

## BENEFITS OF JOINING KIWISAVER

The following advantages of joining KiwiSaver will help your retirement savings grow faster. They start from the moment your first contributions go into your account. Your individual situation, such as whether you're working for a District Health Board or have a superannuation scheme in place already, will determine exactly how much you can benefit.

### Up to \$521 extra each year

If you're aged 18 or over, every dollar you contribute to your KiwiSaver account – up to \$1,043 a year – will be matched 50c by the government, whether you're working or not. Called a 'member tax credit', this money is deposited into your KiwiSaver account once a year, every year you make contributions, until you're eligible to close your account.

### Compulsory employer contributions

Your employer must match your contributions up to at least 3% of your gross salary (subject to the Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax). It's extra money saved for your retirement, helping you save even faster.

### Benefits for first home buyers

If you're planning to buy your first home in the next few years, you may qualify for special benefits to help with your purchase:

- **First home withdrawal.** After three years of saving, you can make a one-off withdrawal from your KiwiSaver account of all except \$1,000 and any transferred Australian savings and put this money towards a deposit for your first home. This is not means tested.

- **KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant.** You may also be eligible for a first home subsidy of \$1,000 a year for the first five years you've saved with KiwiSaver (up to \$5,000). This is means tested. If you qualify, you can use this money after three years of savings to put towards the purchase of your first home, along with your first home withdrawal. You can double the grant if you are going to purchase or build a brand new home.
- **Double your deposit.** If your partner also has a KiwiSaver account, you can combine your first home benefits to double your deposit.

## TRANSFER OF AUSTRALIAN SUPER TO KIWISAVER

If you have funds in a complying Australian superannuation fund and you have permanently emigrated to New Zealand, you are able to transfer them to your KiwiSaver scheme. Some rules apply, for example these savings cannot be withdrawn to purchase a first home, or be transferred to another country. Please contact us for more information on transferring Australian funds to KiwiSaver.

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I SAVE?

The Commission for Financial Capability's Sorted website can help you calculate how much you can and should save based on your income, expenses and desired retirement savings. Visit [sorted.org.nz](https://sorted.org.nz).

## MEDICAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY KIWISAVER PLAN: YOUR LOGICAL CHOICE

- No setup, entry or contribution fees.
- No minimum contribution for people who are not working.
- Seven investment options to choose from, allowing you to choose your own risk through a range of funds.

### Plus

- Specialist advice from people you can trust.
- One point of contact for all your investment and insurance needs.
- Outstanding personal service, making the task of saving for your future so much easier.

## SPECIALIST ADVICE

Everyone's situation is different, so let us help you work out how you can structure your investments to your best advantage. Get in touch with your MAS adviser by phoning **0800 800 627** or emailing [kiwisaver@mas.co.nz](mailto:kiwisaver@mas.co.nz).

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Medical Assurance Society  
KiwiSaver Plan  
Summary Sheet

# SET YOURSELF UP FOR YOUR FUTURE

At MAS, we understand what it means to be a professional. For over 95 years we’ve been providing specialist financial advice to professionals and have built a strong reputation for outstanding personal service. This, coupled with our investment know-how, makes us the ideal choice for professionals considering joining a KiwiSaver scheme.

If you have any questions once you’ve read this leaflet, please feel free to contact your MAS adviser by phoning **0800 800 627** or emailing **kiwisaver@mas.co.nz**. We can help you decide if KiwiSaver is right for you.

## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

MAS have chosen to apply a Socially Responsible Investment approach that better reflects our commitment to a sustainable and healthy future for New Zealand, our planet, and its people. This means that with the help of a recognised global leader in responsible investment, MAS will exclude companies whose principal business activity is:

- Manufacture and sale of armaments
- Manufacture and sale of tobacco
- Exploration, extraction, refining or processing of fossil fuels
- Any utility that primarily burns fossil fuels.

We also apply this policy to MAS reserves, meaning more than \$1.4 billion of investment funds play their part for global health and well-being.

