

- Those who do not specify an investment product are randomly allocated to a default scheme provider
- Savers can select their own investment product and can change scheme providers, but can only have one provider at any time
- Enrolment is not automatic for workers under 18, or for existing employees, but they can join if they wish – as can other people, such as beneficiaries and the self-employed, although the latter will have to make the payments to IRD or to the provider directly.
- Savings are primarily for retirement and are locked in until the recipient reaches the age of eligibility for NZ superannuation or for five years membership, whichever is the later, except in cases of financial hardship, permanent emigration or, after a minimum of three years, to contribute towards a deposit on a first home
- After 12 months of contributions to the KiwiSaver scheme, all individuals can stop contributions for up to five years at a time.

THE GOVERNMENT:

- Makes an \$1,000 kick-start contribution to each member's account, to be locked in until the recipient is eligible for NZS or for five years of membership, whichever is the later
- Will make a contribution towards members' fees
- Offers a first home deposit subsidy of \$1,000 per year of membership in the scheme, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for five years, to qualifying KiwiSaver members after at least three years of saving.

Finsia has been invited to lodge a submission to the Finance and Expenditure Committee by 28 April 2006 and looks forward to providing relevant analysis during the consultation process. KiwiSaver is anticipated to begin operating on 1 April 2007.

For an update on other policy activities in NZ visit the policy page of Finsia's website. [■](#)

International update

Finsia has been busy in the region, in Korea, Thailand and Indonesia, and this year will host the International Banking Summer School and Senior Business Forum.

In partnership with the Korea Securities Dealer Association (KSDA), Finsia presented a 5-day Advanced OTC Derivatives program in Seoul from 12 to 16 December 2005. The program received excellent feedback from the participants and was based on material sourced from postgraduate and masters subjects. Chris Cossor led the presentations during the training course, which was completed by simultaneous translation, and this provided extra challenges for our presenters. The Korea Derivatives market is the most active in the world and positive response may lead to further training in Korea.

THAILAND

With a grant from the ASEAN Australia Development Cooperation Program, Regional Partnership Scheme funded by AusAID, Finsia joined with ASEAN partners the ASEAN Secretariat, SIDC Malaysia and SEC Philippines to provide two training courses for participants in the capital markets in the ASEAN countries.

The jointly developed courses currently approved are Capital Markets Legislation and Supervision and Capital Markets Liquidity Enhancement. The first course on Capital Markets Legislation and Supervision was delivered in Bangkok from 13 to 15 December 2005.

Designing the training program was very challenging and covered the spectrum from emerging through transitioning to developed economies. Finsia's approach was to have all participants complete some pre-course work about the regulatory system in his/her country. The three days involved the use of case studies, hypotheticals and group work to analyse the different regulatory regimes in the ASEAN region with reference to specific case studies provided throughout the three days on the USA, Philippines and Malaysia.

At the conclusion, the feedback was excellent and the Thailand Securities Institute proved a great partner in delivering the course in Bangkok. The next course is scheduled for presentation in Bangkok in April 2006.

FINSIA SIGNS MOU WITH MONASH

Monash University's Department of Accounting and Finance and Finsia Education have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will provide quality training and education to people worldwide in the banking, finance and securities industries. Finsia now provides financial services education and membership services to more than 30,000 professionals in Australia. One of the major objectives of the Monash—Finsia collaboration is to establish a training program for inbound Chinese banking personnel involving intensive classes in Melbourne and in China.

For Monash University this forms part of a Financial Services Education Project that is supported by the Victorian Government's Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development. Monash and Finsia will also jointly bid for international aid work funded by agencies such as the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Asian Development Bank and AusAID.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Professor Kim Langfield-Smith and Brian Salter on Tuesday 28 February at the Windsor Hotel, Melbourne.

INDONESIA: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PROJECT

Finsia has provided a consultant, Sandra Harris, to provide advice on enforcement for the new super regulator being established in Indonesia. Sandra was formerly with the US SEC and brings a wealth of experience to

this challenging project. The project will be for three months and is based in Jakarta.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING SUMMER SCHOOL FOR AUSTRALIA

Finsia will host the 2006 International Banking Summer School (IBSS) in Melbourne, Australia, from 27 August to 6 September. The IBSS is a unique annual educational event in world banking supported by the world's leading banking associations and institutes. It is a 10-day educational program of the highest quality aimed at fast-track bankers and finance professionals from around the world. Please visit the website at www.ibss2006.com for further details.

Members are reminded that the recipient of the 2006 Hugh D T Williamson Scholarship gains a place at the IBSS and will act as an ambassador for financial services, inspiring and leading their industry peers.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR BUSINESS FORUM: REGISTER NOW

On Tuesday 23 May, Finsia plans to hold its Senior Business Forum at the Intercontinental in Wellington. A distinguished and knowledgeable group of industry leaders will address aspects of the topic, "Fraud and Regulation: ongoing issues facing the financial services industry". Speakers include:

- Graham Alston SF Fin, Partner Global Financial Services, Unisys New Zealand Ltd
- Dr Alan Bollard, Governor Reserve Bank of New Zealand
- Godfrey Boyce SA Fin, Partner KPMG
- Barry Jordan, Partner McCallum Petterson
- David Kennedy, Identity Intelligence Unit, New Zealand Police
- Ian McKindley, Country Risk Manager, Australia and New Zealand, Visa International
- Cathy Quinn, LLB Partner, Minter

How you can contribute to Finsia

At the heart of the success of Finsia's education and training program are the invaluable contributions made by our members and other industry practitioners in developing and delivering quality instruction and assessment.

A number of different roles for people wishing to give back to the industry and contribute to Finsia include:

- Lecturer
- Workshop presenter
- Online practitioner
- Masters seminar leader
- Advisory taskforce chair and members
- Assessment marker
- Helpline practitioner

If you are interested in becoming involved with Finsia in any of the above roles please contact one of the following people in your local regional office with your CV and a note on the areas you would like to become involved in:

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As we expand our New Zealand presence over the coming 6-12 months, we will be looking to build a pool of expertise from which we can draw. Any members or their colleagues who would be interested in contributing to the further development of Finsia products are encouraged to contact our NZ Regional Manager, Ray Woodill, on +64 9 363 3344 or via r.woodill@finsia.ac.nz.

We look forward to hearing from more members who want to 'walk the talk'. Further information about Finsia's practitioner model is also available on our website at www.finsia.edu.au/Education/Finsia_Practitioners.

Ellison Rudd Watts, and member of the NZ Securities Commission

- Mark Steel, Ministry of Economic Development.

Can you and/or your senior staff afford not to attend? Keynote speakers will address business, identity and credit card fraud and the impact on the domestic market and how we are being influenced by international trends/experiences.

For further details and to register, please contact Kevin Bracken of the Wellington Office of Finsia (k.bracken@finsia.ac.nz or phone +64 4 473 5069) or visit our website at www.finsia.ac.nz and check under Education and Training for the list of NZ Professional Development events. Group discounts are available. **I**

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