



SOLOMONS
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

SOLOMONS WEALTH FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECKLIST

Evaluating your financial health is essential for securing your long-term future and achieving your financial goals. This checklist will help you identify areas for improvement and take actionable steps to optimise your finances.



SUPERANNUATION



Check Your Superannuation Fund Performance

- Regularly review your superannuation fund's performance over the last five years, taking fees and expenses into account.
- Compare similar investment options, such as comparing one balanced option with another over the same period.



Set Your Retirement Goals

- Estimate the funds you'll need for retirement based on your expected lifestyle and income needs.
- Assess your current financial status, including superannuation and other assets.
- Create a detailed plan to move forward with your financial goals.



Consolidate Superannuation Accounts

- Combine multiple superannuation accounts into one to reduce fees and simplify management.
- Merging accounts can enhance the effects of compound interest and make it easier to monitor and adjust your investments.



Stay Informed About Superannuation Changes

- Keep up-to-date with changes in contribution rates, eligibility, and tax implications, as these can impact your superannuation's growth.
- Staying informed helps you make better decisions about your contributions and retirement planning.

SELF-MANAGED SUPER FUNDS

● Understand the Benefits of SMSFs

- SMSFs offer more control over your investments and provide tax advantages, with SMSF income typically taxed at a lower rate than personal income.
- SMSFs allow direct investment in property and a wider range of assets, including art and collectibles.

● Investing with SMSFs

- Use your SMSF to invest in diverse assets, including property, which can yield substantial returns through capital appreciation and rental income.
- Property investment within an SMSF can diversify your portfolio and offer tax benefits on rental income and capital gains.

● Manage SMSF Compliance

- Managing an SMSF requires a commitment to meet strict regulatory compliance and avoid penalties.
- Regularly review your investment strategy and performance to ensure it complies with SMSF regulations.

RISK AND INSURANCES

● Understand the Types of Insurance

- Various types of insurance protect different aspects of your life and assets, including home, renters, life, health, disability, long-term care, and vehicle insurance.
- Assess your needs to select the right coverage for your situation.

● Insurance in Superannuation

- Superannuation can include income protection, life insurance, and total and permanent disability cover, with premiums deducted from your super account.
- Regularly review and update your coverage to ensure it meets your needs.

● Consider Tax Implications of Insurance Policies

- General insurance policies attract a 10% GST, while life insurance premiums are GST-exempt, making them more cost-effective.
- Consult a tax expert to get advice on minimising tax impacts.

● Determine the Right Level of Coverage

- Calculate your financial obligations, such as mortgage or rent, loan repayments, and other debts.
- Factor in future needs, like education costs and household bills, to determine the necessary life insurance coverage.

● Adjust Your Insurance Coverage

- Regularly review and adjust your insurance policies to match changes in your lifestyle or financial situation.
- Ensure adequate protection and avoid gaps in coverage.

● Address Underinsurance

- Avoid underinsurance by regularly updating your policy to reflect your current financial situation and future needs.
- This helps prevent financial hardship and increased debt.

INVESTMENTS

● Create an Investment Profile

- Develop an investment profile that aligns with your risk tolerance and financial goals.
- This profile will guide your investment decisions and help you navigate choices with confidence.

● Diversify Your Investments

- Spread your investments across multiple asset classes, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, and commodities, to manage risk and enhance returns.
- Regularly rebalance your portfolio to keep it aligned with your goals and risk tolerance.

● Include Property in Your Investment Portfolio

- Adding property investments to your portfolio can provide consistent revenue through rent and potential capital gains.
- Consider advanced property investment strategies, such as investing in real estate investment trusts (REITs) or leveraging property assets, to maximise returns and diversify your portfolio.

● Understand Your Superannuation Investments

- Know what investments are in your superannuation to maximise returns and manage risks effectively.
- Choose a balanced mix of shares, property, fixed interest, and cash that aligns with your financial goals.
- Regularly adjust your strategy as circumstances change to ensure your retirement savings grow effectively.



READY TO OPTIMISE YOUR FINANCES?

Use this checklist to evaluate your financial health and take immediate steps towards improvement.

Take the first step towards financial excellence with Solomons Wealth.

Schedule your consultation at our cost and start your journey to a secure and prosperous future.

SCHEDULE MY COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATION