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The 'Pathway' to lifelong learning in New Zealand

ASG has launched a Lifelong Education Fund (LEF) in New Zealand to help support individuals plan and save for the costs associated with their own personal development, further education and career progression.

ASG CEO John Velegrinis says education is a major life event and there are many benefits to lifelong learning.

"As individuals we never stop learning and to quote Henry Ford, "anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young".

"It is well known that lifelong learning improves motivation, social skills, health, general wellbeing and life satisfaction. We also know that individuals will have around five to seven careers and even more jobs in their lifetime.

"The need to retrain and upskill has never been more relevant," says Mr Velegrinis.

"That's why we launched LEF in New Zealand to help individuals make these important transitions as they look to pursue different career opportunities, update their skills and knowledge to stay competitive or just to keep their minds ticking."

Lifelong funds can be used to pay for course fees, IT equipment, text books, and to help offset living expenses during study.

Also newly on offer to New Zealand families is the Pathway Education Fund (Pathway) which assists parents and families save for their children's education.

Launched in Australia in August 2015, Pathway has been a runaway success offering families with the most flexible education saving plan to date. Pathway provides members with the flexibility to determine how much they contribute, how often, and when benefits will be paid for their children's education.

Along with assisting with primary and secondary schooling, Pathway can also assist with a wide range of education courses such as university, polytechnic, NZQA, vocational courses and apprenticeships. Pathway also covers full-time and part-time studies anywhere in the world.

ASG will continue to also provide the existing products, being The Education Fund (which helps pay for the basics during children's secondary schooling) and the Supplementary Education Program (which assists parents to save extra funds for secondary and post-secondary education).

ASG has been supporting New Zealand families to plan and save for the cost of education for more than 25 years through a range of specialist education funds, and is committed to ensuring our products and services meet the needs of the community.

For more information:

- download a copy of the PDS (www.asg.co.nz/pathway-education-fund) or (www.asg.co.nz/lifelong-education-fund)

Editor's notes

ASG Education Programs New Zealand is a member owned organisation, helping to create educational opportunities for children and individuals. ASG Education Programs New Zealand has been helping families and their children for 25 years. ASG was established in Australia more than 40 years ago. During this time, more than 530,000 children in both countries have enrolled and more than \$2.6 billion in education benefits and scholarship payments returned to members. For more information visit:

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