

# Booster KiwiSaver Scheme

**Product Disclosure Statement** 

# **Default Saver Fund**

Offer of membership in the Booster KiwiSaver Scheme

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This document gives you important information about this investment to help you decide whether you want to invest. There is other useful information about this offer on www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz. Booster Investment Management Limited has prepared this document in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. You can also seek advice from a financial advice provider to help you make an investment decision.

# 1. Key information summary

## What is this?

This is a managed investment scheme.

Your money will be pooled with other investors' money and invested in various investments.

Booster Investment Management Limited (Booster, Manager, We, or Us) will invest your money and charge you a fee for its services.

The returns you receive are dependent on the investment decisions of Booster and the performance of the investments. The value of those investments may go up or

The types of investments and the fees you will be charged are described in this document.

# What will your money be invested in?

Booster KiwiSaver Scheme (Scheme) has a range of funds for you to choose from.

This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) covers one fund option. This fund is summarised below.

More information about the investment target and strategy for the fund is provided at Section 3 - Description of your investment options.

If you'd like to know about the other funds, visit www.booster.co.nz, contact us, or ask your financial adviser.

# Who manages the Booster KiwiSaver Scheme?

Booster is the manager of the Scheme.

You'll learn more about us in Section 7 - Who is involved?

# How can you get your money out?

The Scheme is primarily designed to help you save for your retirement so usually you can only take your money out when you are eligible for a retirement withdrawal.

However, there are certain circumstances when money can be taken out earlier, including:

- purchasing your first home or land to build your first home
- significant financial hardship
- serious illness or a life-shortening congenital condition
- permanent emigration

Your money will be paid to your estate if you die.

Minimum amounts apply to partial withdrawals.

See Section 2 - How does this investment work? For more information about these and other withdrawals.

# How will your investment be taxed?

The Scheme is a portfolio investment entity (PIE) for tax purposes.

The amount of tax you pay in respect of a PIE is based on your prescribed investor rate (PIR). To determine your PIR, go to www.ird.govt.nz/roles/portfolio-investmententities/find-my-prescribed-investor-rate.

See Section 6 - What taxes will you pay? on page 9 for more information.

# Where can you find more key information?

We are required to publish quarterly updates for each fund. The updates show the returns, and the total fees actually charged to investors, during the previous year. The latest fund updates are available at www.booster.co.nz.

We will also give you copies of those documents on request.

# Your fund options

## Fund description and investment objective

## **Risk indicator**

## Annual fund charges<sup>1</sup>

#### **Default Saver Fund**

The fund invests in a balanced mix of income assets and growth assets. It is suited to investors looking for a medium level of risk and are willing to accept a medium level of returns.

#### Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns 3 6 **CLower risk** Higher risk >

0.35%

#### Member fee

You will not be charged a member fee if your money has only ever been invested in our default fund.

If your money is partially invested in another fund(s) and the balance of your account is over \$500, you'll be charged the standard member fee of \$36 per year (\$3 per month).

#### Account closure fee

You will not be charged an account closure fee if your money has only ever been invested in our default fund.

If your money is partially invested in another fund(s) and you close your account, you'll be charged a fee of \$30.

See Section 4 – What are the risks of investing? For an explanation of the risk indicator and for information about other risks that are not included in the risk indicator. To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at www.booster.co.nz/investor-quiz.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated daily as a percentage of the net asset value of the fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Because the Default Saver Fund started in December 2021, the risk indicator has been calculated using market index returns for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021. As a result, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indication of the potential future volatility of the fund. For more information about the fees charged, see Section 5 - What are the fees?

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# 2. How does this investment work?

This PDS is for membership of the Scheme.

The Scheme is registered as a KiwiSaver scheme under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and is a governmentappointed default KiwiSaver scheme.

KiwiSaver is a voluntary savings initiative designed to encourage New Zealanders to save for their retirement. Most Kiwis can join and benefit from KiwiSaver.

## Structure of the Scheme

The Scheme is governed by a trust deed, which is an agreement between us and the Scheme's supervisor, Public Trust.

The Scheme is a managed investment scheme. This means that your money is pooled with other members' money and invested in various investments.

When you invest your money in a fund, you receive units. Units represent your share of the investments in that fund. The unit price multiplied by the number of units you have in a fund shows what your share of that fund is worth at any

The investments of each fund are separately accounted for and the assets of one fund cannot be used to meet the liabilities of another.

The Scheme is not guaranteed by the Government, the Supervisor, the Custodian, us, or any other person.

