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**Q 1: I am semi-retired but do some casual work, which I invoice monthly, and get the 9% super guarantee payment (SGP). Towards the end of May 2013, I will turn 70. I understand that 70 year olds cannot attract the SGP at present, but there is a legislative change which will allow the payments to continue after age 70, to take effect from 1 July 2013. My question is – does the current barrier to payment relate to the period in which income arose, or to the date on which it is paid? That is, if I defer putting in my May and June 2013 invoices until (say) mid June and later – so that the payments will be MADE on or after 1 July 2013 - could the SGP be made?**

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**A 1:** You are correct in saying that the rules regarding super guarantee payments extending beyond age 70 are due to change on 1 July 2013 and yes, there appears to be an issue for you receiving these payments for the invoice months of May and June 2013. The super guarantee payments are to be made based on the period in which the work was performed – not necessarily when paid – and as such, your employer would appear within their rights to not make the super guarantee payments for the May and June 2013 months.

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