

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR

# RESIDENCE IN NEW ZEALAND



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# KIA ORA – WELCOME

New Zealand welcomes new migrants – people who will contribute to our country by bringing valuable skills or qualifications, setting up a business, or making a financial investment. We also encourage family reunification by allowing residents and citizens to sponsor other family members for residence. We believe migrants make a valuable contribution to our society, and help us develop and strengthen our relationships with other parts of the world.

## Residence in New Zealand

Potential migrants who want to live in New Zealand permanently must first obtain a Residence Permit or Visa entitling you to live, study and work indefinitely in this country. This Guide summarises the various residence categories and the requirements you will need to meet to live in New Zealand as a permanent resident.

If, after reading this Guide, you want more details about applying for residence, you can:

- download our forms and leaflets from our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz); or
- use the coupon at the back of this Guide to request a residence application pack.

You can use the forms to apply at any of our branches worldwide.

If you're a New Zealand or Australian citizen, you don't need to apply for residence to live in New Zealand, although you will still need to show a valid New Zealand or Australian passport on your arrival in New Zealand.

If you are entering New Zealand with a current Australian Permanent Residence Visa or a current Australian Resident Return Visa, you will normally be granted a New Zealand Residence Permit on arrival. However, you can still be refused residence if you are not of good character. (See **Character requirements** on page 4 for further information.)

In New Zealand, residence and citizenship are different. If you are granted residence, you retain your original citizenship, and after five years can apply for New Zealand citizenship. Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not administer citizenship law, so you should enquire about New Zealand citizenship and passports at the Department of Internal Affairs or a New Zealand consular or diplomatic office. Check [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) for further information.

## Residence Visas, Residence Permits, Returning Resident's Visas

### Residence Visas

A Residence Visa is issued outside New Zealand and allows you to enter New Zealand once. It is generally valid for 12 months from the date of issue and cannot be renewed or extended. This means that if you don't travel to New Zealand within this time, your Residence Visa will expire and you may need to apply for residence again. You should be aware that the second application will be assessed against the policy that applies at the time you lodge

it. (Residence Visas are valid for fewer than 12 months under some categories, so make sure you check each policy for details before you travel.)

### **Residence Permits**

When you arrive at the border in New Zealand with either a Residence Visa or a current Returning Resident's Visa in your passport, you will be granted a Residence Permit. A Residence Permit allows you to remain in New Zealand indefinitely, but expires when you leave New Zealand. You need a Returning Resident's Visa to re-enter New Zealand, unless you are a New Zealand citizen and hold a New Zealand passport.

### **Returning Resident's Visas**

Once you have taken up residence in New Zealand, you need a current Returning Resident's Visa to re-enter the country after any overseas travel. A current Returning Resident's Visa entitles you to be granted a new Residence Permit on your return. Your first Returning Resident's Visa is issued when you are granted your Residence Visa or your first Residence Permit in New Zealand and is valid for two years from the date it is issued, unless you lodged your application for residence under the Investor Category on or after 4 July 2005, in which case your Returning Resident's Visa is valid for five years. For more information, see our **Guide for Returning Resident's Visas** (NZIS 1005).

## **Requirements of your Residence Visa or Permit**

We can impose requirements on you if you are granted residence under the Investor, Employees of Relocating Businesses, or Skilled Migrant Categories. (Details of these requirements are given under the sections about these categories later in this Guide.) The Minister of Immigration can also impose requirements on you if the Minister has granted a Residence Permit to you as an exception to policy.

The requirements may remain for up to two years after you are first granted residence except if you are granted residence under the Investor Category, in which case requirements will remain for up to five years. If you show us that you've met them after this time, we will write to you confirming that the requirements no longer apply. After this your residence status is permanent. It's important that you meet the requirements within this time as the Minister can revoke your Residence Permit (and those of any accompanying family members) if you don't.

### **How decisions are made**

The Minister of Immigration sets Government residence policy. By law, INZ must assess applications according to the rules of this policy and is not allowed to make any exceptions. If you think we have declined your application incorrectly, in most cases you can ask the Residence Review Board – a neutral and independent body – to review it.

## **Your health, character and English ability**

### **Health requirements**

Please read the **Health Requirements Leaflet** (NZIS 1121) for full details of the health information you will need to submit with your application.

## Character requirements

You and any family members included in your application must be of good character, whatever the category. To prove that, you and everyone in your family who is 17 years of age and older needs to provide police certificates from:

- your country of citizenship (unless you can provide satisfactory evidence that you have never lived there); **and**
- any country you have been in for 12 months or more in the last 10 years, whether in one visit or more.

For information on how to obtain a police certificate you can visit our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate).

Accessing the website is the quickest means of obtaining this information, however if you do not have access to the internet you can either:

- call us on 0508 55 88 55 if you are in New Zealand, or (09) 914 4100 if you are in Auckland; or
- contact your nearest INZ branch.

You will probably be refused residence in New Zealand on character grounds if:

- you have ever been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more; **or**
- you have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months or more during the last 10 years; **or**
- you have ever been deported from New Zealand or any other country; **or**
- there is reason to believe you might be associated with criminal groups, constitute a danger to New Zealand, or engage in criminal offending after your arrival.

## English language requirements

You'll have a better chance of settling successfully in New Zealand if you can speak English. You (and everyone else aged 16 or over who is accompanying you) will need to meet a minimum standard of English if you are applying under the Skilled Migrant, Business, or Pacific Access Categories. If you're applying under one of the Residence from Work Categories, you won't need to meet English language requirements but your partner and/or children will.

You can prove that you meet the minimum standard of English by providing a certificate from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or you can provide other evidence that you come from an English-speaking background. In some instances, your partner and/or children may, instead of satisfying the minimum standard of English, pre-purchase English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tuition: English language classes that you'll attend once you get to New Zealand. Details of the minimum standards for each category, and what evidence you need to provide, can be found on our website, [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz). Alternatively, see our leaflet **English Language Information** (NZIS 1060).

# Your application

## Principal applicant

The principal applicant is the person who will be primarily assessed against the policy criteria. If this is you, you should fill in the application form.

## Non-principal applicants

Non-principal applicants are any other people who you include in the application, such as your partner and/or children.

