

Fuel your cooperative growth with Sharesies Business

Cooperative Business NZ is proud to partner with Sharesies Business to provide our members an exclusive offer of their Orchestra solution for 2025.

Together, we're committed to helping you keep your members up-to-date and manage your co-op's complexity.

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Here's what's on offer

- **Free onboarding, including auditing and digitising the register, onto Orchestra for a fixed fee of \$199 per month for the first 12 months**

for Cooperative Business NZ Full Members where the cooperative is less than 5 years old* and is not currently using Orchestra.

- **15% off standard per shareholder pricing** and \$500 off standard onboarding pricing**

for Cooperative Business NZ Full Members not currently using Orchestra and where the cooperative is more than 5 years old*.

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Sharesies Business' Orchestra Solution

With Sharesies Business' Orchestra solution, co-ops can ensure fair, transparent, and hassle-free dividend distributions, strengthening trust and engagement among their members.

With built-in communication tools, you can keep your members up-to-date and confident with key information easily accessible. Plus, the solution helps co-ops manage multiple share classes by keeping records organised, and tracks ownership changes.

- **Automated dividend calculations** – Orchestra eliminates manual calculations by automatically factoring in shareholdings, patronage, and cooperative-specific distribution rules.
- **Real-time member equity tracking** – Members can access up-to-date dividend records, ensuring transparency and reducing administrative inquiries.
- **Built-in compliance** – Orchestra offers a single source of truth share register with a dedicated integration to the NZ Companies Office ensures accuracy and compliance.

Why can dividend distribution and member engagement be so complex for co-ops?

- **Variable ownership structures:** Unlike traditional businesses, co-ops often have fluctuating member bases, with new members joining and others exiting, making it challenging to calculate and distribute dividends fairly.
- **Profit sharing based on participation:** Many co-ops distribute dividends based on members' level of participation (like patronage, purchases, or contributions) rather than a fixed shareholding percentage, requiring more sophisticated tracking and calculations.
- **Multiple share classes:** Co-ops often have different rights for different member types, like voting members and investors. Plus, if a co-op is looking to raise new capital without changing control, it may issue a new share class with limited voting rights to bring in money while retaining cooperative principles.
- **Compliance & transparency requirements:** Co-op share registers are highly distributed and subject to movements, it's important to use a tool that acts as a transparent source of truth between the co-op, its members, and the regulators.

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Cooperative Business NZ is the peak body for cooperatives, mutuals and member-owned businesses in Aotearoa New Zealand. It independently represents them to government, regulators, educators and policymakers to increase awareness of the contributions they make to New Zealand, and ensure they continue to prosper and thrive for generations to come. The turnover of cooperatives and mutuals is collectively equivalent to >18% of New Zealand's GDP and they are critical to the nation's economic success.

Sharesies Business

Sharesies is a wealth app that offers access to fractionalised shares on the NZX, ASX and US exchanges, alongside savings, Kiwisaver and insurance products. With over 770,000 people on the platform, we have the largest combined retail investor base across Australia and New Zealand. We've taken our expertise and experience working with retail investors to create Sharesies Business. Our Orchestra solution provides registry management and compliance services to over 550 private companies across Australia and New Zealand.



Eligibility criteria

*Cooperative age is determined by the date of registration lodged with the New Zealand Companies Office.

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