



Fees Guide

A guide to Immigration New Zealand's fees



This guide provides information about the fees Immigration New Zealand (INZ) charges for processing your application/registration, who has to pay fees and how to 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 you pay normally depends on your country of citizenship. However, if you are lodging an application while you are in New Zealand you will pay the equivalent fee in Band A.

Note: In the case of applications from citizens of French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Norfolk Islands, and Palau, the fee band will differ for some application types. See the office and fees finder at www.immigration.govt.nz/fees for further information.

Receiving office

The relevant receiving office is the location of the INZ office, New Zealand Embassy, or High Commission that is responsible for processing your application. See the office and fees finder at www.immigration.govt.nz/fees for further information.

Example of an application lodged inside 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 7 to 10.

Example 1 A citizen of the United States of America physically present in New Zealand applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category pays NZ\$1,550. Because the applicant is in New Zealand, they pay the fee in column A.

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Example of an application lodged outside New Zealand

If you are outside New Zealand when you lodge your application, the fee you pay normally depends on your country of citizenship.

The fees listed in Column B of the fees table on pages 7 to 10 apply to applications from citizens of Australia, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Western Samoa.

The fees listed in Column C of the fees table on pages 7 to 10 apply to applications from citizens of countries other than New Zealand, Australia, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Western Samoa.

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Example 2 A Fijian citizen living in China applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the office in Beijing, but the applicant holds Fijian citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1,350 (Column B, Pacific/Australia).

Example 3 A British citizen living in Australia applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the office in Sydney, but the applicant holds British citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$2,050 (Column C/Rest of the world).

Example 4 An Indian citizen living in London applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the London office, but the applicant holds Indian citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$2,050 (Column C/Rest of the world).

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

Dual citizenship

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

How do you pay your fee?

How you pay your fee depends on which country you are lodging your application in. Paying by the recommended method of payment helps us process your application faster.

Applicants who are in New Zealand

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

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

Cash is **not** accepted as a form of payment in New Zealand branches.

Applicants who are overseas

We **do not** accept cash in most offshore branches. Different countries have different banking systems, so payment methods are different in our overseas branches.

Check www.immigration.govt.nz/fees or contact your nearest INZ 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 because of 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 application types, as listed in the following table.

Fee waivers do not apply to the fee for replacing/transferring a visa label or stamp in a new passport.

Country	Type of visa / endorsement / condition
Austria	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• residence class visa• visitor visa Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa• a permanent resident visa• a second or subsequent resident visa• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.
Finland	Onshore and offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or variation of travel conditions (except transfers).
Greece	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa• a permanent resident visa• a second or subsequent resident visa• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.
Iceland	Onshore and offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or variation of travel conditions (except transfers).
Israel	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa• a permanent resident visa• a second or subsequent resident visa• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.
Italy	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa• a permanent resident visa• a second or subsequent resident visa• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.

Country	Type of visa / endorsement / condition
Japan	Offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or travel condition (except transfers). Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa • a permanent resident visa • a second or subsequent resident visa • an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship • a variation of travel conditions on a temporary visa.
Mexico	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitor visa • work visa • student visa. Onshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa • variation of travel conditions on a work visa • variation of travel conditions on a student visa.
Philippines	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitor visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days) • student visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days). Onshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa (where the visitor visa does not exceed 59 days) • variation of travel conditions on a student visa (where the student visa does not exceed 59 days).
Russia	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitor visa • student visa (where period of stay does not exceed three months) Onshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa • variation of travel conditions on a student visa (where period of stay does not exceed three months).
Turkey	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa • a permanent resident visa • a second or subsequent resident visa • an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship • a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.
United States of America	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitor visa • work visa • student visa. Onshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa • variation of travel conditions on a work visa • variation of travel conditions on a student visa.

Work – Partnership visa fees

The work visa fees for 'Work – Partnership' on page 8 are for applications from partners of New Zealand citizens or residents. If you are applying on the basis of partnership with a non-New Zealand citizen or resident, for example a work visa holder, the 'Work – Other' fee will apply.

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 class visa
- variation of travel conditions on a resident visa
- visitor visa
- limited visa to visit New Zealand
- transit visa.

'Partner' means the spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner of the applicant where the couple have been living together for 12 months or more. 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 and pay the required fee.

Dependent children – residence class visa applications

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

- aged 17 or under and single, or
- aged between 18 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*/transit/limited

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.

* Dependent children cannot be included in a Temporary Retirement Category visitor visa application.

Application	Fee Band (NZ\$)*		
	Band A New Zealand (GST inclusive)	Band B Pacific/ Australia	Band C Rest of the world
Resident visa			
• Skilled Migrant Category	1,550	1,350	2,050
• Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	3,500	3,400	3,400
• Investor (Investor 2 Category)	3,500	3,400	3,400
• Entrepreneur Plus Category	2,800	2,800	2,800
• Entrepreneur Category	2,800	2,800	2,800
• Family Category	790	790	1,350
• Samoan Quota Scheme	615	600	-
• Pacific Access Category	665	650	-
• Refugee Family Support Category	500	490	690
• Residence from Work Category	790	-	-
• Parent Retirement Category	2,800	2,800	2,800
• Any other residence category	790	790	1,350
Expression of Interest under Skilled Migrant Category			
• Paper	560	560	560
• Online	440	440	440
Expression of Interest under Investor (Investor 2) Category			
	510	510	510
Investor Category - Business Plan			
First, subsequent or change of plan	770	750	750
Application for:			
• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa	160	160	160
• a permanent resident visa	160	160	160
• a grant of second or subsequent resident visa	160	160	160
Endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship			
• First endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	130	130	130
• Second or subsequent endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	80	80	80