### Partners

You can include your partner in your application, but you must have been living together in a genuine and stable relationship for at least 12 months and meet other minimum requirements for your partnership to be recognised. See **Minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships** (page 14).

### Dependent children

You can include your children and your partner's children in your application if they are single and aged 16 or younger or are single, aged 17-24 years and have no children of their own. They must be either totally or substantially reliant on you or your partner for financial support, whether or not they are living with you or your partner.

Your partner's children cannot be approved for residence unless you and your partner are able to meet the minimum requirements for the recognition of partnerships (see page 14).

### Custody of dependent children

If you have custody of a child who is under 16 years of age and you are separated or divorced from the other parent, you need to provide us with evidence that you have the legal right to remove that child from their home country.

### Customary adoptions

Children who have been informally adopted at an early age by members of their extended family according to custom are regarded as members of the host family into which they were adopted and will not be approved for residence as part of your family.

## Other things you need to know

### Agents and third parties

You can apply for residence by completing and submitting the necessary forms yourself or you can ask another person – such as a friend, lawyer, or immigration consultant – to help you. (We refer to people who help you in this way as your 'agent' or 'representative'.) We give all applicants equal treatment so you are free to choose whether or not to use an agent. Our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) has lots of information about migrating to and settling in New Zealand and also provides links to other services that may be able to help you.

Please be aware of the following if you do decide to use an agent or representative:

- You can give your own address or your agent's address as our point of contact. However, there may be times when we want to work directly with you.
- If you give your agent's or representative's address, we will send them all correspondence about your application – including notices for interviews and original documents.
- If you stop using the services of your agent or representative, or hire a new one, you will need to tell us in writing or we will continue to deal with them.
- You are responsible for any documents or information that you submit with your application as well as any information that your agent or representative submits on your behalf.
- We reserve the right to work with you directly.

### Online checking of applications

*This service is only available to applications lodged at INZ branches listed at the back of this leaflet.*

You can check the progress of your application online. You can register for this service by selecting this option in your application. If you select this option you will be advised of the outcome of your application by email. If you decide to use an agent or other person to represent you they will be sent instructions on how to access the online enquiry system.

### Migrant levy

Successful applicants under some categories of residence policy must pay a migrant levy before residence is granted. You can find details of which categories the migrant levy applies to and the amount you will need to pay in **New Zealand Immigration's Guide to Fees (NZIS 1028)**.

### Advance passenger screening

New Zealand has implemented a system designed to enhance the security of New Zealand's borders. You may be refused permission to board your flight to come to, or return to New Zealand if:

- you do not have an appropriate visa to enter New Zealand; **or**
- your visa has expired; **or**
- your visa has not been transferred to your current/new passport or the passport being used to enter New Zealand.

To minimise any disruption to your travel plans, please ensure your travel documents are up to date and that you have the appropriate and current visa. If you have any questions check [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

### New Zealand Immigration Programme

The Government manages the number of people who are granted residence in New Zealand each year through the New Zealand Immigration Programme. The total number of people who may be approved for residence is currently set at 45,000 + 5,000. The programme has three streams – Skilled/Business, Family Sponsored and International/Humanitarian – with set limits on the number of approvals granted for each group. Each stream has a different intent, focus and rules. On the following pages you will find an overview of the various policies and the rules for each of the categories under each stream.

### Tax Exemption

From 1 April 2006 most types of individual income derived from overseas are temporarily exempt from tax in New Zealand if you fulfil certain conditions. The temporary tax exemption is available to new migrants and returning New Zealanders who have not been resident for tax purposes in New Zealand for at least 10 years. See [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) for further information.



# Skilled/Business stream



The purpose of the Skilled/Business stream is to help talented and entrepreneurial migrants gain residence in New Zealand. The Government sets aside 60% of the total immigration programme for this stream – 27,000 + 5,000 places. The categories in this stream are the:

- Skilled Migrant Category;
- Business Categories (Investor, Entrepreneur, Employees of Relocating Businesses); and
- Residence from Work Categories (Talent (Accredited Employers) Residence Policy, Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports) Residence Policy, and Long Term Skill Shortage List formerly Priority Occupations List (POL) Residence Policy).

## Skilled Migrant Category

New Zealand offers many opportunities for skilled migrants, particularly in industries and regions experiencing growth and skill shortages. The Skilled Migrant Category has been designed to give priority to meeting those needs and opportunities. If you are interested in migrating to New Zealand as a skilled migrant, and if you have the skills we need, then we are ready to work with you to meet our mutual goals.

### How does the Skilled Migrant Category work?

#### The prerequisites

To be considered under this category you need to be of good health, good character, have a reasonable standard of English, and be under the age of 56 years. You will also need to meet the threshold of 100 points to register an Expression of Interest. (See **English Language Information** (NZIS1060) for full English language requirements and information on how to meet them).

#### The points system

The points system is designed to reflect which applicants have the most to offer New Zealand so that INZ can extend invitations to apply for residence to them. The points are set out on page 9. Points are available for skilled employment in New Zealand, work experience, qualifications and age. Bonus points are also available for employment outside Auckland, for New Zealand qualifications gained in New Zealand over at least two years, for your partner's skilled employment in New Zealand and their recognised qualification and for close family in New Zealand.

#### Objectives of the Skilled Migrant Category

You will see from the prerequisites and points system that the Skilled Migrant Category is designed to minimise the risk of a mismatch between the skills migrants bring and the skills New Zealand needs. The highest points will be available to qualified, skilled migrants who are already working in skilled employment in New Zealand. Research has confirmed that such migrants settle more quickly and are able to match their New Zealand counterparts in salary levels and standards of living.

Although a skilled job offer is not a prerequisite, you can see how important it is to consider ensuring that your skills are needed in New Zealand before you sell your home, leave your job and move to New Zealand. Be wary of anyone who offers to guarantee you residence or to sell you a job offer – it may be a fraudulent practice and could result

in your Expression of Interest or application being declined. If anyone attempts to bribe an INZ officer then the application will be declined and charges may be laid. If you have any doubts check with INZ – and check the INZ fees before paying any money to an agent.

