

## DFSS – category A and C members: Withdrawal of funds for “Second Chance” home purchases

### Position applying until 30 June 2017

Since 2012 the DFSS Category A and C has had a first home purchase facility, which basically replicates the provisions applying to KiwiSaver and DFSS Category B.

A first home purchase occurs where the member does not currently own a property and has not owned a property before.

### Change applying from 1 July 2017

From 1 July 2017 DFSS Category A and C members will be eligible to withdraw their funds for “a second chance” purchase in the following situations:

- Where they have previously owned a house and have now sold; or
- Where they currently own a house in a different location to the one to which they are posted; **and**
- Where the house to be purchased is to be the prime place of residence for the member and family (recognising that the member may live on board a ship or in barracks at Linton, Whenuapai, etc ) and have the family live in the house; **and**
- Where the realisable assets held by the member (excluding the value of the DFSS Category A and C funds and equity of any property currently owned) do not exceed the regional cap applied by Housing NZ.

These changes only apply to members of the DFSS Category A and C. They do not apply to the members of DFSS Category B or KiwiSaver for which there is different legislation applying.

The decision maker is the DFSS funds supervisor, Trustees Executors Ltd, not NZDF or Mercer.

### Housing NZ Regional Realisable Asset Caps

Region where home is to be purchased	Realisable Asset Cap
Auckland	\$120,000
Hamilton City, Tauranga City, Western Bay of Plenty District, Kapiti Coast District, Porirua City, Lower Hutt City, Upper Hutt City, Hutt City, Wellington City, Nelson City, Tasman District, Waimakariri District, Christchurch City, Selwyn District, Queenstown Lakes District	\$100,000
Rest of NZ	\$80,000

*Note: Realisable Assets do not include the value of the member's DFSS funds or the equity of any property currently owned.*

### **How to apply for a second chance purchase**

To apply to withdraw the funds for the purchase of a second chance house the member is required to complete two forms:

- Housing NZ form “DFSS Cat A and C – Determination for Previous Home Owner/Current Home Owner being posted elsewhere” to determine if the member meets the Housing NZ criteria and is deemed to be in a similar financial position to that of a first home buyer.
- Mercer form DF 15 A&C - Home Purchase Withdrawals (Categories A and C) applying to withdraw the funds

Mercer will not process the DF 15 form without sighting the Housing NZ determination.

You are also required to submit written NZDF proof of your current or pending posting region.

### **Where are the forms located**

On the HR Toolkit, the Force Financial Hub (DFSS Page) or [www.nzdf.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.nzdf.superfacts.co.nz)

### **Mortgages**

All Defence community members remain eligible for free mortgage advisory services through the NZDF's preferred financial services provider, Milestone Direct Ltd.

### **Further information**

For further information and how to apply to withdraw your funds go to the DFSS page on the:

- Force Financial Hub
- NZDF Superfacts site
- Milestone Direct Ltd site
- HR Toolkit
- Housing NZ.

### **Contact Details:**

**Mercer** – phone 0800 333 787 or [www.nzdf.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.nzdf.superfacts.co.nz)

**Housing NZ** – phone 0800 801 601 or email your query to them [nzdf@hnzc.co.nz](mailto:nzdf@hnzc.co.nz)

**Milestone Direct Ltd** – phone 0508 645 378 or <https://nzdf.milestonedirect.co.nz/>

*When phoning or e mailing any of the above be clear that your contact is about the DFSS Category A or C second chance facility.*