

Permanent emigration

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Under KiwiSaver, if you have permanently emigrated from New Zealand to a country other than Australia, after one year you can apply to the Manager for approval to withdraw your funds and close your KiwiSaver Account. Under this option, any member tax credits you have received since joining will be returned to the Government. You keep any **interest earned** on the **tax credits**, and if you have received the **\$1,000 kick-start** you can also keep it.

If it is less than one year since you permanently emigrated, you also have the option at any time after permanently emigrating to transfer the balance of your account to a foreign superannuation scheme authorised for that purpose under regulations made under section 228 of the KiwiSaver Act. These regulations are still to be clarified.

If you have permanently emigrated to Australia, you can apply to transfer your KiwiSaver scheme to your Australian superannuation scheme.

Application

To apply to the Manager to withdraw your KiwiSaver Account due to permanent emigration you will need to take the following steps:

1. Complete the attached form to apply to withdraw due to permanent emigration.
2. Complete the statutory declaration over the page, and have it signed by someone who is the equivalent of a Justice of the Peace (JP) or other notary public in New Zealand.
3. Attach evidence to satisfy the Manager that you have permanently emigrated and have been gone from New Zealand for at least one year. This should include:
 - proof of departure from New Zealand such as travel arrangements;
 - certified copy of passport;
 - proof of an address that you have lived at since leaving New Zealand;
 - visa details if relevant;
 - evidence to support your claim to have permanently emigrated, such as address details, employment confirmation, power bills, bank statements.
4. Send your application form together with the supporting documentation to SuperLife Limited.
5. Your application will be considered by the Manager for approval, and the outcome advised to you.
6. If approved, your KiwiSaver Account balance will be paid to your bank account and any member tax credits will be refunded to the government, if you have not emigrated to Australia, and to your Australian scheme including any member tax credits, if you have emigrated to Australia.

Permanent emigration withdrawal form

Complete this form **to apply to the Manager** to withdraw your account balance from the SuperLife KiwiSaver scheme ("SuperLife") due to having permanently emigrated from New Zealand. Send completed form to us at superlife@superlife.co.nz or post to us at P.O. Box 105262, Auckland City 1143.

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Your details

Note, if you have not previously provided documents that verify your identity and your address to SuperLife, under anti-money laundering legislation, you will need to provide it before a payment can be made (see attached leaflet).

IRD number - -

Name: ("the Member")

Date of birth: / / (dd/mm/yyyy) Phone: ()

Address

Town/ city Post code:

Email:

Evidence

- I confirm that I permanently emigrated from New Zealand on / / (dd/mm/yyyy)
- I attach evidence of my permanent emigration from New Zealand (please tick)
(eg, passport detail; evidence of travel arrangements; proof of residence at current address; power bills; employment details)
- I have completed the statutory declaration over the page to the effect that I have permanently emigrated from New Zealand. (please tick)
- I understand that any member tax credits in my account will be refunded to the government. (please tick)
- I request payment of my account balance to the following account:

Account name

Bank name

Branch name

Account number

If the account is an overseas currency account, all bank fees and costs associated with the payment will be deducted from the payment. Please attach a deposit slip that shows the account details.

Signature

On receipt of this form and the supporting documents, your application will be submitted to the Manager. If approved, your account balance will be paid to the nominated bank account and all member tax credits will be refunded to the government.

Your signature: _____ Date: / /

Statutory declaration form

I, (full name) _____ (Declarant)

(Address) _____

Occupation _____

Solemnly and sincerely declare, that :

I permanently emigrated from New Zealand on ____ / ____ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declaration Act 1957.

Signature of Declarant _____

Witness¹ _____

Declared at _____ **this** _____ **day of** _____ **20** _____

Before me _____

¹ A Justice of the Peace, or other person (e.g. notary public, solicitor, officer of the court) authorised to take and receive Statutory Declarations