## The process

### **Step one: You complete an initial self assessment**

Complete the Skilled Migrant Quick Check on the next page or on the INZ website ([www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)). This will help you decide whether or not it is worth submitting an Expression of Interest.

### **Step two: You submit an Expression of Interest**

Complete an Expression of Interest. In this, you tell us about your health, character, age and English language ability, as well as the factors that will earn you points. When it is completed, submit it to INZ where it will be checked to ensure that all relevant information has been supplied.

You can complete and submit an Expression of Interest form either online at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or on a hard copy form, which you can download from our website. The online form is easier to complete and is also less expensive than submitting a paper form.

You need at least 100 points to submit an Expression of Interest.

### **Step three: We select Expressions of Interest**

Expressions of Interest are submitted into a Pool. Periodically, Expressions of Interest are selected from the Pool as follows:

- Expressions of Interest that have total points of 140 or more will be selected automatically from the Pool;
- Expressions of Interest that have a points total of 100 or more but less than 140, and include points for an offer of skilled employment or current skilled employment in New Zealand, are selected (according to their points ranking) in sufficient numbers to meet New Zealand's Immigration Programme requirements.

If, following the selection process set out above, further places are available, additional Expressions of Interest may be selected from the Pool on the basis of criteria set from time to time by the Minister of Immigration.

Once your Expression of Interest has been selected from the Pool, following some checking, you may be invited to lodge an application for residence.

If your Expression of Interest is not selected from the Pool, it will remain in the Pool for six months. If after the six-month period your Expression of Interest has not been selected from the Pool, we will withdraw your Expression of Interest from the Pool and you will receive notification that this has happened. You can submit another Expression of Interest if you wish.

If we have not selected any Expressions of Interest over the six-month period, all Expressions of Interest will remain in the Pool until we make the next selection.

### **Step four: We ask you to apply for residence**

If you are drawn from the Pool, we will send you an Invitation to Apply for Residence. After you have been invited to apply you will need to send us all the necessary documents to support the claims you made in your Expression of Interest – such as passports, qualifications and relevant certificates. The application for residence is a much simpler form to complete because you will have supplied much of the necessary information with your Expression of Interest.

### Step five: Decision-making

We assess your application for residence against Government residence policy and look at your ability to settle successfully and make a real contribution to New Zealand's social and economic development. We also undertake further verification of some of the information you have given us in your Expression of Interest. In some cases, we will assess this by conducting an interview with you covering your employment prospects, your familiarity with New Zealand and the support you are likely to have here. If you are able to demonstrate your ability, or potential, to settle in New Zealand successfully, your application can be approved and you will be issued with a Residence Visa or granted a Residence Permit. Alternatively, you may be issued with a Work to Residence Visa or granted a Work to Residence Permit to give you time to obtain an offer of skilled employment in New Zealand to help you gain residence. We will send you a letter setting out the requirements that apply to you, your partner and/or children depending on the type of visa or permit you are granted. If you cannot meet our settlement requirements your residence application may be declined.

### Step six: Welcome to New Zealand – we want to stay in touch with you

If you are not already in New Zealand, we will arrange a Welcome Pack on your arrival, as well as providing you with a contact person who can help you access information you need to help you settle in.

On a more formal basis, we will follow up with a questionnaire after three months, so that we can use your feedback to help us help future skilled migrants.

## Skilled Migrant Quick Check

|   | No                       | Yes                      |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Are you under 56 years of age?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are you, your partner, and your children all healthy?<br>(see <b>Your health, character and English ability</b> on page 3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are you, your partner, and/or your children free of major criminal convictions and not a security risk?                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Can you competently speak, write and understand English?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Have you been offered a job in New Zealand?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have a tertiary or trade qualification?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you have at least two years work experience?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered YES to the first four questions and YES to at least one of the last three questions, it may be worthwhile taking the next step and filling in an Expression of Interest.

## The Skilled Migrant Category points system

The table below shows how points are allocated under the Skilled Migrant Category. Please see our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) to get more information, definitions of terms, and an indication of your potential points score and eligibility under this category.

| FACTORS   | POINTS |
|---|--------|
| Skilled employment:   |        |
| • Current skilled employment in New Zealand for 12 months or more   | 60     |
| • Offer of skilled employment in New Zealand or current employment in New Zealand for less than 12 months           | 50     |
| Bonus points for employment or offer of employment in:  |        |
| • An identified future growth area or cluster   | 5      |
| • An area of absolute skills shortage   | 10     |
| • Region outside Auckland   | 10     |
| • Partner employment or offer of employment   | 10     |
| Work experience:  |        |
| • 2 years   | 10     |
| • 4 years   | 15     |
| • 6 years   | 20     |
| • 8 years   | 25     |
| • 10 years  | 30     |
| Additional bonus points if work experience in New Zealand:  |        |
| • 2 years   | 5      |
| • 4 years   | 10     |
| • 6 years or more   | 15     |
| Additional bonus points for work experience in an identified future growth area or cluster:                         |        |
| • 2 to 5 years  | 5      |
| • 6 years or more   | 10     |
| Additional bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage:                                 |        |
| • 2 to 5 years  | 10     |
| • 6 years or more   | 15     |
| Qualifications:   |        |
| • Recognised basic qualification (e.g. trade qualification, diploma, bachelor degree, bachelor degree with Honours) | 50     |
| • Recognised post-graduate qualification (Masters degree, Doctorate)  | 55     |
| Bonus points for:   |        |
| • Recognised New Zealand qualification (and at least two years study in New Zealand)                                | 10     |
| • Qualification in an identified future growth area or identified cluster   | 5      |
| • Qualification in an area of absolute skills shortage  | 10     |
| • Partner qualifications  | 10     |
| Close family in New Zealand   | 10     |
| Age   |        |
| • 20-29   | 30     |
| • 30-39   | 25     |
| • 40-44   | 20     |
| • 45-49   | 10     |
| • 50-55   | 5      |

# Business Categories

You can be granted residence under the Investor, Entrepreneur, or Employees of Relocating Businesses Categories. We also have another business category – the Long Term Business Visa – that is a temporary entry category intended to lead to residence under the Entrepreneur Category. People wanting to establish a business in New Zealand can be granted a Work Permit under the Long Term Business Visa policy and apply for residence under the Entrepreneur Category after three years. For more information on the Long Term Business Visa, please check our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

## Investor Category

The Investor Category works along the same lines as the Skilled Migrant Category in terms of applicants first submitting an Expression of Interest, and then being invited to apply for residence if the Expression of Interest meets minimum criteria.