## ALL ABOUT KIWISAVER

KiwiSaver is the generic name for a voluntary workplace superannuation scheme. It is designed to increase the long-term savings of New Zealanders. The scheme is administered by Inland Revenue and provided by independent investment organisations that are approved as KiwiSaver providers, such as MAS. Its benefits include:

- Contributions from your employer of an additional 3%.
- Government contributions of 50c for every \$1 you pay into your account, up to \$521 a year.
- So, if you earn \$100,000 a year and pay 3% into KiwiSaver, your \$3,000 will be matched by \$2,010\* (after tax) from your employer and \$521 from the government.

*\*Employer contributions are subject to Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax.*

## HOW DOES KIWISAVER WORK?

KiwiSaver is a type of superannuation scheme where you make regular contributions from your salary. The money you contribute is pooled with other KiwiSaver members and invested in a range of investments, such as shares, property and fixed interest. You have a choice of different options. It’s a great way to invest as it spreads your risk and increases the opportunities for your money to grow over the life of your investment.

### Easy to join

Anyone under the age of 65 who is living here and is a New Zealand citizen, or entitled to be in New Zealand indefinitely, can join KiwiSaver.

When you start a new job you will be automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver by your new employer. Or, if you’re not changing jobs, you can choose to join KiwiSaver through your workplace or by contacting a KiwiSaver provider, such as MAS, directly. Membership criteria for the Medical Assurance Society KiwiSaver Plan is restricted to certain individuals and is set out in the latest Product Disclosure Statement.

### What if I don’t want to join KiwiSaver?

KiwiSaver isn’t compulsory. You can opt out of the scheme between the third and eighth weeks of starting your new job. Your contributions start from your first payday but will be refunded if you opt out.

### One KiwiSaver account

You can only have one KiwiSaver account – and all the money goes into this one account, even if you have more than one job. And like a bank account, you can change providers any time.

### Flexibility in contributing

When you’re enrolled in KiwiSaver you can contribute 3%, 4% or 8% of your pre-tax salary. You can switch between these contribution levels and can make lump sum payments whenever you like.

Your contributions come straight out of your pay and go into an individual account under your name. Once you’ve contributed for a year you can take ‘contribution holidays’ of between three months and five years.

### Non-employees

With MAS, if you’re not working, you won’t have to make regular contributions. The Medical Assurance Society KiwiSaver Plan allows people who aren’t working to contribute as much or as little as they like.

### Accessing your money

Your funds are locked in until you turn 65 (the current age of eligibility for NZ Superannuation) or for five years if you’re already in your sixties. You may be able to access your funds earlier in some cases, such as if you move overseas or suffer a serious illness.

When it’s time to access your money you can take out the full amount, take out part of it or leave the money in your KiwiSaver account. It’s up to you.

If you’re a first home buyer you may also be able to withdraw money earlier from your fund for a deposit (see overleaf for more about this).

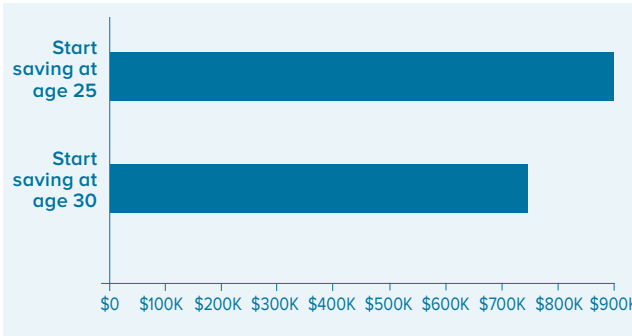
### Can I choose my own KiwiSaver provider?

Yes, you can choose MAS as your KiwiSaver provider. If you don’t choose your own provider, your employer will enrol you with their preferred KiwiSaver provider. Or if your employer doesn’t have a preferred provider, Inland Revenue will select a default provider for you.

You can change KiwiSaver providers whenever you like, but you won’t be able to access your money until you’re 65.

### The sooner you save, the faster your savings will grow

You’ll have 21% more if you start saving at age 25 instead of age 30.



Assume a salary of \$80,000 a year, with a 3% increase in salary each year and net returns of 5.25% and 3% contributions rate a year.