

## Application for withdrawal - Serious illness

Use this form to apply for a withdrawal from your KiwiSaver account if you are suffering serious illness. We will also require you to complete an AML Identity Verification form which is available on our website [www.nzfunds.co.nz](http://www.nzfunds.co.nz)

Please return completed form and documentation to: Freepost NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme, Private Bag 92050, Auckland 1142 or email: [nzfkivi@linkmarketservices.com](mailto:nzfkivi@linkmarketservices.com)

Please print in BLOCK letters.

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### Section A: Introduction

KiwiSaver is a long-term retirement savings initiative. Because it is specifically designed to help you to save for your retirement, there are only very limited circumstances in which you can withdraw funds prior to your qualifying date (the date when you reach New Zealand Superannuation age – currently 65 – or the date, if later, when you complete five years' KiwiSaver membership).

One of these circumstances is serious illness. Under the KiwiSaver Act 2006, serious illness means an injury, illness, or disability that:

- a) results in the member being totally and permanently unable to engage in work for which he or she is suited by reason of experience, education, or training, or any combination of those things; or
- b) poses a serious and imminent risk of death.

As outlined above, the criteria for withdrawal on the grounds of Serious Illness are explicit and high. **If your inability to work is temporary then you are unlikely to qualify for a serious illness withdrawal** and may wish to consider applying for a withdrawal on the grounds of Significant Financial Hardship instead.

If the Supervisor determines you are suffering serious illness, you can withdraw all or a part of your total KiwiSaver balance including the \$1000 kick-start and the amount of the Crown's Member Tax Credit contributions, if any.

To make an application you need to:

- complete sections B, C, D and E;
- ask your medical practitioner to complete section F;
- attach a pre-printed deposit slip for the bank account you wish the money to be paid into;
- sign the form and have your signature witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration; and
- return the completed form to: Freepost NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme, Private Bag 92050, Auckland 1142 or email: [nzfkivi@linkmarketservices.com](mailto:nzfkivi@linkmarketservices.com)

If you have any questions about completing this form, please call 0800 NZF KIWI (693 5494).



## Section D: Statement of your condition

Name of General Practitioner

Years of attendance

Exact nature of your serious illness

When did your serious illness commence?

Doctor or specialist treating you

Address of Doctor/specialist

Street/PO Box

Suburb

City

Postcode

Other comments that may assist the Supervisor

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## Section E: Your declaration

I solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- I have had my principal residence in New Zealand for the entire period that I have been a member of KiwiSaver
- I was living overseas for the following period, and I understand I do not qualify to be paid the Member Tax Credits for this period

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I understand the Supervisor, in deciding whether to pay this application:

- might require further information from me relating to this application;
- might need to seek and obtain information that is held by any other person or organisation that the Supervisor considers appropriate for the purpose of checking the information in, and to assist in assessing, this application and I authorise any person holding information relevant to this application to disclose it to the Supervisor on request, and
- will use and disclose the information about my serious illness for the sole purpose of assisting with the processing of this application.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information provided in this application and the attached documents (if any) is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of member

Date

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Declared at (location)

Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration

Insert stamp here

## Checklist

I have:

- completed Sections B, C and D, and
- signed and dated Section E in the presence of a person authorised to take a statutory declaration, and
- had Section F completed by my doctor.

I have attached for myself and my spouse/partner:

- a pre-printed bank deposit slip or bank statement showing the account name and number into which payment is requested to be made. Payments will only be made to a third party with the provision of additional information. Please contact us if a third party payment is required.
- supplementary information in support of this application, such as medical results and certificates.
- a completed AML form.

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## Section F: Your doctor's declaration of your serious illness

### Patient's name

Title (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr)

Given Name(s)

Surname

### Patient's address

Street/PO Box

Suburb

City

Postcode

I, **Dr**

First name

Surname

of

Street address

Suburb

City

Postcode

Phone number

Email address

### certify that

• I am a registered medical practitioner with the Medical Council of New Zealand, and

• the above-named is a patient of mine and I gave him/her a full medical examination on  /  /  and

• in my opinion, the above-named has an injury, illness or disability which (select options below that apply):

results in them being totally and permanently unable to engage in work they are suited for (because of experience, education or training, or any combination of these); or

poses a serious and imminent risk of death.

I form this opinion based on (give a brief description of the patient's condition):

### Signature of member

### Date

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Reports/records attached

### Medical practice stamp