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## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF THE 2011 BUDGET ON YOUR KIWISAVER FUNDS

**THIS IS THE EXAMPLE IF YOU CONTRIBUTE 2% AND YOUR EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTES 2% TO A BALANCED FUND, GOING TO 3% IN 2013**

To work out the likely impact of the 2011 Budget changes on your KiwiSaver balance fund at age 65 pick the age and income closest to your own.

The Budget made 3 changes to KiwiSaver. The effect of each of the changes, compared to the position before the Budget, is shown in the table below.

If you are 25 years old and your earnings in a year are \$36,000 before tax, the effect of the Budget on your KiwiSaver is:

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Age	Annual earnings	Weekly earnings	Weekly take-home pay	Member Tax Credit Impact	Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax Impact	Minimum contribution rate Impact	Total Budget Impact	
25	36,000	690	588	-27,000	-13,000	66,000	26,000	\$6.90
	48,000	920	778	-32,000	-18,000	88,000	38,000	\$9.20
	57,600	1,104	906	-29,000	-33,000	89,000	27,000	\$11.04
	80,000	1,533	1,208	-29,000	-45,000	124,000	50,000	\$15.33
	115,200	2,208	1,653	-29,000	-72,000	176,000	75,000	\$22.08
35	36,000	690	588	-17,000	-8,000	38,000	13,000	\$6.90
	48,000	920	778	-21,000	-10,000	50,000	19,000	\$9.20
	57,600	1,104	906	-19,000	-19,000	52,000	14,000	\$11.04
	80,000	1,533	1,208	-19,000	-27,000	73,000	27,000	\$15.33
	115,200	2,208	1,653	-19,000	-43,000	103,000	41,000	\$22.08
45	36,000	690	588	-9,000	-4,000	19,000	6,000	\$6.90
	48,000	920	778	-12,000	-5,000	25,000	8,000	\$9.20
	57,600	1,104	906	-12,000	-10,000	27,000	5,000	\$11.04
	80,000	1,533	1,208	-12,000	-14,000	37,000	11,000	\$15.33
	115,200	2,208	1,653	-12,000	-22,000	53,000	19,000	\$22.08
55	36,000	690	588	-3,000	-1,000	7,000	3,000	\$6.90
	48,000	920	778	-5,000	-2,000	9,000	2,000	\$9.20
	57,600	1,104	906	-5,000	-4,000	10,000	1,000	\$11.04
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**Member Tax Credit Impact** - the government's contribution of up to \$20 per week will be halved from 1 July 2011, which means your total savings (in today's dollars) will be smaller by \$27,000.



**Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax Impact** - from 1 April 2012 your Employer will no longer get tax relief on its contribution to your savings, which means it will put less into your KiwiSaver and your savings will be smaller by \$13,000.



**Minimum contribution rate impact** - from 1 April 2013 both your contribution and your Employer's matching contribution will have to increase to 3% of your earnings. This will have the effect of increasing your savings by \$66,000.



**Total Budget Impact** - Overall, these changes add up to an increase in your savings at retirement at age 65 of \$26,000.

**However, the Budget changes will reduce your take-home pay (based on your current earnings) by \$6.90 per week.**

### In calculating these figures we have made some important assumptions, which are:

Your earnings will increase at 1.5% p.a. above the rate of inflation.

You will contribute to KiwiSaver at the minimum rate of 2% of your earnings (until 31 March 2012) and 3% of your earnings after that.

Your employer will contribute to KiwiSaver at the minimum rate of 2% of your earnings (until 31 March 2012) and 3% of your earnings after that.

You join on 1 June 2011 and receive the one-off government contribution of \$1,000 to "kick start" your savings.

The Fund in which you choose to invest will credit you with the following investment returns above inflation, after fees and tax.

4.00% If your earnings are less than \$14,000

3.60% If your earnings are between \$14,000 & \$48,000

3.10% If your earnings are above \$48,000

These figures are general information only, to help you understand the possible effect of the Budget 2011 changes on KiwiSaver.

There are other Budget changes which may also affect you,

depending on your particular personal and family situation.

This information should not be used as a basis for making financial and investment decisions or as a substitute for specific professional advice.

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