

Investment Options Refresh

Frequently asked questions



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What are the changes from 30 September 2024?

Some of Rest's investment options are closing, some options will have an updated investment objective, and the name of one option is changing. An investment objective is our target investment return. Here's a snapshot of these changes:

Investment option	Available to all Rest members from 30 September 2024	Updates to investment objective	Change to name
Cash	✓	✗	✗
Capital Stable	✓	✓	✗
Balanced	✓	✓	✗
Balanced - Indexed	✓	✗	✗
Growth (known as Core Strategy until 30 September 2024)	✓	✓	✓
Sustainable Growth	✓	✓	✗
High Growth	✓	✓	✗
Australian Shares - Indexed	✓	✗	✗
Overseas Shares - Indexed	✓	✗	✗
Bonds	✗	n/a	n/a
Property	✗	n/a	n/a
Diversified	✗	n/a	n/a
Shares	✗	n/a	n/a
Australian Shares	✗	n/a	n/a
Overseas Shares	✗	n/a	n/a

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Why are you closing some investment options?

We regularly review our investment options so that we can continue to provide the right mix for our members. As a result, we're closing the Bonds, Property, Diversified, Shares, Australian Shares and Overseas Shares options.

Our aim is to make it simpler for our members to understand and compare our selection of options when making an investment choice.

Why do other super funds have more investment options than Rest?

Some super funds have more investment options (and some have fewer). The nine investment options available to Rest members from 30 September 2024 offer our members a range of investment options diversified across asset classes, as well as some single sector and low-cost indexed options.

We want to make choosing an investment option simple for members and help support them to feel more confident about making an investment choice.

Why are you changing the name of Core Strategy to Growth?

We think the new name is clearer for members and better reflects the option's growth investment focus, as it is weighted towards growth assets. The name change won't affect how the option is invested or its expected level of risk and return.

I'm invested in a closing option, what do I need to do?

Please review the information we've sent you.

If you're a Rest Super or Rest Corporate member, you will need to decide how you'd like your account balance invested, AND how you'd like your future contributions invested.

There are some transaction restrictions to be aware of (starting on 25 September 2024). If you're invested in an option that's being closed, any balance in a closing option will be automatically transferred to a replacement option on 2 November 2024 unless you choose a different option. You can view the replacement option(s) in the information we've sent you.

What transaction restrictions apply to the closing options?

From 4pm, 25 September 2024 (AEDT), no additional money can be switched into a closing option. If you want to make a switch from a closing option between 4pm, 25 September 2024 and 4pm, 29 October 2024, you'll need to switch 100% of your balance in a closing option to another option(s), i.e. you won't be able to switch only some of it out. For example, if 50% of your balance is currently invested in Property, you won't be able to increase or decrease this allocation. If you submit a switch request, your allocation to Property will need to be 0%.

If you want to change how your contributions are invested, you'll need to elect for future contributions to be invested in one of the remaining nine investment options. You can do this by logging in to [MemberAccess](#) online. For more information, please refer to 'How do I elect which option my future contributions go to?' below.

If you're in the Bonds or Shares investment options, these restrictions already apply.

From 4pm, 29 October 2024 (AEDT), you won't be able to switch investment options until after your balance in a closing option is automatically switched to a replacement option on 2 November 2024.

There are no changes to withdrawals as a result of the investment option closures.

Why do I need to tell you how I want my future contributions to be invested?

Under current super rules, we need to have a specific election from you that tells us how to invest your contributions. If you don't tell us, we must invest your contributions in our default MySuper product, the Growth investment option (known as Core Strategy until 30 September 2024).

How do I elect which option my future contributions go to?

To update the investment option(s) your contributions are invested in, simply:

1. Log in to MemberAccess.
2. Click on the Investments tab
3. Click on the Change investments button
4. Click on the Future contributions button
5. Fill out the form and click Confirm

Which option will my balance be automatically switched to and why?

We've selected the closest match to your closing investment option based on several factors, including the asset classes it invests in, its risk level, and its expected level of return.

Closing option	Replacement option	Why we made this choice
Bonds	Capital Stable	The Capital Stable option mostly invests your super in defensive assets (up to 75%), with a high allocation to cash and bonds. It is the most similar option to Bonds in terms of expected risk and return.
Property	Balanced	The Balanced option splits your super fairly evenly between defensive and growth investments. It has a similar risk and return profile to the Property option.
Diversified	Growth (known as Core Strategy until 30 September 2024)	The Growth option invests your super in growth and defensive assets in a similar way to the Diversified option. The expected risk and return levels are very similar.
Shares	High Growth	The High Growth option mostly invests in Australian and overseas shares. It has a similar level of risk and return as investing in the Shares option.
Australian Shares	Australian Shares - Indexed	The Australian Shares - Indexed option also invests in Australian shares. It has a similar level of risk and return.
Overseas Shares	Overseas Shares - Indexed	The Overseas Shares - Indexed option also invests in Overseas Shares. It has a similar level of risk and return.

