



Fees Guide

A guide to Immigration New Zealand's fees



This leaflet will give you information on the fees that Immigration New Zealand charges for processing your application/registration, who has to pay fees, and how you can pay.

If we decline your application or registration, we will not refund the fee. The processing cost is the same whether or not we approve your application/registration.

What do you pay?

The fee that you have to pay depends on the 'receiving office' of your application. The relevant receiving office is the location of the Immigration New Zealand office, New Zealand Embassy, or High Commission that is responsible for processing your application. This may not be the same office where you lodge your application – if you lodge it outside New Zealand it will depend on your country of citizenship.

Applicants in New Zealand

If you are physically present in New Zealand at the time you lodge your application, it will be processed in New Zealand. See the fees in Column A of the fees table on pages 6-9.

Example 1 *A US citizen physically present in New Zealand applying for a residence permit under the Skilled Migrant Category pays NZ\$1,400. Because he is in New Zealand, he pays the fee in column A.*

Applicants outside New Zealand

If you are outside New Zealand when you lodge your application, the fee you must pay depends on which office processes applications for people from your country of citizenship.

To find out which is the receiving office for your country of citizenship, contact your nearest Immigration New Zealand office, New Zealand Embassy, or High Commission, or see www.immigration.govt.nz/fees.

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If the location of your designated receiving office is Sydney, Apia, Nuku'alofa, Suva, Tarawa, Honiara, Port Vila, Port Moresby, Niue or Rarotonga, the fee in Column B of the fees table on pages 6-9 applies.

If the location of your designated receiving office is other than New Zealand, Sydney, Apia, Nuku'alofa, Suva, Tarawa, Honiara, Port Vila, Port Moresby, Niue, or Rarotonga, the fee in Column C applies.

Example 2 *A Fijian citizen living in China applying for a residence visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. She applies to the office in Beijing, but her receiving office is Suva, in Fiji, so she pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1,200 (Column B, Pacific or Sydney).*

Example 3 *A UK citizen living in Australia applying for a residence visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. She applies to the office in Sydney, but her receiving office is London, so she pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1,800 (Column C, Any other location).*

Example 4 *An Indian citizen living in London applying for a residence visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. He applies to the London office, but his receiving office is New Delhi, so he pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1,800 (Column C, Any other location).*

The fee payable at each office may differ slightly due to exchange rates. Contact your nearest office for the fee in local currency.

Group visas

All group visitor visa applications (except for group visitor visa ADS) will pay the equivalent fee of NZ\$60 per person.

Dual citizenship

If you have dual citizenship you must pay the fee applicable to the passport in which the visa is to be issued.

How do you pay your fee?

How you pay your fee depends on which country you are lodging your application in. In all cases, we recommend that you do NOT send cash.

Applicants who are in New Zealand

You must pay your fee in New Zealand dollars. We prefer you to pay by:

- bank cheque/bank draft
- credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- EFTPOS (if you are paying over the counter).

Applicants who are overseas

Different countries have different banking systems. Please check our website www.immigration.govt.nz/fees, or contact your nearest branch or diplomatic office, to find out which methods of payment, and which currencies, they accept.

Paying for an Expression of Interest

Skilled Migrant Category

You can lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) under the Skilled Migrant Category online, or on a paper form. If you lodge your EOI online, it costs less. You can pay by credit card or bank draft.

If you lodge your EOI on a paper form from outside New Zealand, you can pay by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars, or by bank draft in United States dollars.

Investor (Investor 2 Category)

If you are lodging an EOI under the Investor 2 Category you can pay by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars.

Fees may change

The fee payable at each office may differ slightly due to exchange rates. Contact your nearest office for the fee in local currency.

The information contained in this leaflet is, to the best of our knowledge, current at the time of printing. Fees may be reviewed at various times.

