KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy PRE-APPROVAL/APPROVAL APPLICATION FORM

and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal

DETERMINATION FOR

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For further details on the deposit subsidy and the savings withdrawal, go to www.hnzc.co.nz/kiwisaver or call 0508 935 266



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist below to ensure you have all the required supporting documents for your application and have enough time to meet the timeframe required. Apply for a pre-approval if you have not found a house or land to build on, but want to find out if you are eligible before you start house/land hunting. The pre-approval expires after 180 days.

You can skip that process and apply for the deposit subsidy directly if you have already found a house or land, and have a conditional or unconditional sale and purchase agreement. If you do not supply all the required supporting documents, this will delay your application being processed. We recommend you read the notes at the back of this form before filling in this form.

- O Proof of all income earned:
- Certificate of income for the last 12 months if employed or if you are a non-earner or beneficiary; or
- Copies of financial statements and tax returns for the time you have been a member of KiwiSaver, if self-employed; and/or if applicable
- Proof of income earned in the last 12 months for those buying the property with you.

Note: we prefer the Inland Revenue certificates of income that can be found at www.ird.govt.nz. See note 13.

- Full transactional statement that shows all contributions made towards your KiwiSaver scheme.
 If employed, we prefer the statements from "My KiwiSaver" from www.kiwisaver.govt.nz. See note 15.
- A photocopy of your passport, birth certificate or driver's licence.
- O If applicable, a copy of the agreement for sale and purchase, that clearly identifies all purchasers. Please note that any agreement in the name of a trust or company or has "and/or nominee" is not acceptable, and that the KiwiSaver member is clearly stated as a purchaser.
- Your last two payslips.
- Have you provided Housing New Zealand Corporation enough time to process your application?
 We require four weeks from application receipt through to subsidy payment, which can only be paid on settlement day.

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR YOUR SITUATION AND WHAT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

○ A FIRST-HOME BUYER OR ○ A PREVIOUS HOME OWNER

Note that pre-approval/approval applications will be assessed within five working days of Housing New Zealand receiving them (provided they are complete). We require that you submit your application at least **four weeks** prior to settlement date. The payment of the deposit subsidy will take up to **four weeks** of Housing New Zealand receiving the application and it **must** be paid on settlement date. Please note that if insufficient notice is given, we will be unable to process your application.

Apply to Housing New Zealand for the deposit subsidy.	Housing New Zealand first needs to determine that you are in the same position as a first-home buyer at the time you apply for the deposit subsidy.
If you wish to apply as a first-home buyer for the savings withdrawal, contact your scheme provider directly.	For the savings withdrawal, Housing New Zealand will determine if you are in the same position as a first-home buyer, and then you need to apply through your scheme provider. You may tick this form for both the deposit subsidy and the savings withdrawal.
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→ Now complete Section C with your employment/income details.

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See note	s 5 and 6 for	more det	ails about	contribution periods. See note 13	3 about income.	
Please c	omplete tab	le below	even if yo	ur contributions have been cont	tinuous (for example, at the sa	ime employment).
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DATE OF BIRTH

FIRST NAME(S)

DATE OF BIRTH

SURNAME

If you have found a house/land to buy, go to Section D.

If you are applying for pre-approval as a previous home owner, go to Section E.

If you are applying for pre-approval as a first-home buyer, go to Section F.

D HOUSE/PROPERTY DETAILS	
ADDRESS OF HOUSE (PRODERTY YOU WISH TO RIV	
19 ADDRESS OF HOUSE/PROPERTY YOU WISH TO BUY	
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE REFERENCE	DP/LOT NUMBER
UNIT NUMBER STREET NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS	
SUBURB	
TOWN OR CITY	POSTCODE
20 WHAT TYPE OF ESTATE IN LAND ARE YOU BUYING?	
○ Fee simple ○ Stratum estate freehold and leasehold	○ Cross lease ○ Leasehold
See note 8 for more information on property types.	
21 WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY ARE YOU BUYING?	
○ An existing house ○ Vacant land to build a house on	
22 WHAT IS THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE HOUSE/LAND YOU ARE	E BUYING?
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If you are buying land to build, the price should be the land cost plus the agreed build costs.	cost of building the house and you need to provide us with the
See note 4 for more information about maximum house price caps. See not	te 9 for more information about building on land.
 → If you are a previous home owner, go to Section E. → If you are a first-home buyer, go to Section F to read the privacy statem 	ent

See note 12

23 WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT/PURCHASE DATE?



PREVIOUS HOME OWNERSHIP

It is important to complete this section if you are applying for either or both the KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and the KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal and you are a previous home owner.