The replacement option(s) are not based on any other features of your Rest account, and do not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs.

Does the automatic switch to a replacement option change how my account balance is invested?

Please refer to your 'Investment changes snapshot' to get an indication of how your account balance is invested across different asset classes before the closure of the investment options and how that balance will be invested after the closure of the options if you don't make a switch to another investment option. You can find your 'Investment changes snapshot' in the information we've sent you.

Is there a cost to switch into another option?

Most investment options have a 'buy spread' that applies when you purchase units in the option, including when you switch. Buy spreads represent the estimated transaction costs, including brokerage fees and stamp duty, that are incurred when we buy underlying assets in relation to our investment options.

If you choose to switch out of a closing option to the replacement or any other investment option(s) before the automatic switch takes place on 2 November 2024, a buy spread of up to 0.11% will apply. No buy spread will apply if we automatically switch your balance to the replacement option. You can view the buy spread for each investment option [here](#).

Will I pay higher investment costs in the replacement options?

Investment costs relate to the cost of the option's underlying assets. They can differ significantly between investment options, and can change year to year. The total investment costs for the year ending 30 June 2024 are shown in the information we've sent you and on our website.

What is the performance of the replacement option?

You can view the past performance of each investment option [here](#). Please remember that past performance is not a reliable indicator or a guarantee of future performance. The value of investments, markets and our options can rise or fall, and this can affect performance.

Are you closing these options because of their performance?

We consider a range of factors when deciding what investment options are available to members, including member demand, the amount invested in the option, and its performance. The six closing investment options are not being closed solely because of their performance.

Are you recommending the replacement option(s) as the right option(s) for me?

No - we've selected a replacement option for each closing option based on the asset classes it invests in, its risk level, and its expected level of return. The replacement options are not based on any other features of your Rest account, and do not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs.

We highly recommend you seek advice regarding the right investment option for your needs and personal circumstances. You can also use our Investment Choice Solution* [here](#).

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My asset allocation is not the same after the switch – is that a problem?

This will depend on your goals or personal circumstances. We highly recommend you seek advice regarding the right investment option for you. You can also use our Investment Choice Solution [here](#).

What if I don't like the option you are switching me to?

If you'd prefer to be invested in a different option, you can switch at any time until 4pm, 29 October 2024 (AEDT). A **buy spread** of up to 0.11% will apply. If you're not sure which option is right for you, we highly recommend you seek advice regarding the right investment option for you. You can also use our Investment Choice Solution [here](#).

Where can I find unit prices and performance of the Rest investment options?

You can view unit prices [here](#) – select the blue 'History' button to download historical unit prices.

You can view past performance of our options [here](#). To view returns for previous months, simply click on the calendar above the table. Please remember that past performance is not a reliable indicator or a guarantee of future performance.

Will the closure of the investment options impact withdrawals from Rest Pension?

There is no change to your Rest pension payment amount as a result of the options closing. We'll continue to pay any withdrawals, including pension payments, from the closing options until 2 November 2024. From 2 November 2024, your payment instructions will be updated with the replacement option(s).

Withdrawal split %

For example, if you're invested in the Bonds and Balanced options and previously nominated a withdrawal split %, we'll update it as follows after your balance is switched from Bonds to Capital Stable:

Investment option	Withdrawal split % before 2 November 2024	Withdrawal split % after 2 November 2024
Bonds	50%	n/a
Balanced	50%	50%
Capital Stable	n/a	50%

Withdrawal order

For example, if you're invested in the Bonds and Balanced options and previously nominated a withdrawal order, we'll update it as follows after your balance is switched from Bonds to Capital Stable:

Investment option	Withdrawal order before 2 November 2024	Withdrawal order after 2 November 2024
Bonds	1	n/a
Balanced	2	2
Capital Stable	n/a	1

When will you confirm that you've automatically switched my balance from a closing option?

In November 2024, we'll send you a confirmation that your balance has been switched to the replacement option.

I'm not invested in a closing option, why did you send me this information?

We sent you information about the changes to our investment options based on your balance as at 1 August 2024. You may have recently switched out of a closing investment option. If you're not currently invested in a closing option, you don't need to do anything.

Where can I find out more information about investing my super?

If you're a Rest Super or Rest Corporate member, our Investment Guide (which forms part of the Rest Super and Rest Corporate Product Disclosure Statement or PDS) has more information on the basics of investing in super including understanding asset classes and risk, as well as information on responsible investing.

If you're a Rest Pension member, this information is available in the Rest Pension PDS.

You can view these documents at rest.com.au/pds

If you're not sure which investment option is right for you, we highly recommend you seek advice regarding the right investment option for you. You can also use our Investment Choice Solution [here](#).



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