



Individual Savings Account (ISA)

Our ISA is a simple and affordable way of building up a tax-efficient lump sum for the future. If you are over 18, a UK resident for tax purposes and saving for the medium to long-term, our ISA may be suitable. If you are under 40 you have the choice to combine both a Stocks and Shares element and a Lifetime element in the ISA – allowing you to have two types of ISAs in one place.

You can open our ISA even if you already have a Cash or Innovative Finance ISA. Of course, if you already have an ISA you may want to consider transferring to us. We make no charge for any transfer.

Saving with us at a glance

- Tax-efficient savings, starting from as little as £20, up to £20,000 each tax year.
- One ISA with two elements, a Stocks and Shares ISA and a Lifetime ISA.
- Simple to invest - the fund is professionally managed by Schroders.
- Risk-controlled investing approach - with a diverse spread of assets.
- One simple, low charge of 1.5%, reducing to 1% after 10 years – no other hidden charges.
- Access your money at any time - you should aim to invest it for at least 5 years.
- A personal Financial Adviser will be on hand as and when you require.
- Manage the Plan online, visit foresters.com/MyPlans

Stocks and Shares ISA element

An ISA is a great way to save tax-efficiently, whether you are saving for a rainy day or something more exciting. If you are looking to invest for at least 5 years, our Stocks and Shares ISA element may be suitable for you.

Investing in the stock market offers greater potential for growth rather than saving in a bank or building society account where inflation could eat away at the interest earned.

Lifetime ISA element

The Lifetime ISA element is only available to those who are aged between 18 and 39 and looking to save towards purchasing a first home or accessing the money from age 60. You can save up to £4,000 each tax year, this counts towards your overall ISA limit of £20,000 for the tax year.

A 25% Government bonus will be added to any contributions. The bonus does not count towards your Lifetime ISA limit, so for every £4,000 saved each year, the Government will add £1,000.

If the Lifetime ISA element is used to save towards purchasing a new home in the UK up to the value of £450,000, the property purchase must be with a mortgage and the Lifetime ISA element must be open for at least 12 months.

If the Lifetime ISA is used to save towards later on in life, you and the Government can contribute up to age 50, and you can access the money from your 60th birthday without incurring the Government penalty.

Lifetime ISA considerations

If you use the money for any other reason than towards purchasing a first home (after 12 months of opening and up to the value of £450,000 in the UK) or after your 60th birthday the Government penalty of 25% on the encashed amount will incur. The Government penalty effectively reclaims the original Government bonus, plus any growth from the bonus money.

By saving into a Lifetime ISA instead of a workplace pension, you could lose the benefit of employer contributions and the value could affect any entitlement to means tested benefits, which are affected if the value is over £6,000.

There will be no Government penalty in the unfortunate circumstances of death or terminal illness.

Your investment

Your investment will be looked after by the experts at Schroders who make the investment decisions on your behalf with a risk-controlled sustainable approach.

Schroders is an independent, dedicated asset manager with a strong heritage and culture based on over 200 years' experience of investment markets.

Our ISA is a unit-linked Plan and meets Government standards required to be a stakeholder product. This means it is a straightforward, risk-controlled, low cost product – where charges are no more than 1.5% of the fund value, reducing to 1% after



Manage your savings online

View your child's Plan value, fund information and make contributions online - visit foresters.com/MyPlans



Choice in how you do business

You can do business with us in a way that suits you. Whether that's online with MyPlans, by phone, post or with a Forester Life Financial Adviser.



What our customers think

Our customers and members rate us 4.7 out of 5 stars, for providing a great service.



Protected

Your money is protected

100% of your savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

10 years. This single annual charge takes into account our administration and investment management costs.

Contributions will be used to purchase units in the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund which moves to the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1A Fund after 10 years. The funds have an identical investment philosophy but the latter benefits from a lower charge.

Whilst our ISA meets the standard for a stakeholder scheme this does not necessarily mean that the investment is suitable for you or that there is any guarantee of performance.

As with all stock market investments the value may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than has been invested.

Contributions

Contribute from £20 by Direct Debit or standing order for monthly contributions, or by cheque and/or direct from your bank (direct credit) for single contributions; you can also make debit card payments online. If you have both ISA elements you can split the contribution, as long as the minimum into each element is £10.

Direct Debits can be amended at any time, subject to a minimum of £5 per month and the minimum of £20.

To keep pace with inflation monthly contributions will automatically increase in line with the Retail Price Index, subject to a minimum of 2.5%. We will write to you each year to let you know this is happening, and if you do not wish for your contribution to increase, just let us know 14 days before the increase is due.

Keeping you informed

You will receive a statement showing the value of your Plan each year, however you can check the value of your Plan at any time with MyPlans - foresters.com/MyPlans

Transfers

We accept transfers from Stocks and Shares and Cash ISAs. We also accept transfers from former Personal Equity Plans (PEPs). We do not accept Lifetime ISA or Help to Buy transfers. You are entitled to transfer between ISA managers and our Forester Life ISA can be transferred at no charge.

If you transfer from a Cash ISA there will now be some risk to your capital. If you transfer any Forester Life ISAs into a newer Forester Life ISA you would lose the benefit of the reduced charges that may apply to the older Forester Life ISA after 10 years.

Forester Life does not give advice on transfers. If you are in any doubt about a transfer you should seek full financial advice.

If your ISA has both elements you can transfer from your Stocks and Shares element to your Lifetime element. If you transfer from your Lifetime element to your Stocks and Shares element the Government penalty will apply.

You can transfer the Lifetime element to another provider, however please be aware of the Government penalty that will apply if you transfer to another provider who does not offer a Lifetime ISA.

Other information

In the unfortunate event of your death we will pay out 101% of the value of your ISA to your legal personal representatives.

Your spouse or registered legal partner may inherit the value of your ISA holding as an extra allowance in addition to the standard tax year ISA allowance, subject to eligibility and time limit rules. They may therefore retain your ISA in their name, or if the monies are paid out, use the extra ISA allowance for further ISA investment.

Tax treatment

Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Benefits paid out on your death may be subject to inheritance tax. If your tax position is complex you should consider getting professional tax advice.

You can normally have total savings of up to £6,000 without affecting your entitlement to means tested benefits.

If you change your mind

Once your application is accepted, you will be issued your Plan Documents and a notice of your right to cancel. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to cancel your application.

Should you cancel, any contributions returned may be lower if the value of units bought on your behalf has fallen.

If you exercise the right to cancel a transfer to us, the amount subsequently transferred to the new ISA manager may be lower if the price of units bought on your behalf has fallen in the meantime.

If you are unhappy with our service

We take the concerns of our customers very seriously. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the service provided by us, please write to the Customer Relations Officer, Forester Life, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF.

If we do not deal with your complaint to your satisfaction, you can complain to: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR (telephone 0300 123 9123, email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk or visit (www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). Making a complaint will not prejudice your right to take legal action.

You can view the Forester Life customer complaints procedure at foresters.com or phone 0333 600 0333 for a copy.

Important information

All Forester Life Plans are subject to the law of England and Wales. We will always communicate with you using the English language.

Forester Life fulfils the EU standards for meeting financial obligations. You may view our Solvency and Financial Condition Report on our website at foresters.com/SFCR

Full details are set out in the Terms and Conditions which will be provided with your Plan Document. This will be sent to you after your application is accepted. A specimen copy is available on request.

At Foresters Financial we provide products, advice and service that embrace financial sense and simplicity. If there is anything in this brochure you don't understand, or you have special needs, please let us know.

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