



Prepaid Funeral Trusts.

Reducing financial stress
at an emotional time

Pay for your funeral today – and make it easy for your loved ones.

With a little forethought you can plan for the funeral you want and ensure your loved ones won't be burdened by your funeral expenses. That way, your family can focus on a celebration of your life rather than worrying about how to pay for it.

To find out how a Prepaid Funeral Trust can help you, contact us today.

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Why set up a Prepaid Funeral Trust?

Just as you'd take out life insurance and prepare a Will, a Prepaid Funeral Trust is a great way to make it easier for your family and others to cope at a difficult time. With a Prepaid Funeral Trust you can:

- Put money aside specifically for your funeral arrangements
- Ensure money is available immediately to ease the financial stress on your family
- Keep up to \$10,000 exempt from asset testing for the Residential Care Subsidy
- Protect your money with a government guarantee*

How much does a funeral cost?

Funeral costs generally start at around \$4,000 and can go up to \$10,000 or more depending on your wishes and budget. Funeral expenses can include; funeral direction and the registration of your death, the casket and the hearse, the cremation or burial, the headstone or plaque, flowers, a minister or celebrant, an organist and newspaper notices.



How a Prepaid Funeral Trust works



1. You decide how much you'd like to contribute and complete an application form.

You need to contribute a minimum of \$500 to set up the Trust. After that you or anyone else can make regular or one-off payments. The minimum regular contribution (paid by direct debit) is \$50 if you're paying once a fortnight or \$100 if you're paying once a month, every four weeks or every three months. You can also make one-off contributions of at least \$100 whenever you like and if you stop contributions at any time, the balance is still available to meet funeral expenses.

We recommend that you update your Will with details on the funeral you'd like to have.

2. Your funds are invested*.

Your money will be invested in Public Trust's Funeral Trust Cash Fund, where both your capital and any interest you earn are protected by a government guarantee.

The Fund is part of our Common Fund and is a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE).

3. The Trust takes care of the tax.

A tax rate of 28% is paid on the interest earned from the investment funds held as PIEs (personal tax rates don't apply). Any interest that the investments earn (after taxes and charges) is automatically reinvested into the Trust.

4. You receive an annual statement to keep you up-to-date.

5. Your money stays invested in the Trust until it's required to pay for your funeral expenses.

The invoices for the funeral arrangements are sent to us and we arrange prompt payment. Any leftover money is paid to your estate.

A person wearing a red and white jacket and blue jeans is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person's shadow is cast long on the sand.

Public Trust

Public Trust specialises in independent trustee services.

We will:

- Listen to you, so that we can understand what's important to you
- Explain everything you need to know in language that's easy to understand
- Be impartial, and as a trustee, follow the rules of the Trust.

We've been helping New Zealanders for over 140 years.

You can rely on us to be here when you need us.



What does it cost?

You pay a one-off fee for setting up the Trust, which is discounted if you already have your Will and Enduring Powers of Attorney with Public Trust, and a closure fee that is charged at the end.

Please see our fees and charges guide for more details.

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*The Trust is established under a Master Trust Deed dated 3 April 2017. A copy is available on request. Money can only be accessed for funeral expenses (except in exceptional circumstances), any remaining money is paid to the estate. Money is invested in the Funeral Trust Cash Fund which is a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) managed fund invested in Public Trust's Common Fund. Capital and interest in the Common Fund is guaranteed by New Zealand government. Guarantee on capital is provided for in section 52 of the Public Trust Act 2001 and guarantee on interest is provided for under section 65ZD of the Public Finance Act 1989. Neither are time limited.