

Deductions:

Buyer's agent fees

Key Points

- Engaging a Buyer's agent to find a property
- Paying Buyer's agent fees
- Form part of the CGT Cost base



Can a SMSF engage, and pay the professional fees for, a buyer's agent who acts on behalf of the SMSF to find a property for the SMSF?



The following information is provided to assist you in your research.

Yes, the SMSF will be able to pay the buyer's agent fee unless there is something in the SMSF's trust deed that prevents it from doing so (which would be unlikely).

The fee paid won't be an immediate deduction for the SMSF but will form part of the property's CGT cost base. Information on this can be found by visiting:

https://www.ato.gov.au/general/capital-gains-tax/in-detail/calculating-a-capital-gain-or-loss/what-is-the-cost-base-/

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