

# Foreign loss election or revocation

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Please send your completed form to: Inland Revenue, PO Box 39010, Wellington Mail Centre			



## **Notes**

#### Note 1: Foreign losses

The term "foreign loss" is used to describe

- attributed foreign losses from a controlled foreign company (CFC), and/or
- attributed foreign investment fund (FIF) losses.

A CFC is a foreign company controlled by five or fewer New Zealand resident shareholders. An FIF is a foreign entity (for example, an offshore unit trust or a superannuation fund) in which a New Zealand resident has an interest.

### Note 2: Election to retain foreign losses or revocation of election

The shareholders of a loss attributing qualifying company (LAQC) may elect for the company to retain any foreign losses so it can carry them forward to offset against future foreign income.

Where an election is not made or the election is revoked, foreign losses received by the LAQC will be included in the losses attributed to shareholders, to be offset against foreign income.

The election and revocation must be made by all *sui juris* shareholders (see Note 3).

Where the shareholder is a company, enter below the signature the name and office (for example, company secretary) of the person signing on behalf of the company.

Where the shareholder is a trustee, enter the shareholder's name as "Trustees in the ......". A trustee must sign the election or revocation. Enter their name below the signature and put "trustee" in the "office" section.

#### Note 3: Sui juris

A legal phrase used to describe people who have the legal capacity to deal with their property, make binding contracts, and to sue or be sued. People who do not have full legal capacity (that is, non *sui juris*) include minors and people who have an intellectual disability.

#### Note 4: Application date of foreign loss elections

An election will apply from the beginning of the income year following the income year we receive it, unless a later date is specified.

Elections received by Inland Revenue by 31 March will apply from the beginning of that income year, unless a later year is specified. For a new company, elections will apply from the beginning of the company's first income year, provided we receive them in time for an income return to be filed.

## **Note 5: Application date of revocations**

A revocation will apply from the beginning of the income year we receive the notification, unless a later year is specified.

Any losses carried forward while the election was in place cannot be attributed to shareholders and will remain with the company to be offset or carried forward.

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