See notes 2 and 3 for more information for previous home owners.

24 WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR REALISABLE ASSETS?

OTHER ASSETS OVER \$5,000	\$
NOT BEING USED AS YOUR USUAL METHOD OF TRANSPORT)	\$
OTHER VEHICLES (SUCH AS CLASSIC MOTORBIKES OR CARS -	
BOAT OR CARAVAN (IF THE VALUE IS OVER \$5,000)	\$
NET EQUITY IN PROPERTY OR LAND (NOT BEING USED AS YOUR HOME)	\$
INVESTMENTS IN BANKS OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (SUCH AS UNIT TRUSTS)	\$
SHARES AND BONDS, INCLUDING BUILDING SOCIETY SHARES	\$
AND MONEY BEING USED FOR REAL ESTATE DEPOSIT)	\$
MONEY IN BANK ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING FIXED AND TERM DEPOSITS	

See note 3 for more information about realisable assets.



PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information you provide to Housing New Zealand Corporation will be used to:

- assess if you qualify for, and to administer, the KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal.
- assist in research and evaluation of the KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal.

This information will be held by Housing New Zealand Corporation and any other authorised person/agency in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

You have a right to access, or request the correction of, any information held by Housing New Zealand about you or your KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal.

You agree that Housing New Zealand Corporation can use this information to administer both the KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal.

You agree that Housing New Zealand Corporation can request information about you from the following persons/agencies, and you authorise them to give information they hold about you to Housing New Zealand Corporation including:

- Work and Income (Ministry of Social Development)
- Inland Revenue
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- Your employer, or any other person from whom you receive income.
- Your Kiwisaver scheme provider
- \rightarrow Now complete Section G the statutory declaration and signature details.



You can make your declaration in front of anyone authorised to take a statutory declaration. These include:

- Justices of the Peace
- · Barristers and solicitors of the High Court of New Zealand
- Notary publics
- Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and District Courts.
- · Member of Parliament
- A registered legal executive (fellow of the NZILE)

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OF (ADDRESS IN FULL)

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Solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- I have read and understood the Privacy Statement (previous page).
- I give permission for information about me to be used, given and received in accordance with my consents under the Privacy Statement.
- All the information and attached documentation given in this application is complete, true and correct.
- All the information attached to this application is complete, true and correct.
- I am applying as an individual, and not as a company, or trustees of a trust.
- I understand there is a condition to live in the house for at least six months from settlement date, and I will undertake to comply with this condition.
- I understand there is a condition if buying land that I have 12 months to build and supply a code compliance certificate, and I will undertake to comply with this condition.
- I do not currently own property.
- I do not have an unregistered interest in property that I could reasonably be expected to live in or sell.
- I understand that Housing New Zealand has the right to decline my application for a KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal determination.
- Pre-Approval of a KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy offer from Housing New Zealand in no way obligates Housing New Zealand to make any such KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy payment in the future.

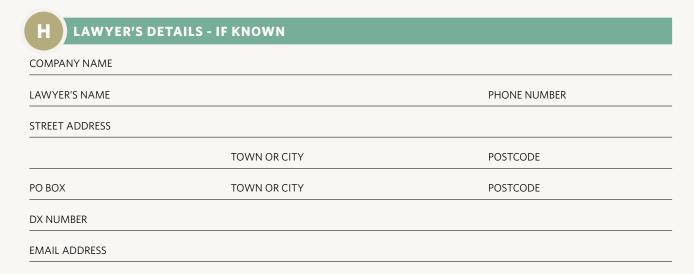
And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING DECLARATION

DECLARED AT	ON THIS	DAY OF	20
BEFORE ME (NAME)			

SIGNATURE

[→] Now go to Section H if you need to supply lawyer's details to have the deposit subsidy paid to.