Application	Fee Band (NZ\$)*		
	Band A New Zealand (GST inclusive)	Band B Pacific/ Australia	Band C Rest of the world
Temporary visa			
• Visitor visa	140	110	140
• Student visa	220	170	230
• Student visa - online application via education provider	80	-	-
• Work visa - partnership/work to residence - talent	310	310	310
• Work visa - other			
• Paper	230	200	230
• Online	200	200	200
• Work visa - working holiday scheme	140	-	140
• Work visa - working holidaymaker extension	140	-	140
• Long-term business visa	2,800	2,400	2,800
• Group visitor visa - per person (offshore only)			
• Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei	-	-	70
• Bangkok (Thai citizens only)	-	-	70
• Approved Destination Status (China)	-	-	45
• Other group visitor visa	70	70	70
Other applications			
Temporary Retirement Category visitor visa	2,800	2,800	2,800
Limited visa - student	220	170	230
Limited visa - work for recognised seasonal employer	230	200	230
Limited visa - other	140	110	140
Transit visa	130	130	130
Group transit visa for Chinese nationals (per person)	70	-	70
Special direction	160	160	160
Residence class visa granted onshore under section 61	715	-	-

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Application	Fee Band (NZ\$)*		
	Band A New Zealand (GST inclusive)	Band B Pacific/ Australia	Band C Rest of the world
Temporary entry class visa granted onshore under section 61	300	-	-
Reconsideration of decision to decline temporary visa	160	-	-
Variation of conditions or variation of travel conditions	140	-	-
Request by employer for approval in principle for purpose of recruitment of staff	210	-	-
Request for supplementary seasonal employment approval in principle	210	-	-
Confirmation of residence status	90	-	-
Call out fee where office is opened outside ordinary hours in order to process application or other matters as requested	240	240	240
Transfer fee where visa stamp or label transferred from one passport or certificate of identity to another	90	90	90
Registration under Pacific Access Category			
• First year's registration	60	60	-
• Second and subsequent year's registration	25	25	-
Registration under Refugee Family Support Category	75	-	-
Employer accreditation (under Talent Work Instructions)			
• First year's accreditation	1,430	-	-
• Second and subsequent accreditation	410	-	-
Reconsideration of application from employer for accreditation	160	-	-
Entertainer accreditation (under Specific Purpose or Event Instructions)			
• First accreditation	1,430	-	-
• Second and subsequent accreditation	410	-	-

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Application	Fee Band (NZ\$)*		
	Band A New Zealand (GST inclusive)	Band B Pacific/ Australia	Band C Rest of the world
Recognised seasonal employer status	715	-	-
Agreement to recruit under Recognised Seasonal Employer instructions	190	-	-

Fee reductions

Some applicants are entitled to a fee reduction because they have paid a contribution of \$92 for settlement services as part of a previous application fee.

No one is entitled to more than one \$92 fee reduction on a single application.

Residence applications

The residence application fee is reduced by NZ\$92 if the applicant has previously* paid the fee for a work visa/permit under these instructions:

- Long-term business visa
- Work to Residence: Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), and Long-term Skill Shortage List.

The residence application fee is reduced by \$92 if the applicant has paid the fee for a visa under Work Partnership instructions on or after 29 November 2010.

Temporary entry applications

The application fee is reduced by \$92 if the applicant has previously* paid the fee for a visa/permit under the following instructions, and is applying for another visa under any of the following instructions:

- Long-term business visa
- Work to Residence Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), and Long-term Skill Shortage List.

* The fee for the previous application must have been tendered on or after 1 July 2003 for the applicant to be eligible for a \$92 reduction.

The application fee is reduced by \$92 if the applicant is applying for a visa under Work Partnership instructions, and they have paid the fee for a visa under Work Partnership instructions on or after 29 November 2010.

Samoan citizens

A \$92 reduction applies to some Samoan citizens because of an agreement between the governments of New Zealand and Samoa.

The residence application fee is reduced by NZ\$92 if the applicant is a citizen of Samoa, except for applications under the Samoan Quota Scheme.

The application fee is reduced by \$92 if the applicant is a Samoan citizen making a work visa application under Work Partnership instructions, Work to Residence Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), and Long-term Skill Shortage List.

No one is entitled to more than one \$92 fee reduction on a single application.

Migrant levy for successful residence applications

If you are granted residence, you and everyone included in your application will have to pay a migrant levy unless you are exempt.

The migrant levy is:

- NZ\$310 per successful applicant aged five or over, unless the application was approved under the Pacific Access Category
- NZ\$155 per successful applicant aged under five years
- NZ\$155 per successful applicant under the Pacific Access Category.

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.

People exempt from migrant levy

You are exempt from paying the migrant levy if you:

- have previously paid a migrant levy (either with an earlier residence class visa application or with an earlier work visa application),
- are a citizen of Samoa and you have been granted residence under:

- the Samoan Quota Scheme,
- the Special Quota Places Category,
- a family category of immigration instructions
- are a refugee or protected person
- are granted a residence class visa on the basis of your relationship with a refugee or protected person
- are granted residence under the Special Category for Victims of Domestic Violence, or
- are granted residence under the Special Category for Victims of People Trafficking.

Cash is not accepted for payment of migrant levies in New Zealand and most offshore branches. See our website www.immigration.govt.nz/fees for more information on how to pay.

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, Mumbai, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Pretoria, 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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