We were appointed as a default KiwiSaver scheme provider by the Government under an Instrument of Appointment (IOA). The IOA prevails over the Scheme's trust deed.

## Why invest

The key benefits of investing in the Scheme include:

**Diversification.** Your money is combined with other investors' money, giving you access to a wider variety of investments than you could usually achieve on

Experience. The investments are managed by experienced professionals.

Flexibility. You can choose from a range of funds. There are no establishment, contribution or switching fees.

Responsible investing. We include specific environmental, social and governance criteria in our assessment of investments for the Default Saver Fund.

Knowledge. We keep you up to date about your investment with regular reporting and communications. You can easily access information about your investment online.

# Joining the Scheme

# Who can join

To join the Scheme, you need to be:

- a New Zealand citizen, or entitled to live in New Zealand permanently; and
- living or normally living in New Zealand (with some exceptions).

If you are already a KiwiSaver member, you can transfer to the Scheme from another KiwiSaver scheme at any time.

#### Ways you can join

You can join directly or transfer from another KiwiSaver scheme. See Section 10 – How to apply for more information on how to join the Scheme.

You may be automatically enrolled in the Scheme by Inland Revenue or your employer when you start a new job if you have not chosen a specific KiwiSaver scheme to join. If you've been enrolled because this is your employer's preferred KiwiSaver scheme you'll be initially invested according to their investment election. You can opt out, provided you do so between the 14th day and the 56th day after you start your new job. For more information on opting out, visit www.ird.govt.nz/kiwisaver.

## Which funds can you choose?

If you're automatically enrolled in the Scheme by Inland Revenue, your money will be invested in the Default Saver Fund. You can either stay in this fund or choose another fund(s) to invest some or all of your money in, at any time it's up to you. You can choose to invest in up to 5 funds. If you choose more than one fund, you must invest at least 10% in each fund and total 100% across all funds.

## Making investments

If you're employed. You can choose to contribute 3%, 4%, 6%, 8%, or 10% of your gross (before tax) salary or wages. If you don't choose a rate or have been automatically enrolled in the Scheme by Inland Revenue, it will be set to 3%.

If you want to change your rate, you'll need to contact your employer.

Your employer will deduct your contributions from your pay and send it to Inland Revenue who pays the contribution (and any interest) to the Scheme.

If you're contributing in this way, you may be entitled to an employer contribution of 3% of your gross (before tax) salary or wages.

Employer's superannuation contribution tax (ESCT) will be deducted from any employer contributions before being paid to your account.

If you want to take a break from making contributions, you can apply to Inland Revenue to take a 'savings suspension' for 3-12 months. For more information on taking a savings suspension, visit www.ird.govt.nz/kiwisaver.

Voluntary Contributions. You can make voluntary contributions at any time.

You can make regular or one-off contributions directly to your account by direct debit or internet banking. There are no minimum amounts. Other people can also make contributions on your behalf.

You may be able to transfer your savings from another New Zealand or overseas superannuation scheme.

Government Contributions. If you contribute to your account, you may also qualify for a government contribution. If you're aged 18-65, the Government will contribute 50 cents for every dollar you contribute between 1 July and the following 30 June. To get the maximum government contribution of \$521.43, you'll need to put in \$1042.86. For more information, visit www.booster.co.nz.

#### Withdrawing your investments

The purpose of KiwiSaver is to help you save for your retirement, however early withdrawals are permitted in limited circumstances. The rules around these withdrawals are strict and we encourage you to visit

www.booster.co.nz for more information. Neither us, nor the Supervisor can approve a withdrawal request unless it meets the requirements of the KiwiSaver Act 2006.

The table on the following page sets out the main types of withdrawal and what can be withdrawn.

You can transfer your savings to another KiwiSaver scheme, however, you can only belong to one KiwiSaver scheme at a time. Transferring may result in a United Kingdom (UK) tax penalty if your savings include money transferred from a UK pension scheme.

You can't borrow against your KiwiSaver savings, nor can you use them as security for a loan. You cannot assign or sell your KiwiSaver account to another person, unless it's required by a court order.

See our Other Material Information (OMI) Document at www.booster.co.nz for more information about withdrawals.

### Making a withdrawal

To withdraw some or all of your savings, you'll need to complete the appropriate withdrawal form, available through Booster's online member portal, mybooster, or by contacting us.

Withdrawal requests will normally be processed within 10 working days of receiving the request. In very unusual circumstances it may take longer and will be managed on a case by case basis. We can delay the payment of withdrawals if we believe that making payments is not practicable or in the best interests of all investors in the Default Saver Fund.