Attach details or a deposit slip of your lawyer's trust account.



RETURNING APPLICATIONS

Note that pre-approval/approval applications will be assessed within five working days of Housing New Zealand receiving them (provided they are complete). The payment of the deposit subsidy will take up to four weeks of Housing New Zealand receiving the application and **it must be paid on settlement date**

Please note that if insufficient notice is given, we will be unable to process your application. We require that you submit your application four weeks prior to the settlement date.

IMPORTANT: Please use the checklist at the beginning of this form to check you have all the required supporting documents. This includes income statements and financial statements (if self-employed), proof of contribution to your scheme, and sale and purchase agreement. Completed application forms and supporting documents should be mailed to:

KiwiSaver Home Ownership Assistance Housing New Zealand Private Bag 76913 Manukau Auckland 2241

Applications can also be scanned and emailed to kiwisaver.firsthome@hnzc.co.nz

To find out more about KiwiSaver home ownership products, call **0508 935 266** or visit **www.hnzc.co.nz/kiwisaver** or **www.kiwisaver.govt.nz**

Notes for KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy and First-Home Withdrawal

For further details on the deposit subsidy and the savings withdrawal, see the brochure "Buying your first-home with KiwiSaver," available from Housing New Zealand. Visit **www.hnzc.co.nz/kiwisaver** or call **0508 935 266**.

Note 1. KiwiSaver First-Home Deposit Subsidy

The deposit subsidy is a payment of \$1,000 for each year of contribution to your KiwiSaver scheme, complying fund or exempt employer scheme for at least three years, up to a maximum of \$5,000, after you have contributed for five years. Please note that if eligible, this subsidy is paid to your solicitor on settlement day only. If you live in the house you have bought for a minimum of six months, the subsidy does not have to be paid back. If you move out before the six months, you will be required to pay the subsidy back.

Housing New Zealand Corporation administers the deposit subsidy on behalf of the Government and applications should be sent directly to Housing New Zealand.

You can also apply for pre-approval. This happens if you have not found a house or land to build on, but want to find out if you are eligible before you start house/land hunting. Pre-approval expires 90 days after it has been granted.

Note 2. KiwiSaver First-Home Withdrawal

After three years of membership of a KiwiSaver scheme or complying fund; members may be able to withdraw all, or part, of their savings, any employer contributions and all investment returns to put towards buying their first-home. Government contributions are not paid out in the savings withdrawal. This includes the \$1,000 kick-start when you first join.

Not all complying superannuation funds permit withdrawals for this purpose, so you will need to discuss this with the trustees of the complying fund you belong to.

If you are a first-home buyer, please contact your KiwiSaver or complying fund provider to apply. If you are a previous home owner you will still need to apply through your scheme provider, however Housing New Zealand will need to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria.

Note 3. Previous home owners

Previous home owners may apply for both the deposit subsidy and the savings withdrawal. Housing New Zealand administers the deposit subsidy. If you are a previous home owner wanting the savings withdrawal you will still need to apply through your scheme provider, however Housing New Zealand will need to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria below:

- You have not received the first-home deposit subsidy and/or withdrawal before
- You do not have realisable assets totalling more than 20 percent of the house price cap for the area you are buying in. See note 4 for price caps. Realisable assets are belongings that you can sell to help pay for your house. For example if you were buying a house in the \$300,000 cap area, your realisable assets cannot be worth more than \$60,000. Housing New Zealand considers the following to be realisable assets:
 - Money in bank accounts (including fixed and term deposits)
 - Shares, stocks, bonds and building society shares
 - Investments in banks or financial institutions
 - Net equity in property or land (not being used as your home)
 - Boat or caravan (if the value is over \$5,000)
 - Other vehicles (such as classic motorbikes or cars not being used as your usual method of transport)

- Other assets valued over \$5,000
- Cash deposit provided to real estate agent.
- You meet the income cap (see note 13) and house price caps (see note 4).

