

WORKING AND LIVING *TEMPORARILY* IN NEW ZEALAND

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WORKING HOLIDAYS

■ WHAT IS A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME?

Working holiday schemes allow people aged 18–30 from other countries to work while they travel in New Zealand. Working holiday visa holders can take up temporary employment. If offered a permanent job, they can apply for a different work visa, and should wait for approval before starting work in the permanent job.

Details of which countries New Zealand has a working holiday scheme with and details of the different schemes are available at www.immigration.govt.nz/whs.

■ AGE

You must be at least 18 and not more than 30 years old at the time you submit your application.

■ IS A FULL-TIME (MINIMUM 30 HOURS PER WEEK) JOB OFFER REQUIRED?

No. A job offer is not required.

■ HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

If your passport is valid for at least three months after your planned departure from New Zealand, you can stay for the maximum length of stay that you are allowed under your country's Working Holiday Scheme. Schemes range from six to 23 months in duration, although most are for 12 months.

■ WHAT TYPE OF WORK CAN I DO?

You can work in a range of short-term employment while you travel around New Zealand. Restrictions on taking up longer-term employment vary between schemes. These restrictions will be printed on the label in your passport or on your electronic visa. If you do get offered a permanent job you can either:

- agree to sign up for a fixed term of employment that is in line with your scheme's criteria, or
- apply for a temporary entry work visa under another category.

If you want to study on a course of more than three months you must apply for a student visa. With a job offer, you may have enough points to apply for residence under the Skilled Migrant Category.

If you spend three months of your working holiday undertaking seasonal work in the horticulture or viticulture industries, you can apply for a three-month extension of your working holiday. You will need to provide evidence that you have completed this work (such as payslips) when you apply.

■ DO I NEED TO SHOW THAT I AM QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB?

If you want to work in an occupation that requires registration in New Zealand, you will need to meet those requirements before starting work, though you do not need to provide that evidence as part of your working holiday scheme *application*.

DID YOU KNOW



- An IRD number alone is not enough to work in New Zealand. To work legally you must have New Zealand citizenship, a residence class visa or work visa, or a temporary entry (visitor or student) visa that allows you to work.
- Like all New Zealand workers, you will need a taxation number from the Inland Revenue Department (an IRD number) so that your employer can deduct tax from your earnings at the correct rate. In New Zealand, tax is paid on a pay as you earn (PAYE) basis. This means you should not have a large refund or an amount to pay when you leave. For more information see [Inland Revenue's Travelling to New Zealand web page](#).
- You can study while you are travelling in New Zealand. The course must be for no more than three months.
- A person who holds a temporary entry visa (including a working holiday scheme work visa) or limited visa may not provide commercial sexual services, or operate or invest in a business which provides commercial sexual services.

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■ WHAT COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS MUST I MEET?

Please check the requirements for your country's working holiday scheme at www.immigration.govt.nz/whs

Like every person applying to travel or stay in New Zealand, you must meet *health requirements* and be of *good character*.

Online applicants: our Working Holiday Schemes Online system will tell you whether you need to send us a completed *Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate (INZ 1007)* and, if so, how to do it, when you submit your online application. This is based on the maximum length of stay that you are allowed under your country's working holiday scheme (not your intended stay), along with your responses to our health requirements questions.

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ONLINE APPLICATION	MANUAL APPLICATION
You read our leaflet <i>Health Requirements (INZ 1121)</i> and gain necessary medical documentation. Check the requirements of your <i>working holiday scheme</i> .	
You register online (you will need a valid MasterCard or Visa credit card) and follow the instructions.	You apply for a work visa at your local INZ branch* and complete the <i>Working Holiday Scheme Work Visa Application (INZ 1085) PDF</i> form.
We process your application. We may ask you for more information.	
We issue an electronic visa which will allow you to travel to New Zealand.	We issue a visa label into your passport which will allow you to travel to New Zealand.
Before the work visa expires you can either apply for a new visa or leave New Zealand**	

* Local INZ branch is the INZ office responsible for receiving work visa applications from the country in which the applicant currently lives. The *Office and Fees finder* helps applicants find out where to send the application and what the fee they will need to pay.

** It is recommended that you check application processing times. You will need to allow sufficient time for a decision to be made on your application before your current visa expires. If your current visa does expire, your application for a further visa does not make your stay in New Zealand lawful or give you the right to remain in New Zealand while your application is being considered.

Find out more: www.immigration.govt.nz/whs.