If you already get payments from Work and Income and want to apply for NZ Super, you’ll need to fill in an application.

You can apply online. You’ll only be asked questions that are relevant to you. To apply online or for more information go to workandincome.govt.nz or call us on 0800 552 002.

If you’re completing this form, we suggest you read the instructions on pages 1 to 4 before you fill it in, so you get a feel for what’s needed.

A SuperGold Card is a free discounts and concessions card. We’ll automatically send you a card soon after your NZ Super is granted.

When you can apply
You can apply for New Zealand Superannuation from eight weeks before you turn 65 to avoid missing out on payments.

If you apply after you turn 65 your payments may only start from the date you apply.

What you need to do
You and your partner (if you have one) need to do several things before your payments can start.

1. Fill out this application form.
2. Collect all the documents you need to show us. We tell you about these documents in the application form (look for the 🔴) and we also have a list on page 2.
3. Bring this application form and the documents to a meeting. If you do not already have a meeting arranged, contact us on 0800 559 009 so we can set one up for you.

You must give us all the information we need.
If you do not have all the information we need, talk with us and we may be able to help.

If we find out later that any information you give us is not true, or that you knew information you should have told us and did not tell us, we may stop paying your benefit. You might need to pay money back, we may impose a penalty, and you could be prosecuted.
Once you have filled out the application form, use this checklist to tick off all the documents you need for your meeting with us.

Talk to us if you do not have any of the documents, have given them to us recently or if there might be a delay in getting them. In this form, if we say ‘your partner’ this only applies if you have one.

### What you need to bring

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<td>All people applying need to bring <strong>two</strong> more documents that help to prove who you are (for example, a marriage certificate, bank statement, phone or power account, driver licence).</td>
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**One of the documents above must be at least two years old.**

### Depending on your answers you may need to bring:

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In the applicant form, ‘you’, ‘your’, and ‘yourself’ means the person applying for New Zealand Superannuation. If we say ‘your partner’ this only applies to you if you have one.

Tell us about yourself

This number can be found on your Community Services Card.

Client number [ ]

1. What is your full name?
   First and middle names
   Surname or family name

2. What date were you born?
   Day [ ] Month [ ] Year [ ]

3. How can we contact you?
   Home phone ( )
   Mobile phone ( )
   Other phone ( )

4. Do you agree to get emails from us, including information about discounts and concessions for SuperGold Card holders?
   No [ ] Yes [ ] I don’t have an email address

   Tell us your email address

5. What tax code do you want to use for your NZ Super payments?

   You can work out your tax code using the online calculator at [ird.govt.nz](http://ird.govt.nz) or phone Inland Revenue on 0800 227 774.
Tell us about any time spent overseas

ATTACHMENT FOR Q7:
If you’re using your residence since turning 50 in the Cook Islands, Niue and/or Tokelau to qualify for NZ Super, you need to provide proof of the time you’ve lived in those countries. Ask us if you need help with this.

6

Do you usually live in New Zealand?

This means that you consider New Zealand your home, you’re a legal resident, you usually live here and you intend to stay.

☐ No  ☐ Yes

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How many years, from the age of 50, have you lived in any of the following countries?

☐ New Zealand  ☐ Cook Islands  ☐ Niue  ☐ Tokelau

☐ None If your answers in these boxes add up to 10 years or more go to question 9

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How many years have you lived in New Zealand between the ages of 20 and 50 years old?

☐

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INFORMATION FOR Q9:
Periods of overseas residence may:
• affect entitlement to some benefits
• mean you’re eligible for an overseas benefit or pension.
For more information, phone 0800 777 227.

Have you ever lived or worked in any countries outside of New Zealand?
Do not include holidays of four weeks or less.

☐ No  Go to question 12  ☐ Yes  Please list details below

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ATTACHMENT FOR Q10:
You’ll need to show us evidence of these payments, such as a pension certificate.

Do you get or qualify for a social security benefit, pension or allowance from overseas?

☐ No  Go to question 12  ☐ Yes

Tick the box that best describes your benefit, pension or allowance

☐ Retirement or old age  ☐ Superannuation  ☐ Disability or health condition

☐ Widow or survivor  ☐ Child or dependent  ☐ War related

☐ Other
If you ticked ‘yes’ for question 10, please give details of the payments you get.

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Tell us whether you’re a veteran

Have you served with the New Zealand Armed Forces?

- No
- Yes

If you’ve ticked ‘yes’, you may be entitled to a:
- Veteran’s Pension (for more information call 0800 650 656), and/or a
- War Disablement Pension or associated payments (for more information call Veterans’ Affairs New Zealand on 0800 4 VETERAN (0800 483 8372)).

Tell us about your living situation

Do you live alone?

- I live with my partner
- I live with other people
- Yes

Please provide details for anyone you live with:

Person 1
Relationship to you

Is this person 18 years or younger?

- No
- Yes

What is their date of birth? Day Month Year

Does this person attend school or a tertiary institution?

