**Changes to the ATO standard choice form**

From 1 July 2014, a new standard choice form and instructions will be released to support the introduction of the SuperStream standards.

The changes to the standard choice form will include new information to enable employer contributions to be sent to super funds electronically. Information to be provided includes the super fund bank account and an electronic service address (electronic destination where information associated with the contribution payment is to be sent).

A final draft of the revised form will be released in mid-June 2014 to support APRA-regulated fund readiness activities.

The new form will be available from July 2014 through existing ATO channels for distribution to employers.

**Summary of changes**

**Section A (employee to complete)**

1. Remove the field:

 ‘Superannuation product identification number (if applicable)’

1. Add the following fields:

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| 1. Unique Superannuation Identifier (USI)
 | A mandatory item if nominating an APRA Fund / RSA. Not mandatory when nominating an SMSF. |
| 1. Electronic Service Address (ESA)
 | Electronic service address is conditional if either the APRA fund, RSA or SMSF can accept contributions sent using SuperStream standard.All super funds must provide bank account information that accepts electronic contribution payments. |
| 1. Fund BSB
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| 1. Fund Account Number
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**Section B (employer to complete)**

1. Remove the field:

‘Superannuation product identification number (if applicable)’

1. Add the field:

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| 1. Unique Superannuation Identifier (USI)
 | This will be a mandatory field if nominating an APRA Fund / RSA.  |

**Specifications**

Data specifications have been drafted to assist employers and intermediaries with system changes and form redesign. **Refer to attached ‘Revised Standard Choice Form – Data Specifications’.**

The specifications document defines the data fields that will appear on the revised ATO standard choice form. The form will be supported by instructions that will guide employers and employees in completing the form and help them understand the key requirements for offering choice and advising the employee’s decision.