If you submit an Expression of Interest under the Investor Category, you will only be invited to apply for residence if we assess that you:

- are aged 54 years or younger
- are healthy and of good character
- meet a minimum standard of English
- have at least five years business experience; and
- have NZ\$2 million to invest for five years.

You will need to state what evidence you have to support these claims on the Expression of Interest form, but won't need to actually provide documents until you apply for residence.

All funds must be legally earned and owned either solely by you, or jointly by you and your partner or you and your dependent children. If the funds are owned partly by your partner, you will need to have been living in a genuine and stable partnership for a minimum of 12 months and meet the minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships (see page 14) for the funds to be acceptable.

If your application is approved, your permit will have certain conditions imposed on it for five years – the term of your investment (see **Requirements of your Residence Visa or Permit** on page 3). These conditions will be that you:

- retain the investment in New Zealand for five years
- make New Zealand your main home; and
- participate in monitoring and evaluation as required by the Department of Labour.

Your funds will be held by the New Zealand government for five years and adjusted for inflation during this time. You cannot choose to invest the funds in any other way.

After two years, you may apply to INZ to withdraw up to half of your money to invest in a business that will benefit New Zealand. You will need to submit a business plan and pay a fee.

At the end of the five-year period we will return your funds to you, adjusted for inflation and tax. Within three months of the end of the five-year period you will have to provide evidence that you have met the conditions imposed on your permit. If you have, we will issue you with a new residence permit with the conditions lifted. If not, your permit will be revoked.

## Entrepreneur Category

To apply under the Entrepreneur Category, you need to:

- have successfully established a business in New Zealand that is benefiting New Zealand (see below); **and**
- be healthy and of good character; **and**
- meet a minimum standard of English; **and**
- not have applied for or been granted social welfare benefits in New Zealand.

You have successfully established a business in New Zealand if:

- you have established or purchased, or made a substantial investment (a minimum of 25% of the shareholding of a business) in a business operating in New Zealand; **and**
- the business has been established for at least two years; **and**
- you have been lawfully working in New Zealand in that business for at least two years.

A business is considered to be benefiting New Zealand if it promotes New Zealand's economic growth through, for example:

- introducing new or enhancing existing technology, management or technical skills; **or**
- introducing new or enhancing existing products, services or export markets; **or**
- creating new or expanding existing export markets; **or**
- creating new job opportunities; **or**
- revitalising an existing business.

The business must be trading profitably on the date you lodge your application or must clearly have the potential to become profitable within the following 12 months.

## Employees of Relocating Businesses Category

This category aims to promote New Zealand as a place in which to relocate businesses.

To be considered under this category the owner(s) of the relocating business needs to satisfy us that the business will:

- operate in New Zealand; **and**
- be of benefit to New Zealand; **and**
- comply with all relevant employment and immigration law in force in New Zealand.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise must support the relocation of the business. We will consult with New Zealand Trade and Enterprise to determine its support for the relocation of the business.

To be approved under this category you need to:

- be a key employee of a business that is proposing to relocate to New Zealand; **and**
- not qualify for residence under other residence categories; **and**
- be healthy and of good character; **and**
- meet a minimum standard of English.

You are a **key employee** if the Chief Executive Officer of the relocating business satisfies us that you will be essential to the operation of the business in New Zealand.

If your application is approved, we will send you a letter setting out the requirements that apply to you, your partner and children (see **Requirements of your Residence Visa or Permit** on page 3). Under the Employees of Relocating Businesses Category, these requirements are that you:

- work in the business for the 24 months following its relocation to New Zealand; **and**
- tell us if your address changes within this time; **and**
- show us that you've met the first requirement within three months after the initial 24 month period has ended.

# Residence from Work Categories

## Talent (Accredited Employers) Residence Policy

This is a residence policy for people who were granted a 30 month temporary Work Visa or Permit to allow them to work for an accredited employer in New Zealand.

To be approved for residence under this policy you must:

- have held a Work Visa or Permit granted under the Talent (Accredited Employers) Work Policy for at least 24 months; **and**
- during the currency of that visa or permit, have been employed in New Zealand for a period of 24 months by an accredited employer (or another employer if you were granted a Variation of Conditions to your Work Permit by INZ allowing you to work for them instead); **and**
- have current employment in New Zealand with a base salary of at least NZ\$45,000 per year; **and**
- hold full or provisional registration, if full or provisional registration is required to practise in your occupation in New Zealand; **and**
- be healthy and of good character.

Your employment must be:

- full time (on average, at least 30 hours per week); **and**
- ongoing (permanent or indefinite, or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms); **and**
- genuine; **and**
- compliant with relevant employment law in force in New Zealand. This includes having a written employment agreement specifying the necessary terms and conditions, and meeting holiday, special leave and occupational health and safety requirements.

Employers who want to know more about becoming an accredited employer should see our leaflet **Guide for Employers** (NZIS 1031) and our form **Application for Employer Accreditation** (NZIS 1090).

## Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Policy

This is a residence policy for people with exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport who were sponsored by a New Zealand art, cultural or sporting organisation for a 30 month open temporary Work Visa or Permit allowing them to be actively engaged in their field in New Zealand.

To be approved under this policy you must:

- have held a Work Permit or Work Visa granted under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy for at least 24 months; **and**
- during the currency of that visa or permit, have been actively engaged in your field of art, culture or sport throughout a period of 24 months in New Zealand; **and**
- be sponsored for residence by a New Zealand organisation of national repute in your field (see below); **and**
- still be prominent in your field; **and**
- show that your continued presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in your field of art, culture or sport; **and**
- be healthy and of good character; **and**
- not have applied for or been granted any social welfare benefits in New Zealand.