- No
- Yes

Person 2
Relationship to you

Is this person 18 years or younger?

- No
- Yes

What is their date of birth? Day Month Year

Does this person attend school or a tertiary institution?

- No
- Yes
Do you have any visitors aged 18 years or older who will be staying with you for 13 weeks or longer?

- No
- Yes

What is your accommodation?

- House or flat
- A room in a boarding house
- Self-contained ‘granny’ flat
- Hotel or motel
- Self-contained unit in a retirement village or rest home
- Accommodation in a caravan park
- A boat moored within New Zealand territorial waters
- Other
  - Please provide details

Tell us about your partner

Do you have a partner?

By ‘partner’ we mean someone you are in a relationship with. For our full definition of ‘partner’, go to workandincome.govt.nz and search on Are you in a relationship?

- No
- Yes

Do you want to include your partner in your NZ Super?

If your partner doesn’t qualify for their own NZ Super, you may want to include them in yours. If you include your partner, any income you both get, including any overseas pensions or benefits, affect how much we pay you both.

If you are not sure what the best option is, please talk with us.

- No
- Yes

What is your partner’s full name?

First and middle names
Surname or family name

What is your partner’s date of birth?

Day
Month
Year

Are you living at the same address as your partner?

- No
- Yes
Where does your partner live?

- Rest home
- Public hospital
- Private hospital
- Prison
- Other

Please tell us where they live.

Does your partner usually live in New Zealand?

This means they consider New Zealand your home, you’re a legal resident, usually live here and intend to stay.

- No
- Yes

Tell us about time spent overseas

INFORMATION FOR Q24:
Periods of overseas residence may:
• affect entitlement to some benefits
• mean they’re eligible for an overseas benefit or pension
For more information, phone 0800 777 227.

HOW TO ANSWER Q24:
Their reason for being in a country may be that they were there for a working holiday, they were living there, they were born there. If they don’t know the exact date we’ll accept a month and year.

Has your partner ever lived or worked in any countries outside of New Zealand?
Do not include holidays of four weeks or less.

- No
- Yes

Please list details below

Name of country | Date they entered this country | Date they left this country | Holiday | Work | Visiting family | Study | Missionary work | Humanitarian work | Other
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Does your partner get or qualify for a social security benefit, pension or allowance from overseas?

You need to tell us this because your payments may be affected if they get or are eligible for an overseas pension or benefit.

- No
- Don’t know
- Yes

Tick the box that best describes their benefit, pension or allowance

- Retirement or old age
- Superannuation
- Disability or health condition
- Widow or survivor
- Child or dependent
- War related
- Other
If you ticked ‘yes’ for question 25, please give details of the payments your partner gets.

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Extra help information

You may be able to get extra financial or other help. What you qualify for depends on your personal situation and what income or assets you have. You can apply for extra help at any time to cover things like health and disability costs, and accommodation costs.

Do you wish to get extra help with your NZ Super?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes

Have your income and asset details changed since you last advised us?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes

Are you or your partner involved in a trust, or have you or your partner ever been involved in a trust?

‘Involved’ means one or more of the following:
- you’ve set up a trust, usually by making a gift of assets or property
- you’ve transferred assets to a trust
- you make decisions about managing a trust
- you benefit from a trust, for example, by receiving income such as trust distributions.

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes  

Please write the name of the trust

Name of trust

[ ]
When you’re getting payments from us, there are some things you need to do to make sure you’re getting paid the right amount. So does your partner, if you have one.

If you don’t do these things, we could pay you the wrong amount. It could also mean we have to reduce or stop your payments. We don’t want you to miss out on money you need so please read these carefully.

Let us know when things change

You need to let us know about changes that might affect the amount you’re paid.

Changes to information about you or your family, like:

- name, address, contact details or bank account number
- starting or stopping living alone
- starting or ending a relationship, marriage, or civil union
- your partner passes away
- the number of dependent children you support.

We also need to know if you:

- go into or come out of hospital
- are being held in custody or on remand.

If we have the wrong information we could pay you the wrong amount. If we pay you too much you might have to pay us back.

Tell us if you’re going overseas

If you’re travelling or moving overseas you may need to let us know because we may have to change or stop your payments. Whether you need to let us know will depend on your travel plans. There are some examples below.

If there’s a good reason you can’t tell us before you go, then you need to let us know as soon as you can.

To let us know your travel plans, you can complete a form on our website. Go to workandincome.govt.nz and search on Overseas travel dates.

When you get other payments from us

If you get other payments from us like Winter Energy Payment, Disability Allowance, Accommodation Supplement or Temporary Additional Support, you can keep getting them only for the first 28 days you’re away. You need to let us know about your travel plans before you go.

Travelling for short trips of 28 days (four weeks) or more

You need to let us know if:

- you’re going to be away more than 28 days, or
- you don’t know how long you’ll be away for, or
- you intend to have more than one overseas trip in the next 12 months.
Travelling for 26 weeks or less
You can travel to any country for 26 weeks or less and keep getting your payments as usual.

