

Transition to SuperStream rollovers version 3 and trustee responsibilities

The Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) have been working closely with a range of industry stakeholders to ensure a smooth and effective implementation of version 3 of the rollover message implementation guide (MIG). Version 3 of the rollover MIG incorporates two significant changes for the superannuation industry: rollovers involving SMSFs are no longer excluded from the *Superannuation and Data Payment Standards 2012* ('the Standard'), as well as using the Standard for certain electronic release authorities.

Commencement dates

Under regulation 14.17 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994* (SISR) rollovers to or from a SMSF are required to be in the Standard from 31 March 2021. Transferring money using the Standard necessarily incurs several related obligations, under Division 6.5 of the SISR, including:

- electronically receive rollover/transfer requests (6.33B)
- validate the member's details (6.33D)
- when transferring money to an SMSF, use an electronic service upheld by the ATO to verify certain information (6.33E)
- complete the rollover/transfer within 3 business days (6.34A)

While the inclusion of rollovers to/from SMSFs in the Standard commences 31 March 2021, the ATO and APRA recognise that a transition-in period up until 30 September 2021 for funds to move to version 3 of the rollover MIG will be appropriate to support this significant change.

Breach reporting

APRA is the agency responsible for administering those sections of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* that require RSE licensees to comply with the Standard. APRA recognises the expansion of the Standard to include transfers to/from SMSFs is a significant change to existing practices for APRA regulated funds, and new obligation for SMSFs.

While APRA encourages RSE licensees to comply with the requirements as soon as possible, APRA does not expect failure to comply with these requirements to be reported as a breach prior to 30 September 2021.

From 1 October 2021, APRA's response to breaches will be similar to its general compliance and enforcement approach which is to work with the RSE licensee to ensure the appropriate actions are taken to address any shortcoming in their processes.

Should this approach not satisfactorily resolve the matter, APRA has available to it a range of regulatory tools that it may utilise should that be necessary.

We encourage you to engage with your members and let them know of any changes in details and to keep the ATO and APRA notified of progress and any issues that may arise.

For more information about the Standard visit <http://www.ato.gov.au/superstream> or email SuperStreamStandards@ato.gov.au.

To discuss any issues relating to compliance with aspects of SuperStream, contact your APRA responsible supervisor.