

# Financial Products Quarterly Report

Period Ending 31 December 2017

#### **KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant**

The KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant replaced the KiwiSaver deposit subsidy from 1 April 2015. Like the KiwiSaver Deposit subsidy, the grant provides eligible first-home buyers with a grant of up to \$5,000 for individuals and up to \$10,000 for couples to put towards the purchase of an existing/older home.

In addition, the new KiwiSaver HomeStart grant also provides eligible first-home buyers with a grant of up \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$20,000 for couples to help with purchasing a brand new property.

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Quarter	Received	Approved	Pre- Approval	Declined, Withdrawn and Other	In process at quarter's end
Jan- Mar 2017	8,333	4,062	4,545	2,036	357
Apr – Jun 2017	8,433	4,256	4,456	1,996	315
Jul – Sept 2017	8,874	4,050	4,565	2,118	422
Oct – Dec 2017	8,218	4,403	4,496	1,979	268

### KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant Overview by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) October to December 2017

	Applica	tions Ap	proved	Properties Bought			Grants Paid			\$ Paid			
TLA	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	
Far North	35	5	40	27	4	31	36	5	41	165,000	46,000	211,000	
Whangarei	55	2	57	35	1	36	51	2	53	211,000	20,000	231,000	
Kaipara	15	0	15	10	0	10	13	0	13	62,000	0	62,000	
Auckland	330	128	458	202	90	292	292	129	421	1,252,000	1,160,000	2,412,000	
Thames/ Coromandel	6	1	7	4	1	5	5	1	6	20,000	10,000	30,000	
Hauraki	21	1	22	15	1	16	21	1	22	93,000	10,000	103,000	
Waikato	55	0	55	24	0	24	37	0	37	165,000	0	165,000	
Matamata Piako	37	0	37	20	1	21	26	2	28	114,000	20,000	134,000	
Hamilton	136	14	150	88	13	101	129	18	147	558,000	160,000	718,000	
Waipa	35	0	35	30	0	30	43	0	43	195,000	0	195,000	
Otorohanga	5	2	7	3	1	4	6	2	8	28,000	18,000	46,000	
South Waikato	46	0	46	33	0	33	40	0	40	174,000	0	174,000	
Waitomo	12	0	12	13	0	13	17	0	17	73,000	0	73,000	
Taupo	38	2	40	29	1	30	37	2	39	160,000	20,000	180,000	
Western BoP	25	16	41	14	13	27	20	19	39	90,000	166,000	256,000	
Tauranga	80	20	100	48	10	58	72	15	87	323,000	140,000	463,000	
Rotorua	75	3	78	53	3	56	71	4	75	315,000	38,000	353,000	
Whakatane	26	0	26	16	0	16	21	0	21	96,000	0	96,000	
Kawerau	23		23	16		16	22		22	93,000		93,000	
Opotiki	4	1	5	5	1	6	6	1	7	24,000	10,000	34,000	
Gisborne	62	0	62	57	0	57	71	0	71	311,000	0	311,000	
Wairoa	8		8	7		7	8		8	34,000		34,000	
Hastings	86	0	86	55	1	56	80	2	82	350,000	16,000	366,000	

