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Please be advised that the SIS Regulation has now been amended, to give effect to the following changes effective from 1 July 2020.

- 1. An increase in the age, from 65 to 67, from which the work test must be met to make voluntary concessional and non-concessional superannuation contributions.
- 2. An increase in age, from 65 to 67, from which the work test exemption is potentially available (The work test exemption allows individuals with total superannuation balance less than \$300,000 who doesn't meet the work test in the current financial year but meets the work test in the previous financial year to make contribution into super), and
- 3. An increase in the age limit, from 69 to 74, for making eligible spouse contributions.

It is important to bear in mind that all of the above changes apply to contributions made in the 2020-21 financial year and later financial years. It does not apply to contributions made in the current financial year. This is wonderful news for our clients who are currently 65 and 66 years of age and are unable to contribute. From 1 July 2021, these clients will be able to make voluntary contributions including concessional and non-concessional contributions subject to eligibility criteria.

The proposal to extend the ability to trigger the bring-forward rule for non-concessional contributions from "under age 65 at any time in the financial year" to "under age 67 at any time in the financial year" has **not** yet been made law. That piece of legislation lives in the ITAA 1997 and the Bill to give effect to this change – the <u>Treasury laws Amendment</u> (More Flexible Superannuation) Bill 2020 is still in the Parliament.

However, we do have strong hope that this measure will be passed in the Parliamentary sitting scheduled for 10 June – 18 June 2020. We will publish another update again when that Bill passes both Houses.

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