

# Payment of benefits

Making the most of your SuperLife

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Under SuperLife, when you cease to be an employee member you automatically become an individual member. As an individual member you are entitled to take a benefit out of your account at any time. You have three main payment options:

Cash payment(s) Deferred payment(s) A managed income

The options let you choose when and how you will receive payment of your benefit. You can take a single option, or a combination of the options as you wish. You can also change your options at any time.

Taking part of your benefit as a cash payment, to meet your immediate expenditure needs, and deferring the balance for when you need it, makes a lot of sense. In retirement, using the managed income option is a very efficient way to convert your savings into income. To help you make a decision, you should need the SuperLife guide "Thinking about your retirement."

#### What do most members do?

Most members choose to take an immediate lump sum. This is part of the "Kiwi way". Taking the cash is a good idea if you intend to spend it immediately, or use it to pay off debt, e.g. a mortgage.

Even if you plan on taking a lump sum and putting it in the bank, it might be better you leave it in SuperLife and move it to the Cash Fund. The Cash Fund gives you a cash return, but your money is at call.

However, in many cases a deferred payment or a managed income, or a combination of both, may be better. This is because if you withdraw your benefit as a cash payment, you have to decide how to invest it. So why not leave it in SuperLife and take what you need when you need it?

Even if you intend to spend your benefit in the next year, there may be advantages in keeping it in SuperLife until you need it, and changing your investment strategy to cash. SuperLife is a PIE vehicle, is tax efficient and your money is "at call".

#### Continuing your membership

As an individual member, the general administration fee is unchanged at \$2.75 a month. In addition, the standard asset fees remain payable.

While you remain a member, you can:

- Continue to make regular contributions and/or lump sum contributions, but you don't have to.
- Continue to choose and change as you wish the investment strategy that applies to your savings account balance.

The legal stuff

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- Choose to continue, change, or stop any insurance benefit and have your insurance premiums paid out of your savings account.
- Have money paid from your SuperLife superannuation savings Account to your SuperLife KiwiSaver Account.
- See your account details over the internet.

#### The options in detail

#### **Cash payment**

If you choose to take part of your savings benefit as a cash payment:

- Your benefit will be paid to you as soon as possible after you become entitled to it.
- You can continue with SuperLife, or rejoin it later, for your future savings needs.
- You can also still choose to continue your insurance benefits (if any).

To receive your benefit, you need to complete the withdrawal payment request form available on the SuperLife Web site.

#### **Deferred payment**

You can remain a member and retain your benefit in SuperLife. There is no minimum period that you have to stay a member, or minimum amount that you have to defer. Under this option:

- Your existing savings continue to be invested and you can withdraw all or part of them in the future at any time.
- You can make a withdrawal at any time by giving notice.

To choose the deferred payment option, complete the continuing SuperLife form, available on the SuperLife website.

#### Managed income

The managed income option is similar to the deferred payment option. The difference is that instead of withdrawing money only as required, you also withdraw money on a regular basis, e.g. \$2,000 a month. A managed income is particularly useful when you want a regular income, in retirement.

If you choose the managed income option, you can:

- Decide on the level of your regular income.
- Change the amount of the regular income at any time.
- Choose the frequency of the regular income e.g. weekly, fortnightly, monthly, etc
- Choose the day the regular income is paid.
- Take out additional amounts whenever you wish.



Under a managed income, because of the regular payment, it is often a good idea to review your investment strategy regularly. We suggest that 2 to 3 years' expected payments are held in cash. Also, as your cash level goes down, it should be occasionally topped up (e.g. once a year), by switching money in the other pools to cash. You should seek advice on what is the appropriate investment strategy for your requirements. You should also read the SuperLife guide "Thinking about your retirement" available on the Website.

The managed income is not taxable income in your hands. As with other withdrawals from superannuation schemes, the amounts you receive are tax-paid. Also, the managed income does not affect your entitlement to New Zealand Superannuation. However, for the purposes of any income test under The Social Security Act 1964 (such as the "young spouses" entitlement to New Zealand Superannuation), the managed income will probably count as income. This applies if your spouse is under age 65 and does not work. You need to seek advice on this, if it could apply in your case.

Further details are set out in the SuperLife article "Managed incomes".

To choose the managed income option complete the benefit option election form attached and also available on the SuperLife Web site.

## Benefit payment request



### - Managed incomes & lump sums

Use this form: To request a managed income benefit or lump sum from your SuperLife savings accounts. Send the completed form to SuperLife at PO Box 105262, Auckland City, Auckland 1143 or scan and email it to superlife@superlife.co.nz.

