
**Fund Statement:
31 August 2022**

Fund statement on members' reducing Fund credit

Kindly note that the PSSPF is a Provident Fund as governed by the Pensions Fund Act 24 of 1956 (as amended) and regulated by the Financial Services Conduct Authority. As such your contributions to the Fund are collected and invested for the purposes of medium to long term growth. The Funds assets include investments into a medium risk diversified portfolio of financial assets designed to achieve growth well ahead of inflation (CPI + 4%) over the medium to long term, a goal which it has consistently managed to achieve.

Note that over the short term i.e. month-to month, and particularly when financial markets have declined because of global or local factors (e.g. the COVID pandemic crisis, the breakout of war between Russia and Ukraine, or rioting and looting in SA as per 2021 in KZN), it is possible that you could experience a temporary decline in member fund credits.

The current Russia-Ukraine war is pushing up prices of oil, gas and certain commodities such as wheat.

The spike in inflation globally (with exception of China), has meant that central banks have raised interest rates. This has the effect of devaluating stock and bond markets. It also signals slowing growth, which switched sentiment towards markets to be negative further adding to poor performance.

During times such as these we would urge you to remain invested in order that you can take advantage of market recoveries and achieve the desired growth target over the medium to long term.