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NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme

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 identity verification form, AML Form for an Individual (Form 1), which is available on our website www.nzfunds.co.nz > KiwiSaver > Documents > Member Forms. Send by standard post to NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme, Private Bag 92050, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142, or by courier to NZ Funds, Level 16, Jarden House, 21 Queen Street Auckland 1010. Alternatively the form can be emailed to nzfkiwi@linkmarketservices.com

1. 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 Government contributions, if any.

To make an application you need to:

- complete sections 2, 3, 4 and 5;
- ask your medical practitioner to complete section 6;
- 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 NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme, Private Bag 92050,
 Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142, or by email to nzfkiwi@linkmarketservices.com.

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

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