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KIWISAVER WITHDRAWALS—The Basics & Last Year's Changes

The Basics

Many first-home buyers look to KiwiSaver to contribute toward the purchase of their home. KiwiSaver members have the option of using two features:

- The KiwiSaver HomeStart grant; and
- The KiwiSaver first-home withdrawal.

In order to apply for the KiwiSaver HomeStart grant you must have been contributing to KiwiSaver for a minimum of three years and live in the house that you buy for at least six months. When purchasing an existing home you can be granted between \$3,000 and \$5,000. If you are purchasing a new build home, the HomeStart grant is between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

If you are planning to apply for this grant, Housing New Zealand requires a minimum of four weeks to process applications and pay out the money. You can apply for the KiwiSaver first home withdrawal if you have been a member of KiwiSaver for at least three years, intend to live in the property you are purchasing and have not previously owned property (or meet the Housing New Zealand eligibility criteria as discussed below).

Note that KiwiSaver first-home withdrawal applications can take up to ten working days to process, so be sure to allow a minimum of ten working days between the date your Sale and Purchase Agreement goes unconditional and the settlement date.

The Changes—from 1 July 2016

If you are a KiwiSaver member wanting to apply for the two KiwiSaver features discussed previously and you no longer own property but have in the past, you must complete two forms. **You can no longer apply for both features in one application.** If Housing New Zealand determines you are in the same financial position as you would have been had you not previously owned property, they will send you a letter of eligibility which needs to be sent with your KiwiSaver application form.

From 1 August 2016

(a) **Income Cap Limits** have been increased from \$80,000 to \$85,000 for one buyer and \$120,000 to \$130,000 for two or more buyers;

(b) **House Price Caps** have been increased by \$50,000 to new levels of \$400,00, \$500,000 and \$600,000 for existing properties. New price caps of \$450,000, \$550,000 and \$650,000 have also been added for new build properties. The differences in the figures are based on the location of the property in New Zealand.

If you have any questions about your KiwiSaver application or need help with the process please contact one of our four advisers at Chris MacKay Financial Planning.

Remember we also have a specialist Mortgage Adviser, Blair Bennett on the team.

Between the 'devil' and the deep blue sea

In wooden ships, the 'devil' was the longest seam of the ship. It ran from the bow to the stern. When at sea and the 'devil' had to be sealed, the sailor was suspended between the 'devil' and the sea, a very precarious position, especially when the ship was under way.



PARTNERS LIFE—Claims paid to 31 July 2016 from inception (since August 2010)

Cover Type	Number of Claims	Total Sum Insured Paid
Life Cover	183	\$40.309m
Trauma Cover	468	\$44.044m (23 kids claims)
Monthly Disability Cover	1,550	\$15.606m
Medical Cover	8,744	\$36.979m
TPD Cover	5	\$1.003m
* Waiver, Premium Holiday	1,044	\$1.016m
Total	11,954	\$138.960m

* Includes Premium Cover (Waiver of Premium), Premium Holiday and Policy Suspension)

Benefit	Main Claim Events
Life Cover	Death / Terminal Illness caused by Accidents, Cancer and Cardio-Vascular
Trauma Cover	Cancer, Heart Attack and Angioplasty
Monthly Disability Cover	Muscular Skeletal, Mental Health and Cancer
Medical Cover	Skin Treatments, Consultations, Ear and Throat

Act F.A.S.T.

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember and identify the most common symptoms of a stroke. Recognition of stroke and calling 111 will determine how quickly someone will receive help and treatment. Getting to hospital rapidly will more likely lead to a better recovery.

F

FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?



A

ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



S

SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?



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TIME: If you observe any of these signs, call 111 immediately.



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SALT

Salt is sodium chloride.

It's the sodium in salt that's bad for your health.

Use these guidelines to choose lower-salt foods:

LOW SALT	MEDIUM SALT	HIGH SALT
Less than 120mg sodium per 100g	120-600mg sodium per 100g	More than 600mg sodium per 100g
Good choice	OK but aim for lower sodium options in this range	Limit

—Sourced from Stroke Foundation of New Zealand website, www.stroke.org.nz

“A good name is more desirable than great wealth. Respect is better than silver or gold.”
— Proverbs 22:1

FIXED INTEREST

	Booster Income Securities Portfolio (ISP)*	Kiwi Bonds*
On call	2.25% p.a.	
3 months	3.25% p.a.	
6 months	3.35% p.a.	1.75% p.a.
9 months	3.60% p.a.	
12 months	3.25% p.a.	1.75% p.a.
24 months	3.25% p.a.	2.00% p.a.

* Ask for an Investment Statement

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

During the presidential campaign, Donald Trump bashed US Government jobs data as misleading. But with strong February data reported in March, the White House is changing its tune. White House secretary, Sean Spicer, said he spoke to Trump specifically about the numbers and that the president wanted to be quoted “very clearly” through his spokesman about the February data.

“They may have been phony in the past, but it’s very real now.”

Sean Spicer

Number of Americans killed annually by: (10-year average since 9/11)

Islamic jihadist immigrants	2
Far right-wing terrorists	5
All Islamic jihadist terrorists (including US citizens)	9
Armed Toddlers	21
Lightning	31
Lawnmowers	69
Being hit by a bus	264
Falling out of bed	737
Being shot by another American	11,737

—Various sources

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

—Thomas Edison



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