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TLA	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	
Napier	66	0	66	44	0	44	66	0	66	289,000	0	289,000	
Ctrl Hawkes Bay	18	0	18	15	0	15	19	0	19	85,000	0	85,000	
New Plymouth	80	4	84	58	1	59	81	2	83	346,000	18,000	364,000	
Stratford	21	2	23	11	1	12	16	1	17	74,000	6,000	80,000	
South Taranaki	47	1	48	33	1	34	39	1	40	170,000	8,000	178,000	
Ruapehu	12	0	12	11	0	11	15	0	15	74,000	0	74,000	
Wanganui	82	9	91	64	6	70	84	11	95	371,000	100,000	471,000	
Rangitikei	34	4	38	29	0	29	38	0	38	166,000	0	166,000	
Manawatu	54	0	54	38	0	38	52	0	52	233,000	0	233,000	
Palmerston Nth	159	8	167	102	7	109	149	9	158	649,000	80,000	729,000	
Tararua	33	1	34	27	1	28	35	1	36	154,000	8,000	162,000	
Horowhenua	39	4	43	31	3	34	42	4	46	182,000	40,000	222,000	
Kapiti Coast	43	6	49	24	1	25	32	2	34	137,000	20,000	157,000	
Porirua	47	3	50	28	1	29	40	1	41	179,000	8,000	187,000	
Upper Hutt	91	13	104	55	6	61	86	9	95	378,000	80,000	458,000	
Lower Hutt	165	8	173	111	3	114	161	6	167	709,000	60,000	769,000	
Wellington	60	13	73	45	11	56	58	16	74	250,000	142,000	392,000	
Masterton	46	6	52	32	2	34	45	3	48	203,000	28,000	231,000	
Carterton	10	0	10	2	0	2	3	0	3	9,000	0	9,000	
South Wairarapa	6	2	8	5	1	6	7	2	9	30,000	18,000	48,000	
Tasman	30	3	33	20	1	21	29	1	30	127,000	10,000	137,000	
Nelson	57	2	59	43	0	43	58	0	58	260,000	0	260,000	
Marlborough	71	11	82	47	6	53	71	9	80	304,000	74,000	378,000	
Kaikoura	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	20,000	20,000	
Buller	3	0	3	4	0	4	4	0	4	20,000	0	20,000	
Grey	23	0	23	16	0	16	21	0	21	92,000	0	92,000	
Westland	8	1	9	7	1	8	9	1	10	40,000	10,000	50,000	
Hurunui	16	6	22	6	3	9	11	4	15	49,000	36,000	85,000	
Waimakariri	82	35	117	46	21	67	66	36	102	293,000	332,000	625,000	
Christchurch	596	87	683	393	41	434	553	62	615	2,404,000	544,000	2,948,000	
Selwyn	36	62	98	20	36	56	30	61	91	129,000	516,000	645,000	
Ashburton	59	7	66	41	4	45	54	6	60	234,000	44,000	278,000	
Timaru	60	1	61	46	0	46	56	0	56	250,000	0	250,000	
MacKenzie	3	0	3	2	0	2	3	0	3	15,000	0	15,000	
Waimate Chatham	13	0	13	11	0	11	13	0	13	51,000	0	51,000	
Islands	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Waitaki	36	4	40	26	3	29	36	4	40	153,000	38,000	191,000	
Central Otago	10	4	14	8	2	10	11	4	15	46,000	36,000	82,000	
Queenstown Lakes	5	7	12	1	5	6	2	8	10	9,000	68,000	77,000	
Dunedin	221	3	224	158	4	162	219	6	225	947,000	46,000	993,000	
Clutha	31	2	33	24	1	25	32	2	34	135,000	18,000	153,000	
Southland	29	2	31	21	1	22	26	1	27	115,000	8,000	123,000	
Gore	31	0	31	25	0	25	32	0	32	134,000	0	134,000	
Invercargill	134	5	139	96	3	99	123	6	129	539,000	50,000	589,000	
Total	3,882	521	4,403	2630	319	2949	3,651	484	4,135	15,940,000	4,300,000	20,240,000	

	Jan – Mar 2017	Apr - Jun 2017	Jul – Sept 2017	Oct – Dec 2017	Total for last 4 quarters	Total since 1 Apr 2015
Total HomeStart grants paid	\$17,248,000	\$19,582,000	\$19,760,000	\$20,240,000	\$75,328,000	\$168,379,000
Existing properties	\$13,716,000	\$15,058,000	\$15,122,000	\$15,940,000	\$58,428,000	\$134,509,000
New properties	\$3,532,000	\$4,524,000	\$4,638,000	\$4,300,000	\$16,900,000	\$33,870,000
Average individual grant for new build	\$8,721	\$8,667	\$8,573	\$8,884	\$8,606	\$8,939
Average individual grant for existing properties	\$4,357	\$4,377	\$4,392	\$3,651	\$4,364	\$4,446
Average amount paid out per new build	\$12,797	\$12,708	\$13,065	\$13,480	\$12,866	\$11,970
Average amount paid out per existing property	\$5,887	\$6,002	\$5,949	\$6,061	\$5,910	\$5,531

#### Average subsidy/grant payments from July 2014 to December 2017

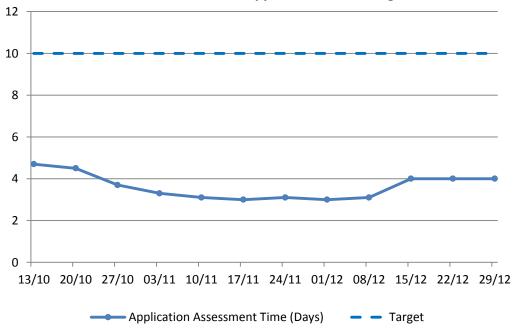
#### KiwiSaver deposit subsidy average amounts paid out from Jul 2014 to Mar 2015

