



Our Audit Shield Service - Your Opportunity For Protection

Our Audit Shield service provides for the professional costs associated with audit activity. It is an optional service we provide to ensure you do not incur unexpected costs.

Audit activity in relation to your SMSF can be costly and time consuming.

The cost of additional fees incurred as a result of audit activity can be considerable depending on the length of time involved in the process, which can vary from a phone enquiry to a complete audit of lodged returns.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) now has unprecedented access to data matching that makes it simpler and far more likely that they will pursue previously untargeted taxpayers. Our Audit Shield service is an effective mechanism to protect you against unplanned professional fees which can arise as a result of audit activity.

SMSF Audit case study:

The ATO instigated an audit of lodged SMSF Annual Returns on an Audit Shield participant. The audit concentrated on property investment income and expenses, limited recourse borrowing arrangements and member benefit payments.

The outcome of the audit was that the rental property was appropriately owned and accounted for, and the member benefit payments had appropriate conditions of release.

Professional fees of \$6,225 were incurred, and fully covered by Audit Shield.

This case study shows how Audit Shield helps to put a participant's mind at ease during a stressful situation, and saves the participant from the significant costs which are associated with audit activity.

The benefits of our Audit Shield service:

- ✓ A cost effective way to avoid the stress and disruptions that can be imposed by audit activity.
- ✓ Professional fees associated with audit activity (up to a prescribed limit) are covered.
- ✓ Payment for your participation in our Audit Shield service is tax deductible.
- ✓ The cover is retrospective, so previously lodged returns are covered automatically.
- ✓ Audit Shield is optional, so you have a choice whether to participate or not.