When a full withdrawal is made, tax will be deducted or refunded, before the money is paid out. For partial withdrawals, we may reduce the amount payable to ensure that enough money remains in your account to cover any tax payment.

# Types of withdrawals

	Member contributions	Employer contributions	Government contributions	\$1000 Kick-start (if any³)	Australian complying superannuation (savings transferred)
Reaching superannuation qualification age	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
First home purchase <sup>4</sup>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
Significant financial hardship	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>~</b>
Serious illness	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
Life-shortening congenital condition <sup>5</sup>	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>	✓	✓
Permanent emigration other than to Australia <sup>6</sup>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>		✓	
Permanent emigration to Australia <sup>7</sup>	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
Death	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Foreign superannuation transfers - paying NZ tax or student loan obligations	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>			
Retirement withdrawal of Australian savings from age 60					<b>~</b>
As directed by a Court Order	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Only applies if you first joined KiwiSaver before 21 May 2015.

#### How to switch between funds

You can change the funds that your current savings and/ or any future contributions are invested in online or by completing an investment switch form available in mybooster or by contacting us. You can invest in up to 5 funds as long as you invest at least 10% of your savings in each fund.

This PDS provides information on the Booster KiwiSaver Scheme Default Saver Fund. There are additional funds you can invest in which are not covered in this document. You can learn about them in the following PDSs available at www.booster.co.nz.

- Booster KiwiSaver Scheme Multi-sector Funds and Cash Fund
- Booster KiwiSaver Scheme Socially Responsible **Investment Funds**
- Booster KiwiSaver Scheme Asset Class Funds

You must leave at least \$1,000 in your member account after the withdrawal. Even if you have owned a home before, you may still be eligible - see www.kaingaora.govt.nz for more information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> If you make a life-shortening congenital condition withdrawal you will be treated as if you have reached the New Zealand superannuation qualification age and you will no longer be entitled to government contributions or compulsory employer contributions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Withdrawals can only be made one year after your permanent emigration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Your savings will be transferred to an Australian complying superannuation scheme.

# 3. Description of your investment options

#### What we mean when we talk about:

- Income assets = cash and fixed interest investments.
- **Growth assets** = equities (shares) and property investments.
- Capital growth = the profit made (money gained) when a fund's investments increase in value.

#### **Default Saver Fund**

Investment objective and strategy

- To provide long-term capital growth, utilising a predominantly passive investment approach.
- To achieve returns (after fees but before tax) of at least 2.5% per year above inflation over any five-year period.
- Invests in a balanced mix of income assets and growth assets. It currently excludes share investments where the underlying activities are principally involved in the tobacco and fossil fuel industries or involved in the manufacture of certain controversial weapons.\*





Minimum suggested investment timeframe

#### 5 years

There will be some movements up and down in the value of the fund.

# Responsible investment

Responsible investment, including specific environmental, social, and governance considerations, is taken into account in the investment policies and procedures of the Scheme as at the date of this PDS.

You can obtain an explanation of the extent to which responsible investment is taken into account in those policies and procedures on our website at www.booster.co.nz.

## **Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives**

If you would like to learn more about the funds, you can read the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO). The most current SIPO for the Scheme can be found on our website www.booster.co.nz.

We may change the SIPO from time to time without notifying you. We will consult with the Supervisor and give them written notice of any changes before they take effect. Any material changes will be advised in the Scheme's annual report.

Further information about the assets in the funds can be found in the fund updates at www.booster.co.nz.

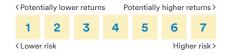
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Because the Default Saver Fund started in December 2021, the risk indicator has been calculated using market index returns for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021. As a result, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indication of the potential future volatility of the fund.

<sup>\*</sup>Our Approach to Responsible Investing policy has further details on excluded investments. Go to www.booster.co.nz/responsible-investing-policy.

# 4. What are the risks of investing?

# Understanding the risk indicator

Managed funds in New Zealand must have a standard risk indicator. The risk indicator is designed to help investors understand the uncertainties both for loss and growth that may affect their investment. You can compare funds using the risk indicator.



The risk indicator for the Default Saver Fund can be found on page 1.

The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund's assets goes up and down (volatility). A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at www.booster.co.nz/investor-quiz.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there may be other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five years to 31 December 2021. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time.

You can see the most recent risk indicator in the latest fund update for this fund. Fund updates are published each quarter on www.booster.co.nz.

We believe that the period of returns used to calculate the risk rating may not be representative of the average investment cycle for the fund and therefore the risk indicator shown may be different if calculated over longer term investment periods.

