

How to Prepare Your SMSF for Audit

Audit preparation 101:

Tips for SMSF audit preparation this year; Key changes for pensions & contributions; Special investments – what will the auditor need?

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

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Topics Today:

Actuarial Certificates – Does My Fund Need One? Contributions – Caps & Rules Post 1 July 2017 Paying Pensions – Tips & Traps Special Investments & Separation of Assets Requirements

KEEPING FUND ASSETS SEPARATE

Traps to watch:

- **DON'T** use personal monies to pay for fund expenses.
- **DON'T** let the fund 'help out' with personal expenses.
- **DON'T** let the SMSF engage in 'payment in kind'.
- **DON'T** forward the SMSF money 'to be paid back later'.

COLLECTIBLE & PERSONAL USE ASSETS

Fund checks:

- **Storage** DON'T keep the asset on your private property;
- Use DON'T allow members or relatives to use the asset;
- Insurance DO make sure the asset is insured in the SMSF's name within 7 days of purchase;
- **Sale** if the asset is sold by the fund to a member or related party, selling price must be established by a qualified, independent valuer.

PROPERTY & THE AUDIT – Questions to ask:

Is the property held in the appropriate name?

Is the property valued at current market value?

Is the property commercial premises, let to a related party?

Is the SMSF named on the property's insurance policy?



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