A New Zealand organisation of national repute is defined as:

- a New Zealand organisation that has a nationally recognised record of excellence in a field of art, culture or sport; **or**
- a New Zealand organisation that has a nationally recognised record of excellence in fostering exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport.

You must provide a completed **Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Sponsorship Form** (NZIS 1091) from an organisation of national repute with your application for residence. The organisation must agree to sponsor you *for residence*, and the form must include an undertaking by an eligible personal sponsor to provide you with financial support and accommodation during the first two years of your residence, if this should be necessary.

Arts, cultural or sporting organisations that want to know more about sponsoring applicants under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy should see our **Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Sponsorship Form** (NZIS 1091).

## Long Term Skill Shortage List formerly Priority Occupations List (POL) Residence Policy

This is a residence policy for people who *were granted a 30 month Work Visa or Permit* to allow them to work for an employer in New Zealand in an occupation on the Long Term Skill Shortage List formerly Priority Occupations List (POL).

To be approved for residence under this policy you must:

- have held a Work Visa and Work Permit granted under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Policy for at least 24 months; **and**
- during the currency of that visa or permit, have been employed in New Zealand in an occupation included on the Long Term Skill Shortage List for a period of at least 24 months; **and**
- currently have employment (see below) with a minimum base salary of NZ\$45,000 that is in either:
  - the occupation for which you were granted a Work Permit or Visa under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Policy; **or**
  - an occupation which is listed on the Long Term Skill Shortage List at the time your application for residence is made; **and**
- be aged 55 years or younger; **and**
- hold full or provisional registration, if full or provisional registration is required to practise in that occupation in New Zealand; **and**
- be healthy and of good character.

Your employment must be:

- full time (on average, at least 30 hours per week); **and**
- ongoing (permanent or indefinite, or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms); **and**
- genuine; **and**
- compliant with relevant employment law in force in New Zealand. This includes having a written employment agreement specifying the necessary terms and conditions, and meeting holiday, special leave and occupational health and safety requirements.

To find out which occupations are included on the current Long Term Skill Shortage List, visit our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).



# Family Sponsored stream



The purpose of the Family Sponsored stream is to help reunite families in New Zealand by granting residence to the family members of New Zealand citizens and residents. The Government dedicates 30% of the immigration programme to this stream each year – at least 13,500 places. The categories under the Family Sponsored stream are the:

- Family Category (Partnership, Parent, Sibling/Adult Child, and Dependent Child Policies), and
- Family Quota Category.

## Family Category

### Partnership Policy

This policy is for people who have a New Zealand resident or citizen partner and want to come to live in New Zealand with them. The minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships apply to all residence applications.

#### Minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships

To be granted residence in New Zealand you and your partner need to prove you:

- are living together (and have been for a minimum of 12 months) in a genuine and stable relationship; **and**
- are both aged 18 years or older (or can provide evidence of parental/guardian/other consent if either of you are 16 or 17 years of age); **and**
- met each other prior to your application being made; **and**
- are not close relatives according to Schedule 2 of the Marriage Act 1955 or Schedule 2 of the Civil Union Act 2004. (These Acts are available on the internet at [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz).)

#### Is my partner eligible to sponsor me?

If you are applying under the Family Category – Partnership Policy, you need to be sponsored by your New Zealand partner. Your partner is NOT eligible to sponsor you if they:

- have previously supported or sponsored more than one other successful principal applicant under Partnership Policy; **or**
- have previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy in the five years immediately preceding the date the current application is made; **or**
- were the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence that has resulted in the grant of a Residence Permit to a person under the special policy for victims of domestic violence (see note on page 15); **or**
- were a successful principal applicant under Partnership Policy:
  - if less than five years have elapsed since the date they were granted residence under the Partnership Policy; **or**
  - if they have previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership Policy.

**Please note:** A person is considered to be the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence if they:

- have been convicted in New Zealand of an offence of domestic violence; **or**
- were the subject of a complaint of domestic violence which was investigated by the New Zealand Police and the Police are satisfied that the person committed it.

Your sponsor will need to show us that New Zealand is their primary place of residence. When your application is made and assessed they should:

- hold a valid Australian passport; **or**
- hold a New Zealand Residence Permit or Returning Resident's Visa which was issued on the basis that they held an Australian Permanent Residence Visa or an Australian Resident Return Visa.

## Parent Policy

This policy is for people who want to live permanently in New Zealand and have an adult child who is a New Zealand citizen or resident.

You may be granted residence if:

- your child is 17 years or over and sponsors your application; **and**
- your family's 'centre of gravity' is in New Zealand (see below).

### Sponsorship requirements

To sponsor you under this policy, your child must:

- be 17 years of age or over; **and**
- be in New Zealand; **and**
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen or the holder of a current Residence Permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987; **and**
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a Residence Permit or a Returning Resident's Visa for at least three years immediately before the date your completed application is received by INZ; **and**
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years.

Your sponsor must make a legal declaration that they will provide you with financial support and accommodation (if necessary) for at least the first two years of your residence in New Zealand.

**Please note:** Grandparents and legal guardians are also considered to be parents in some situations (see **Legal guardians and grandparents** on page 16).

### Centre of gravity

The 'centre of gravity' of your family is in New Zealand if you have:

- **no dependent children** – all your adult children are living lawfully and permanently outside your home country or you have an equal or greater number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand than in any other single country, including your home country; **or**
- **dependent children** – you have an equal or greater number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand than in any other single country, including your home country. The number of your dependent children must be the same as, or less than, the number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand.

Under this policy, your children include:

- your biological and adopted children; **and**
- your partner's children (whether or not your partner is included in the application) if that child has lived as part of your family unit for most of the child's life between the time your relationship with your partner began and when the child turned 17.

### Legal guardians and grandparents

A sponsor's legal guardian and their partner will be considered as parents under the Parent Policy if:

- both the sponsor's parents died before the sponsor turned 20; **and**
- the legal guardian had custody of the sponsor and the right to control the sponsor's upbringing before the sponsor attained the age of 20 years.

In the context of the Parent Policy you are a legal guardian if your children include:

- the New Zealand citizen or resident sponsor; **and**
- all your biological and adopted children; **and**
- any children for whom you are or were legal guardian(s); **and**
- any of your partner's children (whether or not the partner is included in the application) if that child has lived as part of your family unit for most of the child's life between the time your relationship with your partner began and when the child turned 17.

