Investing on behalf of a minor
Information sheet

A minor is defined as any investor under the age of 18 years old.

How to open an account

To open an account for minors, we will need to verify their identity, confirm their address, and in all instances, you will need to provide a parent / guardian form for you to sign, for yourself as a parent(s)/guardian(s).

	Minor is 15 years or younger	Minor is 16 or 17
Opening the account	One parent / guardian must sign the application form. If both parents / guardians require access to the account then both must sign (and be linked to the account).	Minor + one parent / guardian must sign the application form. If both parents / guardians require access then both must sign with the minor.
Making withdrawals	One parent / guardian must sign the withdrawal form. If both parent / guardian are linked to the account then both must sign.	Minor + one parent / guardian must sign the withdrawal form.
Access to client portal	Any parent / guardian(s) linked to the account will have access to view and manage the account. The minor can also have access if they have their own email address.	

Whose tax rate applies?

Tax rate is determined by the ownership of the account. As the minor is the account owner, their Prescribed Investor Rate (PIR) will apply.

Whose bank account details can be used?

For Wealth Builder and Income Generator, we require one bank account into which the first deposit and all subsequent withdrawal payments, including any distributions, will be deposited. This can be in the name of the applicant (the minor) or any of the nominated parent / guardians.

Verifying your bank account

We require a copy of the bank statement and confirmation of your bank account details. We will need to complete an AML link to identity (liveness) process on any parent / guardian that is not linked to the bank account.

What happens when the minor turns 18?

When the minor turns 18, they remain the legal owner of the account. They will receive a letter that they now have sole and full authority over the account, and can now make transfer and withdrawal decisions (noting that product restrictions still apply). For the parent / guardian, any authority over the account ceases at this time and their portal access will be removed. We will email the parent / guardian and the account holder (minor) to request updated contact details. At this point, we will also complete AML on the minor.

What AML is required for people under the age of 18

If there is no passport, we will accept a birth certificate. We do not require proof of address for minors; we will accept proof of the parents' or guardians' address (not certified).

Proof of parent / guardian

We require a document to prove parenthood / guardianship, such as a birth certificate (copy is fine) or a guardianship order of a minor. We will verify the birth certificate using electronic verification. We accept overseas birth certificates if there is an English translation.

Other options

There are also other options available to set up investment accounts for minors which we are happy discussing with you. If you have any questions regarding the opening and ongoing operation of a minor account, please contact us at onboarding@nzfunds.co.nz. or call 0800 377 2277.