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015
Average (\$)	4,158	4,037	4,110	4,195	4,148	4,168	4,262	4,223	4,281

#### KiwiSaver HomeStart grant average amounts paid out from Apr 2015 to December 2017

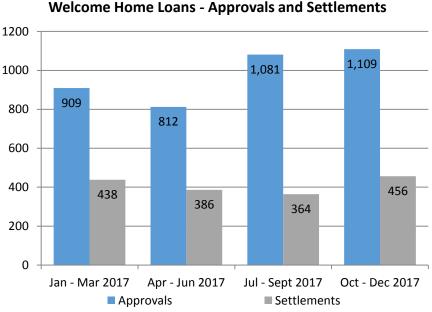
	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
Average (\$)	4,720	4,645	4,519	4,679	4,663	4,634	4,682	4,725	4,715	4,669	4,667	4,590
	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sept 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
Average (\$)	4,706	4,770	4,849	4,857	4,820	4,928	4,934	4,872	4,870	4,817	4,866	4,861
	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017			
Average (\$)	4,863	4,972	4,980	4,936	5,028	4,911	4,896	4,904	4,885			

#### **KiwiSaver HomeStart Application Processing Time**



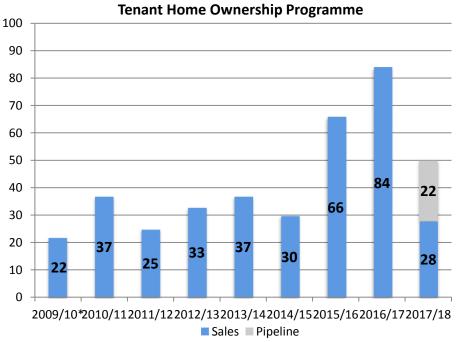
#### **Welcome Home Loans**

Welcome Home Loan is offered by lenders, supported by Housing New Zealand, and, designed for first-home buyers who can afford to make regular repayments on a home loan, but have trouble saving for a large deposit. With Welcome Home Loan you only need a 10 percent deposit, not a 20 percent deposit as required by most lenders. Housing New Zealand does not issue the loan. This is done through normal lenders such as selected banks and credit unions. Housing New Zealand underwrites the loan for the lender. Individual applicants are required to meet the lender's specific lending criteria. Income and House Price Caps apply.



## Tenant Home Ownership

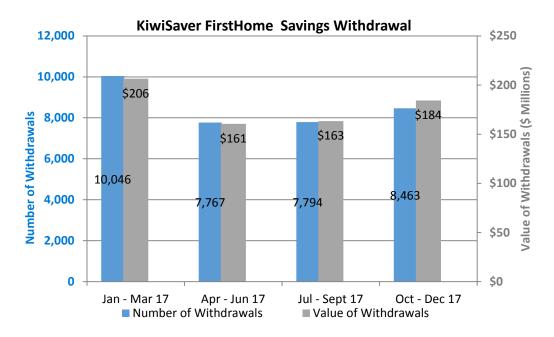
Housing New Zealand also offers its tenants the opportunity to purchase the house they rent. Not all properties are for sale, particularly in high-demand areas. However, tenants who live in houses that are not for sale but wish to buy a house will be given the option to buy other Housing New Zealand properties that have been identified as suitable for sale.



<sup>\*</sup> The programme began in September 2009

#### KiwiSaver FirstHome Savings Withdrawal

The KiwiSaver First Home Savings Withdrawal is administered by individual KiwiSaver scheme providers who report data on the withdrawals to Inland Revenue. Although Housing New Zealand does not administer this withdrawal, it forms part of the Government's programme of assistance for first home buyers.



#### KiwiSaver Savings Withdrawal Determination for Previous Home Owners

First-home buyers are able to apply to withdraw all or part of their savings to assist with purchasing a first home. From 1 April 2015, all funds, with the exception of \$1,000, can be withdrawn.

Previous home owners may still be eligible for a KiwiSaver first-home withdrawal, providing they are deemed to be in the same financial position as someone who has never owned a property. This financial assessment is conducted by Housing New Zealand and should the client be eligible, a letter is produced to assist with their application to withdraw their contributions. The number of applications approved increased beginning with the July – September 2016 quarter following the removal of the income cap test on 1 July 2016.