If you’re still overseas after 26 weeks your payment may stop. If you’re still over there after 30 weeks you may have to repay all your payments since you left.

If you get held up because of circumstances beyond your control that you couldn’t have known about before you left, you may be able to keep payments made in the first 26 weeks.

Travelling for more than 26 weeks
If you have no intention of living in the countries you’re planning to visit, you may be able to get all or some of your NZ Super while you’re away. At least six weeks before you go, you need to contact us to apply to get your payments overseas. What you’ll get depends on where you go and how long you’ve lived in New Zealand.

Going overseas to live
You can live almost anywhere in the world and still get all or some of your NZ Super. What you’ll get depends on where you go and how long you’ve lived in New Zealand. Generally you must apply for payment overseas about 4-6 weeks before you leave New Zealand. To arrange a meeting, call our International Services team on 0800 777 227.

What can happen if you don’t meet your obligations
Your payments can stop if you don’t tell us something we need to know.

You need to do the things listed above to keep getting payments from us. So does your partner, if you have one.

If you don’t tell us something we need to know, your payments can stop. In some cases you could even be prosecuted.

Your rights
You have the right to ask us to review any decision we make about your payments.

If you don’t think we have things right or there’s something you don’t understand:
• call us – we can usually fix it over the phone
• you have the right to ask us to review the decision. Find out how at msd.govt.nz/reviews
Privacy Statement

The Ministry of Social Development includes Work and Income, MSD Housing Assessment, Senior Services, StudyLink and other service lines. The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us. This may happen when you apply for assistance and at any time after that. The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you why we collect the information and what we will do with it.

Why we collect information
The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development and will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.
The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development including:
• granting benefits and other assistance under the Social Security Act 2018
• delivering superannuation services under the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001
• delivering assistance under the Veterans’ Support Act 2014
• statistical and research purposes
• providing advice to Government
• providing support and services for you and your family
• providing education related services
• care and protection needs of children
• assessing eligibility for social housing and calculating income-related rents under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992
• assessing whether you and/or your partner may be entitled to an overseas pension, benefit or allowance.
You are not required to give the Ministry of Social Development information, but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for benefits or pensions and other assistance may be declined.

We may contact health practitioners
The Ministry of Social Development may contact health practitioners to check any health related information you give us.

We may use information for public housing
Information you give us when you apply for assistance, and at any time after that, may also be used for public housing purposes under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992, including reviewing your eligibility for social housing or your income-related rent.
Public housing is subsidised housing available to people in the greatest need of housing for the duration of their need. It is provided by Housing New Zealand and approved community housing providers.

We may compare the information you give us with information held by other agencies
The information you give us may be compared with information held by other agencies such as Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Zealand Customs Service, Department of Internal Affairs, Accident Compensation Corporation, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Ministry of Health and Immigration New Zealand. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia, Malta and the Netherlands).

We may share information with Inland Revenue
Under the Tax Administration Act 1994, if you have dependent children, the information you give us may be shared with Inland Revenue for the purpose of administering Working for Families Tax Credits. Inland Revenue may also:
• use the information for the purposes of child support, student loans and taxation
• disclose it to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Justice, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Ministry of Education
• disclose your personal information to your partner.

We may give information to service providers, employers, public housing providers and childcare providers
The Ministry of Social Development may:
• give employers information about you if you use our employment services
• share information with childcare centres to administer your entitlement to childcare assistance
• give information about you to the Tertiary Education Commission, Workbridge, training providers, career services or other agencies that have a formal agreement to provide services on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development, if you use our employment services
• share information about you with public housing providers (such as Housing New Zealand) to administer your housing-related assistance.

We may use your information to give you a better service
Other information that you give us that is not required to assess your entitlement to a New Zealand Superannuation may be used to provide a better service to you.

You have the right to see and correct your information
Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you and to ask us to correct that information.
Signature page

Applicant

I have answered all the questions that apply to me and my situation.
The information I have given you is true and complete.
I understand the things I need to do while I’m getting payments.
I will do what I need to do to meet my obligations.
I understand what you do with my personal information and how you protect my privacy.

Applicant’s name (print)  Applicant’s signature  Date

Applicant’s partner

I have answered all the questions that apply to me and my situation.
The information I have given you is true and complete.
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I understand what you do with my personal information and how you protect my privacy.

Applicant’s partner’s name (print)  Applicant’s partner’s signature  Date

Helper’s statement

Complete this if you’ve helped the applicant or their partner to complete this application form.

Your first and middle names  Your surname or family name

Your address

Your phone number

Tick the box for the statement that applies

☐ I completed this application form at the request of the person applying. They told me they understood what they were signing. The statements and answers I have completed are true and complete as given to me by the person applying.

☐ I completed this application form at the request of the partner of the person applying. They told me they understood what they were signing. The statements and answers I have completed are true and complete as given to me by the partner of the person applying.

Helper’s signature  Date

Day  Month  Year