

Client Due Diligence & Identity Verification

New Zealand has passed a law called the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 (“the AML/CFT Act” for short). From 1 July 2018 lawyers must comply with the AML/CFT Act which will require us to undertake certain background checks before providing services to our clients. We will need to obtain and verify certain information from you to meet these legal requirements.

In respect of Companies and Trusts we are required to verify the identity of the beneficial owner of the Company or Trust. This may include the majority shareholder/s or the trustees of the Trust. With Trusts we are also required to establish the source of funds and wealth of the Trust. This would usually be satisfied by requesting a copy of the Trusts financial statements from your accountant.

Identity documents including address verification

In order to verify your identity we need you to provide proof of your identity and residential address from only one of the options below:

Option 1

- Current Passport, **or**
- NZ Firearms Licence
- and residential address verification < 3 mths old**
- Bank statement
- Utility bill
- Rates bill
- Car registration notification

Option 2

- Current NZ Driver Licence, **or**
- 18+ Card / Kiwi Access Card, **or**
- SuperGold Card (including photo ID)
- and one of the following**
- Birth certificate, **or**
- Certificate of New Zealand Citizenship
- and residential address verification < 3 mths old**
- Bank statement
- Utility bill
- Rates bill
- Car registration notification

Option 3

- Current NZ Driver Licence
- and one of the following**
- Bank statement < 12 Months old, **or**
- Government Agency Document containing the person’s name and signature - SuperGold Card, **or**
- Government Agency Document issued to a person <12 months old,
- and residential address verification < 3 mths old**
- Bank statement
- Utility bill
- Rates bill
- Car registration notification