

Making a reversionary death benefit nomination - Mercer SmartRetirement Income

What is a reversionary beneficiary nomination?

Making a reversionary beneficiary nomination allows you to nominate one eligible Dependant to automatically continue receiving pension payments from your account in the event of your death. The trustee must follow your nomination wishes, providing your nominated beneficiary remains eligible at the date of your death.

An eligible reversionary beneficiary will continue to receive pension payments until the earliest of the following events:

- The account balance reaches zero.
- Death of the reversionary beneficiary.
- The trustee is prohibited by law from paying the pension (e.g. where a child is no longer eligible to receive a pension).

For as long as the pension is payable, the trustee will make at least one payment (equal to the minimum amount required by law) to your nominated reversionary beneficiary during each financial year, unless superannuation law permits otherwise.

You can make or change your reversionary beneficiary nomination at any time.

Eligible beneficiaries

Your Dependants include:

- Your spouse, which generally includes:
 - your husband or wife
 - another person (same sex or not) who, although not legally married to you, lives with you on a genuine domestic basis in a relationship as a couple
- Your children, which generally includes:
 - your adopted child, step-child, or ex-nuptial child
 - your spouse's child
 - someone who is your child according to the Family Law Act 1975
- Any person who the trustee considers is fully or partially dependent on you
- Any person with whom you have an interdependency relationship, which is where you have a close personal relationship with another person (whether or not related by family) and:
 - you and that person live together
 - you, that person or both of you provide the other with financial support
 - you, that person or both of you provide the other with domestic support and personal care,
- An interdependency relationship can also be where you have a close personal relationship with another person but due to a disability you cannot meet the other criteria of interdependency.

Additional criteria for a child reversionary nomination

If you nominate a child (as defined under 'Eligible beneficiaries' in this section) as a reversionary beneficiary, the law only allows a reversionary pension to be paid to that child if, at the time of your death, they meet one of the following criteria:

- Your child is under age 18.
- Your child is aged between 18 and 25 and financially dependent on you.
- Your child is permanently disabled (as defined by law).

If an eligible child begins receiving a reversionary pension, then once they reach age 18 (or 25 if they were financially dependent on you), the reversionary pension must be commuted and paid out as a lump sum, unless the child is permanently disabled, in which case the pension can continue to be paid.

If, at the time of your death, the child you nominated as a reversionary beneficiary has already reached age 25 and is not permanently disabled, **they will be ineligible to receive an income stream under superannuation law. Accordingly, the reversionary nomination will be invalid, and the benefit will be paid in accordance with the Trust Deed and applicable superannuation law.**

Payment after death of a reversionary beneficiary

If your eligible Dependant, who is receiving a reversionary pension dies, we will pay a lump sum benefit equal to any remaining allocated pension account balance to that person's legal personal representative. If they have no legal personal representative, we will pay the lump sum to any person allowed by law.

Things to consider when making a reversionary nomination

Making or updating a reversionary beneficiary nomination may affect Centrelink entitlements and may have tax implications. We recommend you speak to a financial adviser or Centrelink prior to choosing this option.

Completing the form

To make a reversionary death benefit nomination in the Mercer Super Trust you must:

- Complete this form in full and sign and date it.
- Only nominate someone who is your Dependant.

Once properly made, your nomination replaces any previous nomination you may have made, whether of preferred beneficiaries or a binding death benefit nomination.

If you wish to revoke an existing reversionary beneficiary nomination and not make a further reversionary nomination, you need only complete Steps 1, 2 and 4 of this form, leaving Step 3 blank.

If you need help

For assistance or to access the Privacy Policy and your personal information call the Helpline on **1800 371 369**.

Step 1: Complete your personal details

Title	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Other	Date of birth	/ /
Given names			
Surname			
Postal address			
Suburb		State	
Postcode			
Telephone	-	Mobile	-
E-mail			
Member number		Policy/Account number	

Step 2: Type of nomination

☐ **Add a new reversionary beneficiary or change my existing reversionary beneficiary nomination.**

This will override any previous beneficiary nomination on this account.

Go to Step 3.

OR

☐ **Cancel my existing reversionary nomination.**

Go to Step 4.

Step 3: Make your reversionary beneficiary nomination

You can nominate **your spouse or one eligible dependant** to automatically continue receiving your pension payments. Making or changing a reversionary beneficiary nomination may affect any Centrelink entitlements.

If, at the time of your death, we do not hold a valid reversionary beneficiary nomination then **the benefit will be paid in accordance with the Trust Deed and applicable superannuation law to**

- your spouse if they survive you,
- if you do not have a spouse, your legal personal representative,
- if you do not have a legal personal representative, then any natural person(s) allowed by law.

Important: There may be estate planning and tax consequences involved in making a particular nomination and these rules can be complex. We recommend you seek advice from a licensed or appropriately authorised financial adviser before making a nomination. It is also important to regularly review your nomination to ensure it continues to reflect your wishes and circumstances.

Name of Reversionary Beneficiary

Relationship to you** (Select one option only) ☒

☐ Spouse

☐ Child ^

☐ Financial Dependant

☐ Interdependency Relationship

Address*

Date of birth* / /

^ The law only allows a benefit to commence being paid as a reversionary pension if the child meets certain criteria at the time of your death. Refer to the section above **Additional criteria** for a child reversionary nomination or the PDS for more information.

* Please provide the contact address and date of birth for your beneficiary to assist us to contact them in the event of your death.

** The beneficiary you nominate must be your 'Dependant'.

Your privacy

We collect, use and disclose personal information about you in order to manage your pension benefits and give you information about your super. Our Privacy Policy outlines the type of information we keep about you and how we, and any organisations we appoint to provide services on our behalf, will use this information. If you do not provide the personal information requested, we may not be able to manage your pension. You can read our Privacy Policy online at mercer.com.au/privacy or you can obtain a copy by calling the Helpline.

The policy also includes details about how you may lodge a complaint about the way we have dealt with your information and how we will handle that complaint.

Step 4: Sign the form

By signing this form, I declare that I have read this form and understand that:

- I have nominated a reversionary beneficiary who meets the definition of Dependant.
- My nomination in this form will be invalid if:
 - it has not been made correctly,
 - the reversionary beneficiary nominated is no longer an eligible beneficiary at the date of my death,
 - the reversionary beneficiary nominated is no longer alive.
- The information provided within this form will be used by the trustee to contact the nominated reversionary beneficiary to determine whether they are still my Dependant at the time of my death.
- This form revokes any prior reversionary nomination I may have made.
- I consent to my information being collected, disclosed and used in the manner set out in the Privacy Policy.
- I understand that this reversionary nomination is only effective when received and accepted by the trustee.

Signature 

Date / /

Please return your completed form to Mercer Super Trust, GPO Box 4303, Melbourne, VIC 3001.

Please note: If you are making a reversionary nomination it is a requirement that the original form is posted to the address shown in step 4 of this form. Please do not attempt to email or fax your completed form to us as it cannot be accepted.