

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EQUITY TRUSTEES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (ECF)

SUB-FUND ESTABLISHMENT

How long does it take to establish?

A sub-fund can be established in less than three days.

What is the minimum establishment contribution?

\$5,000 is the minimum amount for establishment of your sub-fund. There is no maximum balance that a sub-fund can reach.

Are my contributions to my sub-fund tax deductible?

Yes, and using the 'Election to Spread Gift Deduction' form on the ATO website, you can spread your tax deduction of five financial years, in even or uneven amounts. Please consult with your tax advisor to see if this is appropriate for you.

Can I ever have my contributed funds back?

No, your establishment contribution as well as any subsequent contributions are irrevocable and cannot be transferred back to you.

SUB-FUND STRUCTURE

What is the Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation (ECF)?

The ECF is a Public Ancillary Fund and must comply with the [Taxation Administration \(Public Ancillary Fund\) Guidelines 2022 \(Cth\)](#).

Who are the Trustees or Directors of the Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation (ECF)?

Equity Trustees is the sole trustee of the ECF as well as Responsible Person. This means that we are legally responsible for all decisions of the Foundation as well as all administration, compliance and governance. As the Founder of a named-sub fund, all you have to do is focus on your giving, while Equity Trustees takes care of the rest.

What is my responsibility and duties as a sub-fund holder?

Your only duty is to recommend which charities you would like your sub-fund to donate to each year. There are no legal responsibilities that you have.

**Does the Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation (ECF) have a product disclosure statement (PDS)?**

The ECF is a Public Ancillary Fund and each sub-fund is intended to provide individuals, families or organisations with a structure for philanthropic purposes. As a registered charity, the ECF is regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and subject to the requirements of relevant commonwealth and state laws.

Public Ancillary Funds are not financial products and therefore the establishment of a sub-fund within the ECF is not accompanied by a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS). As a type of trust, the operation of the ECF and its sub-funds are governed by the terms of its trust deed, which can be found on the ACNC website. Equity Trustees Wealth Services Limited (ETWSL) is the sole trustee of the ECF. As ETWSL is licensed to act as trustee of the ECF under its Australian Financial Services Licence, its Financial Services Guide can be found [here](#).

CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR SUB-FUND

Can I make additional contributions?

Yes, you can contribute funds in any amount and receive a tax-deduction each time you do.

Can I include my sub-fund in my will?

Yes, you can include your sub-fund as a beneficiary under your Will, however contributions in this way are not tax deductible.

Is each contribution to my sub-fund tax deductible?

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Who can contribute to my sub-fund?

Anyone, family friends or general public can contribute to your sub-fund and they will receive a tax deductible receipt for their donation.

INVESTMENT OF YOUR SUB-FUND

Do I have any control of the investment strategy or holdings?

No, Equity Trustees manages all aspects of the operations of the ECF, including the investment strategy and the underlying holdings.

Will I receive regular investment reporting?

Yes, you'll receive quarterly investment reporting showing the balance of your sub-fund, investment market commentary and fund performance.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Who can I donate to?

Your sub-fund can donate to deductible Gift Recipient – Item 1 (DGR1) charities. It cannot donate to any other entities that do not have this endorsement.

How much do I have to donate each year?

Your sub-fund must donate a minimum of 4% of the value of the sub-fund as at 30 June the previous year.



CONTINUING YOUR LEGACY

What happens after I die?

At establishment, you'll be able to nominate your 'successor' who may be your children, siblings, nephews or nieces. Your successor can be changed or updated at any stage. If you do not have a successor, Equity Trustees will carry on your giving in perpetuity.

Can I direct my donations after I die?

Successors can have full rights to express their preferences of charitable distributions as well appoint their own successor when the time comes. However, you can document your vision for your sub-fund in a *Letter of Wishes* to provide guidance to your successor/s.

If I don't have a successor to take over, what will happen?

Equity Trustees will honour any instructions you nominate during your lifetime. We will work with you to prepare a *Letter of Wishes* which will guide all charitable distributions into the future.

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