

Time to transfer shares to your SMSF?

One of the few exceptions where personal assets can be transferred “in-specie” to a Self-Managed Superannuation Fund, is **listed shares**. These, of course, have to be transferred at **market value** and therefore a potential barrier to these transfers is often the capital gain that may be generated by the individual as a result of the transfer.

With the significant downturn in markets as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, it may be a good time to consider transfers as there may be minimal capital gains tax effect on the transfer. It may also be possible to treat some or all of the in-specie transfer as a concessional contribution and therefore improve the overall tax effectiveness. Obviously, where transfers are to be treated as contributions, it will be necessary to ensure that you take account of relevant contribution caps applying to the member.

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