

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS

Why do I need to Supply this information?

New Zealand passed the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 to reflect New Zealand's commitment to the international initiative to counter the impact that criminal activity has on people and economies worldwide.

Lawyers are required to comply with this legislation and must obtain proof of identification and address from their clients. This is known as client due diligence and is similar to what you would provide to your Bank. Client due diligence **must be carried out prior to your lawyer giving you any legal advice** in relation to your matter. In other words, you must provide this information **IMMEDIATELY**.

Identification Requirements:

You can choose to prove your identity and address using one of the following options;

Option 1

Passport or NZ Firearms Licence

and

Bank Account Statement or Rates Bill or Utility Bill showing your current address

Option 2

NZ Driver Licence **and** Birth Certificate or 18+ Card or Community Services Card or Super Gold Card

and

Bank Account Statement or Rates Bill or Utility Bill showing your current address

Verification/Certification:

These documents need to be verified/certified. We will need to sight the **ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS** and take copies for our records. Please bring the original documents to our office for verification by our staff.

If you are unable to attend at our office with your documents, please have your documents certified by a Solicitor, Justice of the Peace, member of the Police, Chartered Accountant, Medical Doctor, Minister of Religion or Notary Public. Please scan and email the documents to admin@kwlegal.nz and post the original certified copies to PO Box 156, Rangiora.

Any questions about your ID should be directed to our office on 03 260 4777.

Note: If you do not provide the information requested within the time frames required, your lawyer may not be able to act for you.