#### General investment risks

Some of the things that may cause the fund's value to move up and down, which affect the risk indicator, are:

Market risk. A fund can experience loss due to factors that may impact the overall performance of financial markets, a sector, or specific investments in response to negative information and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, economic and regulatory conditions, political events, environmental and technological issues.

Asset class risk. The risk for the fund is largely determined by the mix of assets in the fund. Funds with more growth assets such as shares generally suffer bigger and more frequent losses and gains over the long-term than funds with more income assets such as fixed interest investments.

Manager risk. The fund could underperform because of the way we, or an investment manager that we have selected, manages the fund's investments.

Settlement risk. This is the risk that the other party to a transaction by the fund, or an intermediary used, fails to deliver on their obligations, which may result in a loss of value to the fund.

Liquidity risk. If a fund is unable to sell an investment at the desired time, or is sold at a lower value than would be expected in normal market conditions, the value of the investment and returns may be impacted.

Currency risk. The value of international investments may be affected by the value of the foreign currencies in which these investments are held (relative to the New Zealand dollar).

Interest rate risk. Interest rates on fixed interest investments may increase, causing a drop in their value.

Credit risk. The value of a fixed interest investment can drop because there are doubts about the ability of a borrower to meet their future payment obligations.

For more information on the risks of investing in the Scheme, see the OMI document available on our website, www.booster.co.nz.

# 5. What are the fees?

You will be charged fees for investing in the Scheme. Fees are deducted from your investment and will reduce your returns. If we invest in other funds, those funds may also charge fees. The fees you pay will be charged in two ways:

- Regular charges (for example, annual fund charges). Small differences in these fees can have a big impact on your investment over the long term;
- One-off fees (for example, account closure fee).

Fund	Annual fund charges	Other charges	Individual action fees
Default Saver Fund	0.35% (actual)	Member fee	Account closure fee
		You will not be charged a member fee if your money has only ever been invested in our default fund.	You will not be charged an account closure fee if your money has only ever been invested in our default fund.
		If your money is partially invested in another fund(s) and the balance of your account is over \$500, you'll be charged the standard member fee of \$36 per year (\$3 per month).	If your money is partially invested in another fund(s) and you close your account, you'll be charged a fee of \$30.

Goods and services tax (GST) is not included in any of the fees stated. GST will be added to any fees where applicable.

# Annual fund charges

The annual fund charges include all charges associated with investing in the funds excluding one-off fees relating to individual member actions (such as an account closure fee).

The annual fund charges include an annual management fee. This fee covers our administration and investment management fees, the Supervisor's fee, and the regular costs and expenses of running the Scheme (such as audit fees and legal fees). It is calculated daily as a percentage of the net asset value of the fund and paid monthly. This fee also covers the fees of any funds in which the fund invests.

# Other charges

#### Member fee

This fee covers the costs of administering your account. It's deducted from your account each month and paid to us.

#### Individual action fees

#### Account closure fee

This fee covers the administration costs of closing your account when you make a full withdrawal of your savings. It's deducted from the withdrawal amount and paid to us.

You will not be charged a member fee or an account closure fee if your money has only ever been invested in our default fund.

#### Other individual action fees

There is currently no contribution, establishment or withdrawal fee charged (other than when your account is

You may be charged fees on an individual basis for investorspecific decisions or actions (such as a switching fee).

## **Transaction costs**

We may apply transaction costs to a fund's unit price where these have been incurred as a result of the fund buying or selling investments due to member applications or redemptions. Transaction costs are retained within the funds and are not a fee that is paid to us.

For more information on the Scheme's fees and charges see the OMI document on our website, www.booster.co.nz.

# The fees can be changed

Any new fees or changes to existing fees are subject to the Scheme's trust deed, the KiwiSaver Act, and the IOA. The Financial Markets Authority must be satisfied that any fee charged is reasonable.

We must publish a fund update for each fund showing the fees actually charged during the most recent year.

Fund updates, including past updates, are available at www.booster.co.nz.

#### Example of how fees apply to an investor

Alex invests \$10,000 in the Default Saver Fund. He is not charged an establishment fee or a contribution fee. This means that the starting value of his investment is \$10,000.

He is charged management and administration fees, which works out to about \$35 (0.35% of \$10,000).

These fees might be more or less if his account balance has increased or decreased over the year.

Over the next year, Alex pays other charges of \$0.

#### Estimated total fees for the first year

Fund charges: \$35 Other charges: \$0

See the latest fund update for an example of the actual returns and fees investors were charged over the past year.

This example applies only to the Default Saver Fund. If you are considering investing in other funds in the Scheme, this example may not be representative of the actual fees you may be charged.

