



## HOSTPLUS SERVICE STANDARDS REPORT

As at 31 December 2024



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# SERVICE STANDARDS

Hostplus is dedicated to delivering exceptional member outcomes, and the best possible retirement futures, for our more than 1.9 million members across Australia.

This takes many forms – and includes responding to your queries through our Hostplus Service Excellence Centre (HSEC) and supporting you through times in your life when you or your family most need our support.

We aim for excellent service, always.

The service standards outlined in this report demonstrate how we measure the quality and speed of service we deliver to you, our members.



#### IN THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024:



Our dedicated team received



We responded to

**ENQUIRIES VIA CHAT** 





Our dedicated team received



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We also paid

1,341

464

Insured Income Protection clain

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445

240

146

Insured Income Protection claims

The source of data and information used in the Service Standards Report varies, including reports that are provided by the administration and insurance service providers and reports that can be generated by Hostplus from the following systems:

#### **MUFG** systems

- . Genesys Cloud
- Aaspire
- Contact Centre Portal (CCP)
- PEGA Complaints
- PEGA Universal Case Management (UCM)
- . PEGA Benefit Payments

#### Hostplus systems

- Claims Management Tool (CMT)
- Client Relationship Management (CRM) tool

As part of our commitment to service excellence, we report on a number of key performance indicators across a range of service areas. Recent results can be seen below and following.

Where available, comparable industry data and benchmarks have been provided. In the absence of these, Hostplus data has been presented without comparison and we will continue to work with regulators and industry bodies to develop appropriate benchmarks.

#### **HOSTPLUS INSURED DEATH CLAIMS - APPROVAL RATE**



<sup>\*</sup>apra.gov.au/life-insurance-claims-and-disputes-statistics



% of **Death** claim applications approved.

This is compared to the industry average of 99%\* for the year ending 31 December 2024

HOSTPLUS INSURED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY (TPD) CLAIMS – APPROVAL RATE



<sup>\*</sup>apra.gov.au/life-insurance-claims-and-disputes-statistics



% of **TPD** claim applications approved.

This is compared to the industry average of 92%\* for the year ending 31 December 2024

#### **HOSTPLUS INSURED INCOME PROTECTION CLAIMS - APPROVAL RATE**



<sup>\*</sup>apra.gov.au/life-insurance-claims-and-disputes-statistics



% of Income Protection claim applications approved.

This is compared to the industry average of 96%\* for the year ending 31 December 2024

#### **HOSTPLUS INSURED AND NON-INSURED DEATH CLAIMS - TIMEFRAMES**



<sup>^</sup>The time the fund received initial notification of the member's death from any party

#### **HOSTPLUS INSURED TPD CLAIMS - TIMEFRAMES**



#### **HOSTPLUS BENEFIT PAYMENTS - TIMEFRAMES**



<sup>\*</sup>Once all requirements are satisfied (includes early release of super requests, retirement payments and departing Australia super payments)

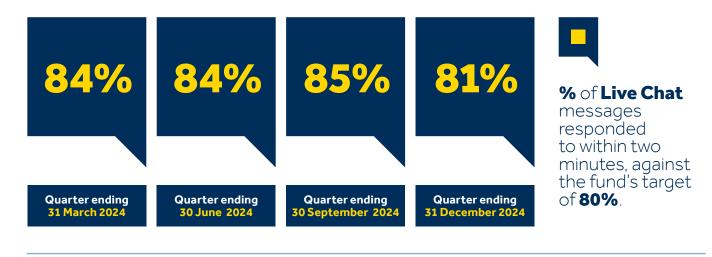
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#### % of benefit payments processed and paid within three business days from

superannuation

accounts.

#### **RESPONDING TO LIVE CHAT MESSAGES**



#### RESOLVING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DIRECTLY



Average number of days to resolve a complaint that was received directly by Hostplus (known as Internal Dispute Resolution or IDR).

According to ASIC's 2022 Report, "Snapshot of complaints handling by superannuation trustees", 24 days was the average time taken to issue an IDR response.

#### RESOLVING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY (AFCA)



Average number days to resolve a complaint that has been lodged with AFCA (known as an External Dispute Resolution or EDR).

This is compared to the superannuation industry average of **105 days**\* to close a complaint. \*AFCA Annual Review 2023-24.





% of complaints resolved at Registration stage (the first stage once AFCA has referred a complaint to Hostplus).

The superannuation industry average for the 2023-2024 financial year was 42%\*.

<sup>\*</sup>AFCA Annual Review 2023-24.

#### **COMPLAINTS RECEIVED THROUGH AFCA – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024**

Between October and December, Hostplus worked to close 72 complaints. Of these, 44 (61%) complaints were closed at the Referral and Registration stage. The remaining 28 (39%) complaints were resolved at the case management and determination stage. Of these 28 closed cases, AFCA made a preliminary assessment or determination on 3 of these complaints. 2 of these were in favour of the Trustee and 1 was in favour of the Complainant. The remaining 25 were settled with the member prior to a determination being made or parties accepting a preliminary assessment.

External Dispute Resolution complaints closed by quarter: Quarter ending 31 March 2024 Quarter ending 30 June 2024 **Quarter ending Quarter ending** 31 December 2024 30 September 2024 Complaints that are not resolved through Hostplus' Internal Dispute Resolution process, and go to AFCA, are known as External Dispute Resolution complaints. 72 complaints were closed between October and December 2024 across the following categories: Closed External Dispute Resolution complaints by type – October to December 2024 **Benefit payment** 23.61% 18.06% Claims processing 13.89% Early release **Contribution processing** 12.50% 11.11% Admin tasks **Investments** 5.56% 4.17% **Privacy** 2.78% **Insurance** Service centre 2.78% **Statements** 1.39% 1.39% **Product** Change of details 1.39% **Account transfer** 1.39%

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