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## The new Kiwi Access I.D card – Replacing the 18 plus card



The new Kiwi Access Card has replaced the 18+ Card and is now available nationwide. It can be used as an evidence of age and identity card, to gain access to goods and services, and is accepted across New Zealand.

The Kiwi Access is the new name for the 18+ Card.

### **Kiwi Access cards are great for:**

- Anyone 18 years of age or older who wants a proof of age verification.
- Photo identification if you don't have a driver licence or passport.
- An alternative form of photo ID.

Applications for the new Kiwi Access Card are available now and can be made via NZ Post. You can pick up the application form from your local NZ Post outlet or download the form below.

**Or - The Kiwi Access Application Form can be down-loaded from:** The Opal Place website ([www.theopalplace.co.nz](http://www.theopalplace.co.nz)).

**Q. Why the change from 18+?**

A. We have redesigned the card so that it can better address the requirements of everyone in the community that needs a form of secure identification to give them access to goods and services.

**Q. Is my 18+ Card still valid?**

A. Yes, your 18+ Card is valid for 10 years from the date that is issued.

**Q. Who can apply for the Kiwi Access Card?**

A. Anyone 18 years or older, or turning 18 within one month.

**Q. How much does the Kiwi Access Card cost?**

A. \$55\* (as at 14 January 2019)

**Q. Will I need any existing ID?**

A. Yes. You will need one form of approved photo ID either:

- Passport (NZ or overseas)
- NZ Photo Driver Licence
- Firearms Licence
- 18+ Card
- Kiwi Access Card
- Certificate of identity
- Refugee travel document

All forms of ID need to be current or expired within the last two years prior to applying. If you do not have one of these, you can still apply – you need someone who can prove you are over 18 and some other form of identification, like your birth certificate. Check step 5.1 of the application form for a list of what other form of identification is acceptable.

**Q. Who can complete the Identifier Statement?**

A. Anyone who:

- Has known you for over a year
- Isn't a relative or spouse
- Is 20 years of age or older
- Can state you are over the age of 18
- Doesn't live at the same address as you
- Has a current Passport, NZ Driver Licence, 18+ Card, or Kiwi Access Card

**Q. How long is an Kiwi Access Card valid for?**

A. 10 years from date of issue.

**Q. If I've changed my name, what do I need to do to get a new Kiwi Access Card?**

A. Complete the application form as normal, but you will also need to provide the document showing the name change, for instance your marriage certificate.

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