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Your details  |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| SuperLife number:   | or IRD                              | number:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Note, if you have not previously provided doc<br>under the anti-money laundering legislation, y<br>attached leaflet).   |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name:   |                                     | Date of birth:         /         /         (dd/mm/ccyy) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email:  |                                     | Phone: ( )  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home address:   |                                     | Post code:  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benefit payments  |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complete A, B and C as appropriate. You can   | choose to take any comb             | ination of them.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If you complete any or all of the 3 sections A,<br>have sufficient funds to make the payments.  |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Regular income payments  |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complete this section if you want to recei  | ve a regular managed inco           | me payment.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 I want to receive a regular managed   | income amount of (enter do          | ollar amount) \$  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 I want the amount of the managed ir   | ncome to be paid each (tick         | (one)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| week fortnight  | month                               | quarter 6 months year                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 I want the regular managed income   | to start on/                        | (dd/mm/ccyy)  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | (this is the date the               | e payment will appear in your bank account)             |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Variable lump sum payments   |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complete this section if you want to receive a series of lump sum payments. Show both the amount required and the date to be paid. This can be as well as, or as an alternative to, the regular income. |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Amount                              | Date  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want to receive the amounts as shown  | \$                                  | on / /  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | \$                                  | on / /  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | \$                                  | on / /  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | \$                                  | on / /  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | \$                                  | on / /  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Lump sum payment   |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complete this section if you want to take   | -                                   | _   |  |  |  |  |  |
| I wish to withdraw <i>(tick one</i> ):  |                                     | my total account balance                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| In accordance with the standard SuperLif  | e rules, payment will be ma         | ade as soon as practical.                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address and identity verification   |                                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| If your current address and identity have n before a payment may be made.   | ot been verified <i>(see attach</i> | hed pamphlet), these will need to be completed          |  |  |  |  |  |



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|   |   |  | or                   |  |  |  |
| Managed Funds   | SuperLife <sup>Income</sup>   | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
| -   | SuperLife <sup>30</sup>   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | SuperLife <sup>60</sup>   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | SuperLife <sup>80</sup>   | \$   | %                    | Ì  |  |  |
|   | SuperLife <sup>100</sup>  | \$   | %                    | Unless you indicate which  |  |  |
|   | Ethica  | \$   | %                    | the Funds the money shou<br>come from, it will be taken  |  |  |
| Sector Funds  | Cash  | \$   | %                    | the Funds generally in the   |  |  |
|   | NZ bonds  | \$   | %                    | of cash, bonds, property and<br>shares. This will mean that<br>your share assets are realise<br>last and if you have not<br>withdrawn all of your baland<br>you may have an overweigh<br>exposure to shares. |  |  |
|   | OS bonds  | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | OS Non-govt bonds   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Property  | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | NZ shares   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Australian shares   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | OS shares currency hedged   | \$   | %                    | If you wish to change your<br>investment strategy, compl<br>a change investment strate   |  |  |
|   | OS shares (unhedged)  | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Emerging markets  | \$   | %                    | form or, if you are a register   |  |  |
|   | UK Cash   | \$   | %                    | SuperLife Internet user, you change it online.   |  |  |
|   | UK Income   | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
|   | UK Shares/Property  | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
| ETF Funds   | NZ Cash ETF   | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
|   | NZ Bond ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Global Bond ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | NZ Dividend ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | NZ 50 Portfolio ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | NZ Top 10 ETF   | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
|   | NZ MidCap ETF   | \$   | %                    | ]  |  |  |
|   | NZ Property ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Aust Top 20 Leaders ETF   | \$   | %                    |  |  |  |
|   | Aust Dividend ETF   | \$   | %                    | J  |  |  |



|       | Aust Property ETF    | \$<br>%    |
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|       | Aust Resources ETF   | \$<br>%    |
|       | Aust MidCap ETF      | \$<br>%    |
|       | Total World ETF      | \$<br>%    |
|       | US S&P 500 ETF       | \$<br>%    |
|       | Europe ETF           | \$<br>%    |
|       | Asia Pacific ETF     | \$<br>%    |
|       | US Growth ETF        | \$<br>%    |
|       | US Value ETF         | \$<br>%    |
|       | US MidCap ETF        | \$<br>%    |
|       | US Small ETF         | \$<br>%    |
|       | Emerging Markets ETF | \$<br>%    |
| Total |                      | \$<br>100% |

I understand that, if there is insufficient money in the Funds I have indicated, the additional amount will be deducted from the money available in each Fund in turn, in the order of the list above. This is also the SuperLife default option for payments.

Your signature:

 Date:
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