Fee-waiver countries

The New Zealand Government has bilateral fee-waiver agreements with certain countries. Citizens of those countries do not have to pay fees for certain visas and permits. These countries, and the types of visas or permits that you do not have to pay fees for, are:

Country	Type of visa/permit (no fee applies)
Austria	Residence visa Returning resident's visa Visitor's visa
Finland	Any type of visa or permit (excluding transfers)
Greece	Visitor's visa Returning resident's visa
Iceland	Any type of visa or permit (excluding transfers)
Israel	Visitor's visa Returning resident's visa
Italy	Visitor's visa Returning resident's visa
Japan	Any type of visa (excluding transfers)
Mexico	Visitor's visa Work visa Student visa
Philippines	Student visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days) Visitor's visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days)
Russia	Student visa (where period of stay is less than three months) Visitor's visa
Turkey	Visitor's visa Returning resident's visa
USA	Visitor's visa Work visa Student visa

Fee reductions for citizens of Samoa

If you are a citizen of Samoa, you are entitled to a NZ\$90 reduction in the fee for your application for:

- a residence visa/permit (except for applications under the Samoan Quota Scheme)
- a long-term business visa/permit, or
- a work visa/permit under the the Talent (Accredited Employers) Policy, Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Policy, or Long Term Skill Shortage List Policy of Work to Residence Policy.

NZ\$90 is the total reduction per application.

Work – Partnership visa/permit fees

The work visa/permit fees for 'Work – Partnership' on page 7 are for applications from partners of New Zealand citizens or residents who are later intending to apply for residence under Partnership Policy. If you do not intend to apply for residence under Partnership Policy later, or your partner is not a New Zealand citizen or resident and you are applying on the basis of your relationship, you must pay the fee under 'Work – other'.

Do all family members have to pay fees?

You only have to pay one application fee for all of the people included in your application. You can include your partner and/or dependent children in your application if you are applying for a:

- residence visa/permit
- returning resident's visa (RRV)
- visitor's visa/permit
- limited purpose visa/permit to visit New Zealand
- transit visa.

'Partner' means the spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner of the applicant. This may include same sex couples. See below for definitions of dependent children.

For all other application types, partners and children must make their own application for a visa/permit and pay the required fee.

Dependent children – residence applications

You can include your/your partner's dependent children in your residence application if they are:

- aged 16 or under and single, or
- aged between 17 and 24 years, single, and have no children of their own.

Children aged 24 and under who are not dependent and children aged 25 or over must make their own application and pay the required fee.

Dependent children – visitor/RRV/transit/limited purpose

You can include your/your partner's children in your application if they are 19 years of age or younger, unmarried, and dependent. Children aged 19 and younger who are not dependent and children aged 20 or over must make their own application and pay the required fee.

Type of application	Fee (NZ\$)		
	Location of receiving office		
	A New Zealand	B Sydney, Apia, Nuku'alofa, or Suva	C Any other location

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Skilled Migrant Category			
Paper form	500	500	500
Online	400	400	400
Investor (Investor 2 Category)			
Paper form	460	460	460

RESIDENCE VISA/PERMIT

Skilled Migrant Category (if invited to apply)	1400	1200	1800
Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	3400	3400	3400
Investor (Investor 2 Category)	3400	3400	3400
Entrepreneur Category	2600	2600	2600
Family Category	700	700	1200
Samoa Quota Scheme	600	600	-
Pacific Access Category	650	650	-
Refugee Family Support Category	490	490	690
Residence from Work Category	700	-	-
Any other residence	700	700	1200

The residence application fees above are reduced by NZ\$90 for citizens of Samoa (except for applications under the Samoa Quota Scheme, see page 4), and for applicants who, on or after 1 July 2003, have paid the fee for a long-term business visa or permit, Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), or Long Term Skill Shortage List application. No one to whom this applies is entitled to more than a NZ\$90 fee reduction on any single application.

Returning resident's visa	140	140	140
Confirmation of residence status under regulation 11	80	-	-
Grant of second or subsequent residence permit	80	-	-

A second or subsequent residence permit may only be granted if you were eligible for a returning resident's visa (RRV) before your most recent arrival in New Zealand, and any RRV granted would still have been current on the date of your most recent arrival in New Zealand.