# 6. What taxes will you pay?

The Scheme is a portfolio investment entity. The amount of tax you pay is based on your prescribed investor rate (PIR). To determine your PIR, go to www.ird.govt.nz/ roles/portfolio-investment-entities/find-my-prescribedinvestor-rate.

If you are unsure of your PIR, we recommend you seek professional advice or contact Inland Revenue.

It is your responsibility to tell us your PIR when you invest or if your PIR changes. If you do not tell us, a default rate may be applied.

If the rate applied to your PIE income is lower than your correct PIR you will be required to pay any tax shortfall as part of the income tax year-end process. If the rate applied to your PIE income is higher than your PIR any tax overwithheld will be used to reduce any income tax liability you may have for the tax year and any remaining amount will be refunded to you.

# 7. Who is involved?

#### **About Booster**

We've been involved with KiwiSaver since its beginnings and we're one of the largest New Zealand-owned and operated KiwiSaver scheme providers. We're also a governmentappointed default KiwiSaver scheme provider.

We're part of the Booster Group which currently administers superannuation and investment funds of over \$5 billion on behalf of more than 170,000 New Zealanders.

#### You can contact us at:

Phone: 0800 336 338

Monday to Thursday 8.00am-8.00pm

Friday 8.00am-5.30pm

kiwisaver@booster.co.nz Fmail:

Write: **Booster Investment Management Limited** 

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## Who else is involved

	Name	Role
Supervisor	Public Trust	Supervises us to make sure we meet our responsibilities and obligations.
Custodian	PT (Booster KiwiSaver) Nominees Limited	Appointed by the Supervisor to hold the assets of the funds on behalf of the investors.
Other	Booster Custodial Administration Services Limited	Appointed by the Custodian and the Supervisor to provide custodial administration services.

# 8. How to complain

Any complaints about your investment in the Scheme, can be made to us (in the first instance), or the Supervisor, at the contact details below:

Manager

Booster Investment Management Limited

Attn. Chief Operating Officer **Booster Investment Management Limited** Level 19, Aon Centre, 1 Willis Street PO Box 11872, Manners Street Wellington 6142

Phone: 0800 336 338

Email: kiwisaver@booster.co.nz

**Supervisor** 

Public Trust

Attn. General Manager, Corporate Trustee Services Level 8, Public Trust Building, 22-28 Willeston Street

Private Bag 5902 Wellington 6140 Phone: 0800 371 471

Email: CTS.Enquiry@PublicTrust.co.nz

If your complaint can't be resolved, you can refer it to one of the following approved dispute resolution schemes. They won't charge you a fee to investigate or resolve your complaint.

#### Booster's approved dispute resolution scheme

Financial Dispute Resolution Service

Level 4, 142 Lambton Quay Freepost 231075 PO Box 2272 Wellington 6140

Phone: 0508 337 337

Email: enquiries@fdrs.org.nz Web: www.fdrs.org.nz

#### Public Trust's approved dispute resolution scheme

Financial Services Complaints Limited

Level 4, 101 Lambton Quay PO Box 5967 Wellington 6140

Phone: 0800 347 257

Email: complaints@fscl.org.nz

Web: www.fscl.org.nz

# 9. Where you can find more information

More information relating to the Scheme, including quarterly fund updates, financial statements, annual reports, the Scheme's trust deed, SIPO, and OMI is available on the scheme register and the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz, or on request from the Registrar of Financial Service Providers.

The above information is also available free of charge at www.booster.co.nz or by contacting us

Please contact us if you require a copy of the IOA for the Scheme.

## mybooster

When you join the Scheme, you can register for online access to your account at www.booster.co.nz.

This is a convenient way to view and make changes to your account. You can also view your account details by using the Booster NZ mobile app.

Each year, we'll provide you with an annual statement and tax statement and we'll let you know when the annual report for the Scheme is available.

# 10. How to apply

If you've been sent this PDS by Inland Revenue, you will be automatically enrolled in the Scheme and don't need to

If you haven't been automatically enrolled and you wish to join the Scheme, you can apply online at

www.booster.co.nz if you're aged 18 and over and you have NZ identification.

If you're under 18 or prefer not to join online, please contact us for an application form, and send it to:

**Booster Investment Management Limited** PO Box 11872

Manners Street Wellington 6142

You can also apply via a financial adviser. If you would like to get in touch with a financial adviser, call us on 0800 336 338.



#### We're here to help.

To find out more about the Booster KiwiSaver Scheme visit our website, call us on **0800 336 338** or talk to your financial adviser.

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