

Identification and Address Verification for Trusts

To open new accounts with NZ Funds for a Trust, we are required by law to collect and verify information relating to the Trust and the key individuals associated with it.

This information is collected in three stages and can be provided to your financial adviser or NZ Funds.

Stage 1



Trust details

Stage 2



Identity & address verification

Stage 3



Other information

Stage 1 - Trust details

Trust

Please provide:

1. The Trust Deed, any amendments to it, and any subsequent deeds of appointment or retirement.
2. Details of the Trust's source of wealth and/or source of funds. We require information on how the Trust obtained its wealth and, in some cases, how the Settlers obtained their wealth. Information on where the funds to be invested have been transferred from may also be required. Examples of documents that can be used for these purposes are set out below.

Source of wealth or source of funds	Examples of documentary evidence
Business earnings	Financial statements from accountant, tax assessment
Business sale	Sale and purchase agreement, confirmation from solicitor
Salary or wages	Payslips, employment contract, confirmation from the employer
Rental income	Tenancy agreement
Investment returns	Dividend statement, interest statement
Gains on sale of property or shares	Gain calculation, with evidence of sale proceeds and investment cost (sale and purchase agreements)
Inheritance	Grant of probate, solicitors statement

Key individuals

Confirm all the following individuals that apply to the Trust:

- Trustees, including trustee companies and their directors
- Settlers
- Appointers and protectors
- Individuals with the power to amend the trust deed
- Non-discretionary beneficiaries
- Other persons acting on behalf of the trust or with control of trust assets (e.g., authorised signatories and appointed attorneys).

Stage 2 – Identity & address verification

Identity verification

For each key individual, please provide **one** of the following combinations:

ID Combination 1	ID Combination 2	ID Combination 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport, or• NZ firearms licence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZ driver licence. And one of the documents listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit, debit or eftpos card (Including name and signature)• Bank statement• Government agency document (e.g., IRD correspondence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZ driver licence, OR• 18+ card. And one of the documents listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full birth certificate• Citizenship certificate

Important note: digital versions of bank statements and Government agency documents are acceptable.

Address verification

The residential address of each key individual needs to be verified.

Please provide one of the following for each of the key individuals to verify their residential addresses (all to be no more than six months old):

- Bank or financial institution statement
- Government agency document (e.g., correspondence from IRD, an educational institution or letter from the Electoral Commission)
- Rates or house insurance document
- Utility document (e.g., electricity, gas, water, landline telephone or Sky TV).

Important notes:

- Where an individual is a minor, proof of the legal guardians' address may be provided.
- Digital copies of utility and house insurance documents are acceptable, provided they show you are responsible for a fixed (non-movable) service at the address. Digital versions of bank statements and Government agency documents are not acceptable.

Stage 3 – Other information

We may need to ask you for additional information depending on the Trust's circumstances, including information relating to the Trust and the key individual's connections with certain countries or the Trust's income or assets.

Providing documents

All identity and address documents provided to your financial adviser or NZ Funds must be the original or a copy certified by an accepted trusted referee. If you plan to provide certified copies of any documents, please contact your financial adviser or NZ Funds for a list of trusted referees and the form to be used. In certain situations, we may also require original or certified copies of other documents (e.g., trust deeds or source of wealth documents).

In some cases, the identities and addresses of the key individuals may be verified digitally, instead of using original documents or certified copies. Please ask your adviser or NZ Funds if digital verification is available.

Get in touch

Please contact your financial adviser or the NZ Funds Client Services team on 0508 733 337 if you have any questions.
