

# Worked in New Zealand, living in Australia

A one page note from PensionHunter for consular staff and the people they serve.

## Where the pension record sits in New Zealand

Inland Revenue myIR, KiwiSaver

Source: [ird.govt.nz](https://www.ird.govt.nz/kiwisaver), verified 6 September 2026. <https://www.ird.govt.nz/kiwisaver>

## The route from abroad

The free route stops at identity. Inland Revenue says the only place a member can see which scheme holds their money is myIR, and myIR needs an IRD number plus two step verification, compulsory since the evening of 28 April 2025, with trusted devices expiring every 90 days. Documents not in English need an approved translator. On the pension side Work and Income states you can apply online through MyMSD unless you live overseas. Source: [ird.govt.nz](https://www.ird.govt.nz), [workandincome.govt.nz](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz), read 4 October 2026.

## A deadline we hold for New Zealand

A person who permanently moves to Australia while receiving NZ Super or Veteran's Pension must apply for the Australian Age Pension (AAP) within 26 weeks of leaving New Zealand, and must separately apply to keep their NZ payment within 12 months of applying for the AAP.

Source: [workandincome.govt.nz](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz), read 24 September 2026.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/on-a-benefit/overseas-travel/nz-super-and-veterans-pension/living-in-australia.html>

Every deadline we hold for New Zealand: <https://pensionhunter.ai/deadlines/new-zealand>

## Check your own working life for free

Tell us where you worked. The free check shows which countries may hold a pension for you, and which can be ruled out and why. No sign in, no charge.

### Run the free check:

[https://pensionhunter.ai/pension-checker?country=new-zealand&utm\\_source=consulate&utm\\_medium=print&utm\\_campaign=nz-au](https://pensionhunter.ai/pension-checker?country=new-zealand&utm_source=consulate&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=nz-au)

No. We identify where a pension is likely held and the official route to it, and we name each source with the date we read it. We do not give financial, tax or legal advice.

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