A sponsor's grandparent and their partner will be considered as parents under the Parent Policy if both the sponsor's parents are dead. Only one grandparent and their partner may be sponsored under the Parent Policy.

In the context of the Parent Policy you are a grandparent if your children include:

- the New Zealand citizen or resident sponsor; **and**
- all your biological and adopted children; **and**
- any of your partner's children (whether or not the partner is included in the application) if that child has lived as part of your family unit for most of the child's life between the time your relationship with your partner began and when the child turned 17.

### Sibling and Adult Child Policy

You may be granted residence under this policy if you:

- have a New Zealand citizen or resident parent, brother or sister who is living in New Zealand and who is able to sponsor your application; **and**
- have no other siblings or parents who are living lawfully and permanently in the same country in which you are living lawfully and permanently; **and**
- have an acceptable offer of employment in New Zealand; **and**
- are aged 55 years or younger at the time the application is lodged.

### Sponsorship requirements

Your sponsor must:

- be 17 years of age or over; **and**
- be living in New Zealand; **and**
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen, or the holder of a current Residence Permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987; **and**
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen, and/or the holder of a Residence Permit or a Returning Resident's Visa, for at least three years immediately before the date you apply; **and**
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years.

Your sponsor must make a legal declaration that they will provide you with financial support and accommodation (if necessary) for at least the first two years of your residence in New Zealand.

### Acceptable offers of employment

Job offers must be:

- for ongoing work with a single employer (that is, permanent, indefinite, or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms); **or**
- for one or more contracts totalling at least six months, if you have provided evidence of having had at least two years of contract work; **and**
- for full-time employment (averaging at least 30 hours per week); **and**
- current at the time your application is assessed and at the time you are granted residence; **and**
- genuine; **and**
- for a position that is paid by salary or wages (positions of self-employment, payment by commission and/or retainer are not acceptable); **and**
- accompanied by evidence of full or provisional registration, if full or provisional registration is required by law to take up the offer; **and**
- compliant with all relevant employment law in force in New Zealand. This includes having a written employment contract specifying the necessary terms and conditions, and meeting holiday, special leave, minimum wage, and occupational health and safety requirements.

### Minimum income requirement

If you have dependent children you will need to show that you will meet a minimum income requirement in New Zealand to ensure that you can support yourself and your dependants if you come to New Zealand.

If your partner is included in your application and also has an offer of employment in New Zealand, their wage or salary can be taken into account to assess whether you will meet the minimum income requirement. Your partner's employment offer can only be taken into account, however, if your partner meets the minimum requirements set out in the **Minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships** on page 14. Your partner's job offer must also be 'acceptable' (see **Acceptable offers of employment** above), but does not have to be for full-time employment.

The table below sets out the gross minimum income requirement for principal applicants with dependent children:

| Number of dependent children | Total gross family income per year |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1                            | \$30,946                           |
| 2                            | \$36,493                           |
| 3                            | \$42,040                           |
| 4 or more                    | \$47,586                           |

## Dependent Child Policy

This category is for people who are dependent children of a New Zealand citizen or resident and who want to live permanently in New Zealand.

You may be granted residence under this policy if:

- you are aged 16 or younger; **and**
- you are single; **and**
- you are totally or substantially reliant on an adult for financial support (whether or not that adult is your parent, and whether or not you are living with that adult); **and**
- your parent(s) are lawfully and permanently in New Zealand.

**OR**

- you are aged between 17 and 24 years; **and**
- you are single; **and**
- you have no children of your own; **and**
- you are totally or substantially reliant on an adult for financial support (whether or not that adult is your parent, and whether or not you are living with that adult); **and**
- your parent(s) are lawfully and permanently in New Zealand.

You must also:

- have been born or adopted before your parents applied for residence, and been declared on your parents' application for residence; **or**
- have been born after your parents applied for residence; **or**
- have been adopted by your parents as a result of a New Zealand adoption or an overseas adoption recognised under New Zealand law.

**Please note:** Your parent(s) are lawfully and permanently in New Zealand if they are:

- citizen(s) of New Zealand; **or**
- holder(s) of New Zealand Residence Permits; **or**
- holder(s) of current New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa(s); **or**
- citizen(s) of Australia living in New Zealand.

### Custody or visitation rights

If you are under 16 years of age and you have a parent living outside New Zealand, your parent in New Zealand must provide evidence that custody or visitation rights of the parent living outside New Zealand will not be breached by your coming to live in New Zealand.

## Family Quota Category

This category is run by ballot and aims to reunify families by granting residence to a quota of family members of New Zealand citizens and residents who are not eligible for residence under any other category. You may only apply for residence under this category if your New Zealand sponsor's registration was drawn from the ballot.

You (and your partner and children) may be granted residence under the Family Quota Category if:

- you are sponsored by your adult child, adult grandchild, adult sibling or parent; **and**
- you are not eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other residence category; **and**
- your New Zealand sponsor's registration was selected from the ballot; **and**
- you apply within six months of us writing to your sponsor advising their registration has been drawn from the ballot; **and**
- you are healthy and of good character.

## Sponsorship requirements

Your sponsor must:

- be 17 years of age or over; **and**
- be in New Zealand; **and**
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen or the holder of a current Residence Permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987; **and**
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a Residence Permit or a Returning Resident's Visa for at least three years immediately before the date they lodge their registration under the Family Quota Category; **and**
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years.

Your sponsor must make a legal declaration that they will provide you with financial support and accommodation (if necessary) for at least the first two years of your residence in New Zealand.

**Please note:** If you are in New Zealand, you must be lawfully in New Zealand and not have claimed refugee status in New Zealand to be eligible to be included in a sponsor's registration or to later apply for residence under the Family Quota Category following a successful ballot draw.

For more information about lodging a registration under the Family Quota Category, please see **Registration Form for Family Quota Sponsor** (NZIS 1088) or visit [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).