Note 4. Maximum house price areas:

Buying a house within the maximum house price caps. The house price caps are \$400,000 for Auckland, Wellington City * , Selwyn District and Queenstown Lakes District and \$300.000 for all other areas.

* (this is determined by the Wellington City Council boundary and **does not include** Kapiti Coast, Porirua City, Hutt City and Upper Hutt City areas.)

Note 5. Regular minimum contributions:

To be eligible for the deposit subsidy you must have contributed at least the minimum percentage of your total income to a KiwiSaver scheme, complying fund or exempt employer scheme for at least three years. (From 1 July 2007 to 31 March 2009 the minimum contribution was 4 percent of your income, 4 percent of minimum wage for non-earners or 4 percent of your yearly benefit for beneficiaries. From 1 April 2009, the minimum contribution was reduced to 2 percent of your income, 2 percent of minimum wage for non-earners or 2 percent of your yearly benefit for beneficiaries.)

The contribution periods may change. For example you may have been a paid employee for one year, and then self-employed for two years. This is acceptable as long as you were contributing the minimum contribution during both those periods, and they both add up to at least three years. This three year period can be longer than a calendar period, but must add up to three years.

You must include a full transactional statement of your contributions to KiwiSaver. Employed workers should preferably supply a print out statement from "My KiwiSaver" from www.kiwisaver.govt.nz (See Note 15 for more details). Self-employed applicants should contact their KiwiSaver provider to obtain a statement.

Note 6. Regular minimum contributions for non-earners and beneficiaries:

Evidence of a regular savings habit

KiwiSaver members who do not contribute regularly because they are not earning are eligible for the deposit subsidy if they meet the following minimum regular contribution requirements:

Non-earners

If you are a non-earner you must contribute at least the minimum percentage of the minimum wage to a KiwiSaver scheme, complying fund or exempt employer scheme for at least three years. (From 1 July 2007 to 31 March 2009 the minimum contribution was 4 percent of the minimum wage. From 1 April 2009, the minimum contribution was reduced to 2 percent of the minimum wage.)

Beneficiaries

If you are a beneficiary, you must contribute at least the minimum percent of your yearly benefit (before tax). (From 1 July 2007 to 31 March 2009 the minimum contribution was 4 percent of your yearly benefit. From 1 April 2009, the minimum contribution was reduced to 2 percent of your yearly benefit.)

Note 7. Contribution holidays:

KiwiSaver members, who have contributed to their scheme for 12 months or more, can take a "contribution holiday". This is a break in contributions that can last between three months and

five years. Inland Revenue can approve contribution holidays of less than three months in special circumstances.

You can take as many contribution holidays as you like. Payments can still be made during a contribution holiday.

Note that contribution holidays will extend the time to qualify for a deposit subsidy by the length of the break(s) in payments. For example, if a KiwiSaver member takes a 12 month contribution holiday then the qualification period for the deposit subsidy will extend by 12 months.

Note 8. Type of property and land eligible for first-home deposit subsidy

There are four types of property and land ownership arrangements the deposit subsidy can be used to buy. These are:

Type of land (estate in land)	Description
Fee simple	Owners of the land are entitled to unrestricted use of the land and may dispose of the land in any way they wish (subject to the relevant laws).
Stratum estate freehold and leasehold	Common type of ownership for apartments. An undivided portion of a larger property is owned collectively and a smaller portion (the apartment or unit) is owned exclusively.
Cross-lease (freehold and leasehold)	Ownership of the land is shared and each owner leases their house from the other landowners. The cross lease agreement outlines the rights and obligations of the each owner.
Leasehold land	The owner of the land with a fee simple title enters into a legal agreement (lease) to transfer the right to use the land to another person for a certain amount of time. The lease will detail the conditions including payment of rent to the landowner and the lease may be registered against the land title.