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VISITOR'S VISA/PERMIT

Visitor's visa or permit	130	100	130
Group visitor visa, per person			
Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei	-	-	60
Bangkok (Thai citizens only)	-	-	60
ADS	-	-	40
Other	60	60	60

STUDENT VISA/PERMIT

Student permit – Students Online via education provider	70	-	-
Student permit – other	200	-	-
Student visa	200	150	200

WORK VISA/PERMIT

Work permit – Work to Residence	240	-	-
Work permit – Partnership (see page 5)	280	-	-
Work permit – other	200	-	-
Work visa – Work to Residence	240	240	240
Work visa – Partnership (see page 5)	280	280	280
Work visa – other	200	180	200
Working Holiday Scheme	120	-	120
Working Holidaymaker Extension permit	120	-	-
Long-term business visa or permit	2600	2200	2600

The work visa/permit fees above are reduced by NZ\$90 for citizens of Samoa applying for a long term business visa/permit, or a work visa/permit under the Talent (Accredited Employers) Policy, Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Policy, or Long Term Skill Shortage List Policy of Work to Residence Policy (see page 4).

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LIMITED PURPOSE VISA/PERMIT

Student visa	200	150	200
Further student permit	200	-	-
Other	130	100	130
Visa to work for a Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE)	200	180	200
Further permit to work for an RSE	200	-	-

TEMPORARY – OTHER

Special direction fee	140	140	140
Reconsideration	140	-	-
Variation of conditions	120	-	-
Request for approval in principle	180	-	-
Request for Supplementary Seasonal Employment (SSE) Approval in Principle	180	-	-

OTHER

Transit visa	120	120	120
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Citizens of Fiji are exempted from the transit visa fee

Group transit visa for Chinese nationals, per person	60	-	60
For a residence permit granted under section 35A of the Act	700	-	-
For a temporary permit granted under section 35A of the Act	260	-	-
Appeal to Residence Review Board			
Humanitarian Category	700	-	-
Other	700	-	-
Appeal to Removal Review Authority	700	-	-
Call-out fee, where office is opened outside ordinary opening hours in order to process an application or other matter as requested	210	210	210

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OTHER (continued)

Transfer fee, where a permit or visa stamp or label is transferred from one passport or certificate of identity to another	80	80	80
Registration under Pacific Access Category			
First year's registration	50	50	-
Second and subsequent year's registration	20	20	-
Registration under Refugee Family Support Category			
Tier one queue registration or tier two ballot first year's registration	70	-	-
Tier two ballot second and subsequent year's registration	50	-	-
Employer accreditation under Talent (Accredited Employer) Work Policy			
First year's accreditation	1400	-	-
Second and subsequent accreditation	400	-	-
Reconsideration of application from employer for accreditation	140	-	-
Investor Category – Business Plan (first, subsequent, or change of plan)	750	750	750
Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) status	700	-	-
Agreement to Recruit under RSE Policy	180	-	-

Migrant levy for successful residence applications

If you are granted residence under one of the categories below, you and everyone included in your application will have to pay a migrant levy (unless you paid it previously, before you were granted a work visa or permit). If there are more than four people included in a single application, the migrant levy will only be payable by the four oldest family members.

Category	Migrant levy per successful applicant aged 5 years and over (NZ\$)	Migrant levy per successful applicant under 5 years of age (NZ\$)
Family Category	300	150
Family Category excludes applicants who are citizens of Samoa and the family members of refugees, whether those family members arrive at the same time or later than the refugees.		
Pacific Access Category	150	150
Skilled Migrant Category	300	150
Entrepreneur Category	300	150
Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	300	150
Investor (Investor 2 Category)	300	150
Employees of Relocating Business Category	300	150
Residence from Work Category	300	150
Special residence policy for Zimbabwean citizens	300	150

For more information

If you have questions about any of the information in this guide, or you want more information on fees:

- see our website www.immigration.govt.nz
- telephone our call centre on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand)
- contact one of Immigration New Zealand's offices.

Immigration New Zealand has offices in Apia, Bangkok, Beijing, Dubai, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Manila, Moscow, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Shanghai, Singapore, Suva, Sydney and Taipei.

Our New Zealand offices are located in Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.

You can also contact your nearest New Zealand Embassy or New Zealand High Commission.

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