The purpose of the International/Humanitarian stream is to fulfil New Zealand's obligations as a good international citizen. This stream accounts for 10 percent of the New Zealand Residence Programme – around 4,500 places per year. Included in this stream are United Nations mandated refugees who are approved under the annual Refugee Quota and asylum seekers who claim refugee status in New Zealand.

The categories in this stream are the:

- Refugee Family Support Category;
- Pacific Access Category;
- Samoan Quota Scheme;
- Victims of domestic violence; and
- Various other special policies for specific countries.

## Refugee Family Support Category

The Refugee Family Support Category allows for a number of refugees' family members to be considered for residence in New Zealand each year. You may only lodge an application for residence under this category if your New Zealand sponsor's registration was selected from the tier one queue or drawn from the tier two ballot.

Note: the Refugee Family Support Category replaces the Refugee Family Quota.

You (and your partner and/or dependent children) may be granted residence under the Refugee Family Support Category, if:

- your sponsor's registration is selected from the tier one queue or drawn from the tier two ballot; **and**
- your sponsor meets the 'eligible sponsor' requirements (see below), **and**
- you are not eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other residence category except for the Family Quota Category; **and**
- you are healthy and of good character; **and**
- you apply within 12 months of us writing to your sponsor advising that their registration has been selected from the tier one queue or drawn from the tier two ballot.

### Two tier registration system for sponsors

- Registrations from tier one sponsors will be given first access to the available places under the Refugee Family Support Category by entry into the tier one queue.
- Registrations are selected from the tier one queue in order of their entry into that queue until the available number of places is met.
- If the annual number of places available is not filled by people included in tier one registrations from the queue, INZ will call for tier two sponsors for the tier two ballot within a specified period.

The tier one queue will open on 12 November 2007 with no end date.

### 'Eligible sponsors'

An 'eligible sponsor' is a New Zealand citizen or resident who:

- was granted residence in New Zealand because they were a refugee; **and**
- has never sponsored any other principal applicant under the Refugee Family Support Category (or Refugee Family Quota); **and**
- is in New Zealand.

### Tier one sponsors for the queue

Tier one sponsors may sponsor their parent, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, adult sibling or adult child, and that person's partner and/or dependent children.

Tier one sponsors must:

- have no 'immediate family' living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand; **or**
- be the 'sole carer' of a dependent relative or relatives in New Zealand; **and**
- have no other 'family member' who is eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other category of Government residence policy; **and**
- be an 'eligible sponsor'.

### Tier two sponsors for the ballot

Tier two sponsors may sponsor their parent, adult sibling, adult child, or grandparent (if that grandparent is the sponsor's legal guardian), and that person's partner and/or dependent children.

Tier two sponsors must:

- be a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a current residence permit that is not subject to requirements under s18A of the Immigration Act 1987; **and**
- have been a New Zealand citizen or resident for at least three years before lodging their registration; **and**
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years; **and**
- have no other 'family member' who is eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other category of Government residence policy; **and**
- be an 'eligible sponsor'.

For more information about lodging a registration under the Refugee Family Support Category, please see **Registration Form for Refugee Family Support Category Sponsor** (NZIS 1094) or visit [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

**Please note:** Potential applicants who are in New Zealand, must be here lawfully and not have claimed refugee status in New Zealand to be eligible to be included in a sponsor's registration.

## Pacific Access Category

The Pacific Access Category (PAC) allows a quota of Tongan, Tuvaluan, and Kiribati citizens to be granted residence in New Zealand each year.

The PAC is run by ballot. You can only apply for residence under this category if you lodged a registration during the annual registration period and your registration was drawn from the ballot. (The only exception to this is if the annual quota of places is not filled by applicants drawn from the ballot. See Unfilled places on page 22.)

You may qualify for residence under the PAC if:

- you are a citizen of Tonga, Tuvalu or Kiribati; **and**
- your registration is drawn from the ballot; **and**
- you lodge your application for residence under the PAC within six months of us writing to you advising that your registration has been drawn from the ballot (or within the timeframe specified by INZ); **and**
- you were aged between 18 and 45 years inclusive at the registration closing date; **and**
- you or your partner have an acceptable offer of employment\* in New Zealand; **and**
- you meet a minimum level of English language ability; **and**
- you meet a minimum level of income (if you have dependent children); **and**
- you meet health and character requirements.

Any partner and/or dependent children who are included in your application must also meet health and character requirements.

- \* If the applicant has dependent children the offer of employment must also meet the minimum income requirement (if the principal applicant has a partner who has a job offer, this may also be taken into account). The current minimum income threshold is available on our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or by enquiring at our nearest branch.

In addition:

- if you are a citizen of **Tonga**, you must either be in Tonga or lawfully in New Zealand when you apply for residence under the PAC. You must also have been born in Tonga or born overseas to a Tongan citizen who was born in Tonga.
- if you are a citizen of **Kiribati**, you must either be in Kiribati or Fiji or lawfully in New Zealand when you apply for residence under the PAC. You must also have been born in Kiribati or born overseas to a Kiribati citizen who was born in Kiribati.
- if you are a citizen of **Tuvalu**, you must either be in Tuvalu or Fiji or lawfully in New Zealand when you apply for residence under the PAC. You must also have been born in Tuvalu or born overseas to a Tuvaluan citizen who was born in Tuvalu.

#### **Acceptable offers of employment**

The offer of employment can be for either you or your partner (if they are included in your application, and you meet all the requirements of our Partnership Policy). Offers of employment may be in either a skilled or unskilled occupation but at least one must be:

- for ongoing employment (permanent, indefinite or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option for the employee of further terms, and of which the employer is in a position to meet the terms specified); **and**
- for full-time work (averaging at least 30 hours per week); **and**
- current at the time we assess your application and grant you residence; **and**
- genuine; **and**
- for a position that is paid by salary or wages (positions of self-employment or payment by commission and/or retainer are not acceptable); **and**
- accompanied by evidence of full or provisional registration, if full or provisional registration is required by law to take up the offer; **and**
- compliant with relevant employment law in force in New Zealand. This includes having a written employment contract specifying the necessary terms and conditions, and meeting holiday, special leave, minimum wage, and occupational health and safety requirements.