Note 9. Buying land to build on

You can use the deposit subsidy to buy land to build a house on. To do so you need to meet the following criteria:

- · You will live in the house for at least six months.
- You have the house built within 12 months of purchase of the land. (You will need to supply a code compliance certificate to show that this has been done.)
- · You have funding for the construction of the building.
- The total cost of both the land and the house is within the house price caps. See note 4 for details on the house price caps.
 Please provide a fixed price contract to show this.
- · The land or site is ready to build on.

Note 10. "Schemes"

We recommend that before you apply for a deposit subsidy or a savings withdrawal, you re-familiarise yourself with KiwiSaver. It would be helpful to check what type of scheme you belong to, who your scheme provider is, how long you have been contributing to a scheme and how much you have been contributing. You can talk to your employer, check any statements you may have received from your provider, or talk to KiwiSaver direct on **0800 549 472**.

KiwiSaver scheme

Retirement savings scheme providing members with a \$1,000 kick start and annual member tax credits from Government. Members choose to pay 2 percent, 4 percent or 8 percent of salary or wages and the employer is required to pay 2 percent. The scheme name will include the word KiwiSaver.

Complying fund

A registered employer sponsored superannuation scheme which allows members to choose to lock in 2 percent, 4 percent or 8 percent of their salary into an account which may be accessed on the same terms as for a KiwiSaver Scheme. Members should contact their fund providers to find out if withdrawal is permitted.

The member may also continue to contribute to an unlocked account. Members do not get a \$1,000 kick start contribution from the Government when you sign up.

Exempt employer scheme

An employer sponsored superannuation scheme which does not require a member to lock in any member contributions as required by KiwiSaver Schemes but does provide members with access to the deposit subsidy. New employees will be offered this scheme instead of KiwiSaver when they join the employer. They do not get the Government \$1,000 kick start contribution or annual member tax credits.

Note 11. Code compliance certificate

A code compliance certificate is a certificate under the Building Act that shows that building work has been completed against an application of a building consent – you have built what you have said you would build.

Note 12. Processing timeframes

Pre-approval/approval applications will be assessed within five working days of Housing New Zealand receiving them (provided they are complete). The payment of the deposit subsidy will take up to four weeks from Housing New Zealand receiving the application and has to be made on settlement date. Applications that are not submitted four weeks before settlement may not be approved.

Note 13. Income and how to get certificate of income

We require income details for each applicant, to assess if they meet the income cap criteria*. The income details we require is the clarification of your income earned over the last 12 months.

For proof of earnings, we prefer print out statements from Inland Revenue. This is an online tool on the www.ird.govt.nz website that allows you to view your earnings. You can register for this online giving you access to your information anytime.

If you are an employed worker, this can be provided by your employer in a simple letter on company letterhead, clearly showing what you have earned in the **last 12 months**. You must also supply your last two wage slips. If you are self-employed, you must produce financial statements/accounts for the period you are applying for. This should also be supported by copies of any personal tax returns.

Please note that submitting documents that cover the IRD tax year is not sufficient, as it may not cover the period you are applying for. Even if you earn no income, we require evidence of this. For details on how to produce these certificates, go to

www.hnzc.co.nz/kiwisaver

Income cap criteria

- *Have earned an income of \$100,000 or less in the last 12 months -this is for one or two buyers
- *Have earned a combined income of \$140,000 or less in the last 12 months, for three or more buyers

Note 14. Sale and purchase agreement

Please note that all conditional/unconditional sale and purchase agreements must only be in the names of the buyer(s) and that we will not accept agreements that include "and/or nominee" in addition to a named buyer. Additionally, properties being bought in the name of a family trust will not be accepted.

Note 15. My KiwiSaver

For proof of contributions, we prefer print out statements from "My KiwiSaver." This is an online tool on the www.kiwisaver.govt.nz website that allows you to view your balances and transactions for your KiwiSaver fund. You can register for free and access your information anytime. For details on how to produce these statements, go to www.hnzc.co.nz/kiwisaver. If you are self-employed you will need to speak to your KiwiSaver provider.

