPD INSURANCE COVER IS PROVIDED?

The standard amount of Death and TPD cover that applies for eligible members and the weekly cost to insured members is shown below. The amount of any insured death or TPD benefit that becomes payable is based on the eligible member's age at the date of death or date of disablement (as applicable).

Age	Death Cover \$	TPD Cover \$	Weekly Cost \$
15-29	200,000	150,000	4.35
30-34	200,000	100,000	5.53
35-39	200,000	50,000	6.94
40-44	200,000	35,000	7.53
45-49	200,000	20,000	10.00
50-54	200,000	10,000	12.94
55-59	100,000	5,000	9.18
60-64	100,000	2,500	14.47
65-69	35,000	0	8.24

### WHAT IS THE COST OF THE INSURANCE COVER?

The cost of the insurance cover to the Trustee depends on the age of the insured member and the amount of cover. The Fund pays the insurer the amount of premiums due under the insurance policy monthly. The weekly cost charged to individual members based on the costs shown above, are deducted from the accounts of insured members after taking into account the benefit of tax deductions the Fund receives for insurance expenses. You are responsible for the cost of any insurance cover provided to you.

**The cost will be deducted from each insured member's account balance unless the member opts out of insurance cover as described below.**

The Fund's insurance cover is designed to give financial assistance to you or your dependants in the event of your permanent disablement, terminal illness or death.

Members can elect to reduce their level of cover and the cost if they believe that the cost of this cover inappropriately erodes their retirement benefits.

**You can elect to reduce your insurance cover and the cost to 50% of the amounts shown on the previous page.** For example, if you are aged 25, you may wish to elect to have death cover of only \$100,000 and TPD cover of \$75,000 and your weekly cost would be \$2.18.

If you elect to reduce your cover to 50% of the amounts shown on the previous page, you can increase it back to 100% of the amounts shown at a later time, subject to the cover restrictions explained on page 4 of the "Insurance Booklet".

**You can also opt out of Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover altogether**, but you cannot opt out of one, but not the others. Once a member opts out of cover, the member will become ineligible for cover in the Fund at any time in the future.

You therefore have 3 options if you are eligible for insurance cover. You can elect to have 100%, 50%, or 0% of the standard insurance cover shown on the previous page. You should complete Section 2 of the Membership Application form or the Member Super Choices form which are both available on the Fund's website and return the signed form to the Fund Office so that the Fund can implement your insurance choices.

If you do not send us one of these completed forms, the Fund will provide to eligible members 100% of the insurance cover amounts shown on the previous page, subject to the restriction on the amount of benefit for the first year of cover.

#### ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The insurance cover provided within the Fund is subject to important eligibility conditions and cover restrictions, which are explained in MIESF's "Insurance Booklet".

**Information about eligibility, cancellation of cover, conditions and exclusions in the "Insurance Booklet" may affect your entitlement to insurance cover so you should read the Booklet before deciding whether the insurance is appropriate.**

**The Trustee has elected to apply a dangerous occupation exception in the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993.**

This means cover can be provided to you automatically even though you are under age 25 or have an account balance below \$6,000, provided you are otherwise eligible.

The "Insurance Booklet" also explains that the insurance cover ceases for several reasons including if you make partial cash withdrawals from your account balance or rollovers to another superannuation fund which amount to more than \$20,000 in any financial year, or if you are no longer deemed by us to be in a dangerous occupation (covered by our dangerous occupation election) unless you have elected prior to cover ceasing, to keep your cover.

**If the Fund has not received an amount on your behalf for a continuous period of 16 months, the Fund cannot continue to provide your insurance cover unless you have chosen insurance by completing Section 2 of the Membership Application form or Section 2 of the Member Super Choices form and returned the signed form to us, before the 16 months has been completed.**

**Please note that we will not notify you prior to your Death, Terminal Illness and TPD insurance cover ceasing unless this is due to MIESF not having received an amount on your behalf for 15 months.**

You should therefore make sure that you are familiar with the situations when your Death, Terminal Illness and TPD cover will cease. If you are in any doubt, please contact us to determine whether you have Death, Terminal Illness and TPD cover at any particular time.

- ✓ You should read the important information about insurance in your super before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read MIESF's "Insurance Booklet". The material relating to the Fund's insurance may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.

## 9. How to open an account

### JOINING IS EASY!

In most cases, membership begins when your Participating Employer sends a Superannuation Guarantee (SG) contribution on your behalf. Once we receive your first SG contribution, your membership is established and you will be sent a letter which has your member number on it. This should occur within a few weeks of your membership commencing. Keep this letter in a safe place so you can quote your member number any time you contact our office. Also included with your letter are copies of the Fund's PDS, Annual Report, Membership Application form and Transfer Authority Form.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We encourage you to complete the Membership Application form to provide us with your full contact details and indicate your insurance choice, nominate your dependants and make an investment choice.

The Annual Report details (at the date of the Annual Report) such things as MIESF's investments and how they have been performing, who the current Trustee directors are and any changes to the Fund and superannuation rules which you should know about.

If you have not received your letter or Annual Report, or you require a Membership Application form, please contact our office as detailed on page 2 of this PDS.

In order for us to send you information about the Fund, please tell us when you change address.

It is important that you read this PDS before completing the Membership Application form.

### YOU CAN MAKE ENQUIRIES OR COMPLAIN

Most queries can be sorted out over the phone. To make a complaint about some aspect of your membership or benefits, please contact the Complaints Officer at our office as detailed on page 2 of this PDS.

- ✓ You should read the important information about making enquiries and complaints before making a decision. Go to [miesf.com.au/pds](https://miesf.com.au/pds) and read Section 9 in MIESF's "Additional Member Information Booklet". The material relating to enquiries and complaints may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire this product.