#### **Minimum income requirement**

If you have dependent children you will have to show that you will meet a minimum income requirement to ensure that you can support yourself and your dependants if you come to New Zealand. For the current figure, please visit our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or contact your nearest INZ branch office.

If you and your partner both have an offer of employment in New Zealand, both of your wages or salaries may be taken into account when determining if the minimum income requirement is met, provided (at the time the application is assessed) a visa or immigration officer is satisfied that your relationship meets our minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships (see Partnership Policy). The second offer of employment must meet all the requirements for an acceptable offer of employment except the requirement that the offer be for full-time employment.

#### **Minimum English language requirement**

For you to meet the minimum level of English ability, an immigration or visa officer must be satisfied that you are able to read English, understand and respond to questions in English, and maintain an English language conversation about yourself, your family or your background.

#### **Unfilled places**

If the annual quota of places under the PAC is not filled by applicants drawn from the ballot, we will call for residence applications from any citizens of the PAC countries who are lawfully in New Zealand with a job offer. Applicants must

also meet all other residence criteria, as listed above.

For more information about lodging a registration under the Pacific Access Category, see our form **Registration Form for Pacific Access Category** (NZIS 1092).

## Samoan Quota Scheme

The Samoan Quota Scheme allows a quota of Samoan citizens to be granted residence in New Zealand each year.

The Samoan Quota Scheme is run by ballot. You can only apply for residence under this policy if you lodged a registration during the annual registration period and your registration was drawn from the ballot. (The only exception to this is if the annual quota of places is not filled by applicants drawn from the ballot. See Unfilled places next page).

You may qualify for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme if:

- you are a citizen of Samoa; **and**
- you were born in Samoa or born overseas to a Samoan citizen who was born in Samoa; **and**
- your registration is drawn from the ballot; **and**
- you lodge your application for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme within six months of us writing to you advising that your registration has been drawn from the ballot (or within the timeframe specified by INZ); **and**
- you were aged between 18 and 45 years inclusive at the registration closing date; **and**
- you or your partner have an acceptable offer of employment\* in New Zealand; **and**
- you meet a minimum level of English language ability; **and**
- you meet a minimum level of income if you have dependent children; **and**
- you meet health and character requirements.

Any partner and/or dependent children included in your application must also meet health and character requirements.

You must be in Samoa or lawfully in New Zealand when you apply for residence under the Samoan Quota policy.

You must also meet the Acceptable offers of employment, Minimum income and Minimum English language requirements set out in the PAC section above.

### Unfilled places

If the annual quota of places under the Samoan Quota Scheme is not filled by applicants drawn from the ballot, we will call for residence applications from any citizens of Samoa who are lawfully in New Zealand with a job offer. Applicants must also meet all other residence criteria, as listed above.

For more information about lodging a registration under the Samoan Quota Scheme, see our form **Samoan Quota Scheme Registration Form** (NZIS 1086).

## Victims of domestic violence

We can help you if you have been living in a relationship with a New Zealand citizen or resident that has ended because that person was violent towards you and you are unable to go back to your home country. Please contact a New Zealand branch of INZ for further details of this policy.

## Special policies

### Nationals of the People's Republic of China and Sri Lanka

You may qualify for residence under special policies if:

- you are from the People's Republic of China and arrived in New Zealand on or before 31 March 1992; **or**
- you are from Sri Lanka and arrived on or before 31 December 1988.

### **Pitcairn Islanders**

New Zealand recognises that there are few employment opportunities on Pitcairn Island. If you are a Pitcairn Islander, you can apply for residence in New Zealand if you have a firm offer of employment in New Zealand and are of good health and character.

For more information about the special policies, contact your nearest INZ branch or check our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

## **Further information**

If you would like further information or the necessary forms for any of the residence categories referred to in this Guide, please check our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz). If you're interested in the Skilled Migrant Category, remember that you can register an Expression of Interest online.

To get a residence pack:

- visit our website; or
- complete the attached coupon and mail it with the required postage and envelope to the INZ branch or agency at the nearest address listed on the back page.

## **Return postage requirements**

If you request a residence pack using the coupon on this Guide, please include a self addressed envelope that is at least 23cm x 33cm (9" x 12"). If you are in the same country as the branch or agency you are sending it to, ensure you put enough return postage on the envelope. The branches listed below have specific postage requirements.

### **Singapore**

Please include a bank draft acceptable to a bank in Singapore made payable to Immigration New Zealand. The amount of the draft depends on which region or country you are in:

- Singapore – no charge;
- Malaysia / Brunei – S\$5;
- Other countries – S\$15.

### **Sydney**

Please send an Australian Express post courier envelope.

### **New Delhi**

This branch requires a larger self addressed envelope – 39cm x 30cm. Please include return postage stamps of RS100 on the envelope.

### **Hong Kong**

If you are outside Hong Kong please ensure your self addressed envelope is at least 40cm x 30cm and include HK\$100 or 25 International Reply Coupons.

### **Washington DC**

If you are in:

- the United States – include return postage stamps of US\$2 on your self addressed envelope;
- Bermuda – include a bank draft for US\$2 drawn on a bank in the USA and made payable to the New Zealand Embassy.

# Request for residence pack

Complete the coupon below and send it to the nearest INZ branch or agency along with a self addressed envelope and the appropriate postage (as specified on page 24).

Tick the boxes of the Categories under which you are most likely to apply:

## Skilled/Business stream

- Skilled Migrant Category – Expression of Interest (go to [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) to register your Expression of Interest for this category)
- Investor Category - Expression of Interest
- Entrepreneur Category
- Employees of Relocating Businesses Category
- Talent (Accredited Employers) Residence Policy
- Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Policy
- Long Term Skill Shortage List formerly Priority Occupations List (POL) Residence Policy

## Family Sponsored stream

- Family Category
- Family Quota Category

## International/Humanitarian stream

- Refugee Family Support Category
- Pacific Access Category
- Samoan Quota Scheme

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### Note:

For information on how to obtain a police certificate you can visit our website on [www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate).

Accessing the website is the quickest means of obtaining this information, however if you do not have access to the internet you can either:

- call us on 0508 55 88 55 if you are in New Zealand or (09) 914 4100 if you are in Auckland or
- contact your nearest INZ branch.

# IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND

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