



New Zealand Post Superannuation Plan

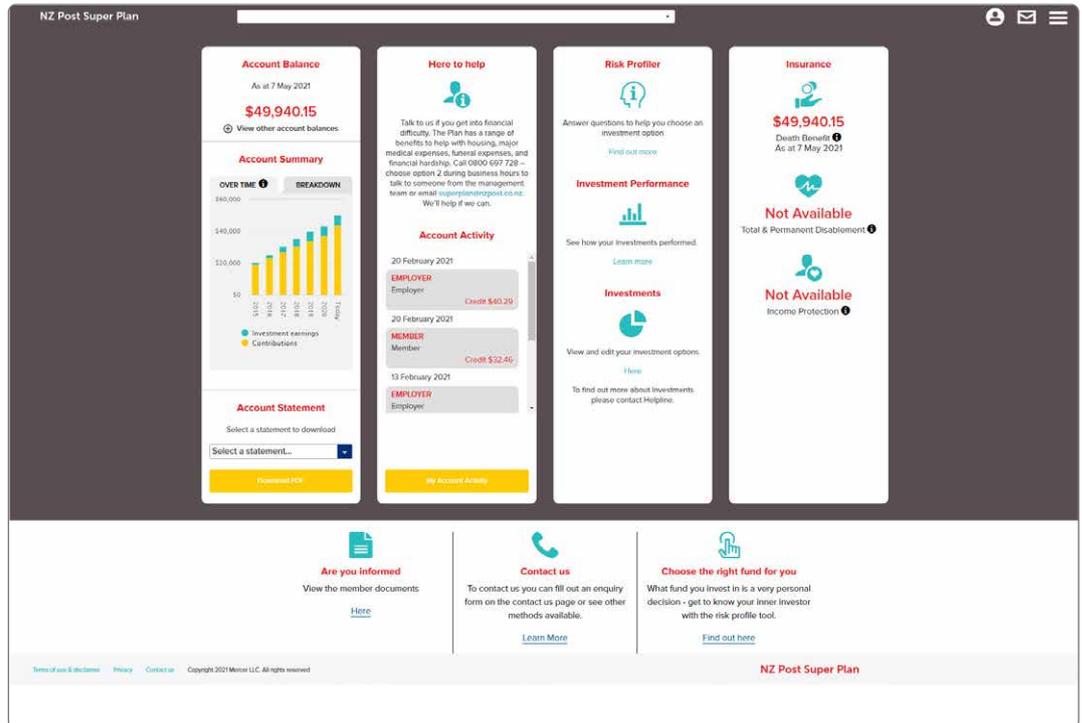
NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS FROM THE TRUSTEE | MAY 2021

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New-look member site

Next time you sign in to your online account, you'll see it looks very different.

We're confident you will find the new site easy to find your way around and a significant improvement on the old member site. You'll find most of the information you need on the first page, including your account balance and a graph showing your contributions and investment earnings over time. The new platform includes a simple calculator to show how your savings are tracking. You can also access your latest account statement from the main screen.



Strong returns for our share-based funds

The Long Term Fund and Medium Term Fund posted strong returns for the 2021 scheme year. It's quite a turnaround from the year to 31 March 2020 when returns for these funds were negative. The sharp rebound in markets and the subsequent strong performance seen this year serve as a reminder to stick to your chosen strategy and not to change investment options unless absolutely necessary. None of us knows what's around the corner, so it's best to choose an investment option based on when you plan to spend the money.

Returns for the Short Term Fund are lower than last year. This is because interest rates on term deposits are lower. Remember, the returns below are after tax. The rates banks offer on term deposits are before tax.

Returns after expenses and tax

| Years ended 31 March | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Long Term Fund % | 20.48 Taxed at 17.5% | 20.79 Taxed at 10.5% 20.00 Taxed at 28% | (2.63) Taxed at 17.5% | (2.62) Taxed at 10.5% (2.58) Taxed at 28% |
| Medium Term Fund % | 15.79 Taxed at 17.5% | 16.08 Taxed at 10.5% 15.36 Taxed at 28% | (1.25) Taxed at 17.5% | (1.17) Taxed at 10.5% (1.35) Taxed at 28% |
| Short Term Fund % | 1.06 Taxed at 17.5% | 1.24 Taxed at 10.5% 1.06 Taxed at 28% | 2.12 Taxed at 17.5% | 2.30 Taxed at 10.5% 1.49 Taxed at 28% |

Numbers in brackets are negative.

Expect your account statement late June

Work is well under way preparing your annual account statement for the year to 31 March 2021. At this stage, we expect the statements to be posted late June. Your statement will include PIE tax information you may need to complete your annual tax return. Fund updates, the annual report and financials for the year will be published on our website before the end of June.

What would you like to know?

We are planning another road show over winter following well attended sessions across the main centres in 2018. It's a great opportunity for us to get feedback from members and to answer your questions. Email superplan@nzpost.co.nz if you have ideas for topics you'd like us to talk about.

A note for members whose families include whāngai adoptions

Whāngai adoptions where a child is raised by someone other than their birth parents are common and an important aspect of New Zealand society. However, you may not be aware that these informal adoptions have no legal basis. You might assume an adopted child will inherit automatically when you die. That is not the case. That's why it's important that you make your wishes clear in your will and keep your nominated beneficiaries up to date. You'll find the form you need on our website.

Why has your PIR changed?

Last year, Inland Revenue updated its systems and now can instruct Mercer to update your prescribed investor rate (PIR). Inland Revenue will do this when they have identified that your PIR is not correct. This is why you may have noticed that your PIR has been changed. However, it remains important for you to keep your PIR up to date. If it's too low, Inland Revenue will require you to pay the shortfall, and you may be liable for penalties and interest. You would have to pay this personally. It would not be paid from the Plan. Your PIR is based on your total taxable income. That includes income from other investments, including rentals. If you're over 65, your New Zealand Superannuation payments will also affect your PIR. You can download a *Confirmation of tax rate* form from the website. The form includes a chart to help you work out your PIR. Call the helpline if you have a question about your PIR.

Getting help and information

 www.superplan.co.nz Our website is a great source of information about the Plan. Check out the latest returns, get answers to your questions or find a form. You can also view this newsletter and previous newsletters.

 www.sorted.org.nz Sorted has financial planning tools and is a great source of advice on money management in general.

 www.moneytalks.co.nz If you are struggling financially, you can find free budget advice through Money Talks. Call 0800 345 123, text 4029 or visit the website to find an advisor in your area.

Help when you need it

Call the helpline if you have a question about your savings or you need to make a change.

0800 NZP SAVE

0800 697 728 (choose option 1)

There's someone available to take your call from 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

You can also email your request to nzpostsuper@mercero.com or fax to (04) 819 2699.

Call 0800 697 728 and choose option 2 if you need to talk to the management team.