

Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand

A guide to the options for gaining residence in New Zealand



Residence in New Zealand

Potential migrants who want to live in New Zealand permanently must first obtain a residence class visa entitling them 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; 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 resident visa on arrival. However, you can still be refused residence if you are not of good character. (See 'Character requirements' on page 3 for further information.)

In New Zealand, residence and citizenship are different. If you are granted residence, you retain your original citizenship, and you can also apply for New Zealand citizenship. Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not administer citizenship law. Enquiries regarding New Zealand citizenship and passports should be directed to the Department of Internal Affairs or a New Zealand consular or diplomatic office. See our website www.immigration.govt.nz for further information.

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 or support 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.

The New Zealand Residence Programme

The New Zealand Residence Programme (NZRP) contains residence goals set by Government to meet New Zealand's ongoing skills requirements and humanitarian commitments. The number of places available to migrants under the NZRP is reviewed by Cabinet periodically.

Currently the overall NZRP is set at 135,000 to 150,000 approved places between July 2011 and June 2014. This includes:

- the Skilled/Business stream (approximately 80,700 to 89,925 places),
- the Uncapped Family Sponsored stream, including Partner and Dependent Child categories (approximately 29,700 to 32,100 places, for the planning purposes of Immigration New Zealand),
- the Capped Family Sponsored stream, including Parent, Sibling and Adult Child categories (approximately 14,850 to 16,500 places), and
- the International/Humanitarian stream (approximately 9,750 to 11,475 places).

Requirements of your residence class visa

We can impose requirements on you if you are granted a resident visa under the Investor, Employees of Relocating Businesses, Entrepreneur Plus 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 resident visa to you as an exception to instructions.

The requirements may remain for up to two years after you are first granted residence except if you are granted residence under the Migrant Investment Instructions, in which case requirements will remain for up to four years.



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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 if you don't you (and any accompanying family members) may become liable for deportation.

How decisions are made

The Minister of Immigration sets residence instructions. By law, INZ must assess applications according to the rules of these instructions.

Your health, character and English language ability

Health requirements

Read our leaflet *Health Requirements (INZ 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 to an immigration officer that a police certificate is either not available or is unduly difficult to obtain); 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 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 are subject to a current or permanent prohibition on entering New Zealand, or have been deported from another country

- 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 will 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, Pacific Access or Business categories (except the Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)). If you are applying under Religious Worker instructions you will be required to meet the minimum English language requirements. You won't need to meet English language requirements if you're applying under any other residence from work categories. However, all partners and/or children included in any residence from work category application, including under Religious Worker instructions, will need to meet English language requirements.

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. Alternatively, see our leaflet *English Language Information (INZ 1060)*.

Your application

Principal applicant

The principal applicant is the person who will be primarily assessed against the instructions 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 12).

Dependent children

You can include your children and your partner's children in your application if they are single and aged 17 or younger or are single, aged 18-24 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 recognition of partnerships (see page 12).

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, advisers 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 adviser – to help you. (We refer to people who help you in this way as your 'agent', 'adviser' 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 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, adviser or representative.

- You can give your own address or your agent's, adviser's or representative'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, adviser'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, adviser or representative, or hire a new one, you will need to tell us in writing or we will continue to deal with them. If you are changing your immigration adviser, please use the form *Immigration Adviser Details (INZ 1160)*.
- You are responsible for any documents or information that you submit with your application as well as any information that your agent, adviser or representative submits on your behalf.

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, adviser or representative 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 instructions must pay a migrant levy before residence is granted. Details of which categories the migrant levy applies to and the amount you will need to pay are in our *Fees Guide (INZ 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.

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 instructions and the rules for each of the categories under each stream.

Tax exemption

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 the Inland Revenue website www.ird.govt.nz for information.

Importing your car, boat, and/or household items

You may be able to bring your car, boat, and/or household items to New Zealand free of Customs charges. For detailed information on restrictions, and to find out if you must pay Customs charges, see the New Zealand Customs Service website www.customs.govt.nz. For enquiries telephone 0800 428 786 (within New Zealand), +64 9 300 5399 (outside New Zealand), or email feedback@customs.govt.nz.

SKILLED/BUSINESS STREAM

The purpose of the Skilled/Business stream is to help talented and entrepreneurial migrants gain residence in New Zealand. The categories in this stream are the:

- Skilled Migrant Category;
- Business Categories (Migrant Investment Instructions, Entrepreneur, Entrepreneur Plus, Employees of Relocating Businesses); and
- Residence from Work categories (Talent (Accredited Employers) Residence Instructions, Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports) Residence Instructions, and Long Term Skill Shortage List).

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 (INZ 1060)* 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. Points are available for skilled employment in New Zealand, work experience, qualifications and age. Bonus points are also available. The points and bonus points are set out on page 8.

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 or adviser.

The process

Step one: You complete an initial self-assessment

Complete the Skilled Migrant Quick Check on page 7 or on the INZ website at www.immigration.govt.nz/skilledmigrant. 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 online at 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.

An Expression of Interest is current for a period of six months from the date of submission to the pool. If selection(s) of Expressions of Interest occur within the six-month period and yours is not selected, we will automatically withdraw your Expression of Interest at the end of the six-month period. If your Expression of Interest is selected from the pool but later returned to the pool by an immigration officer (for example if you are not awarded some of the points you claimed, but still have at least 100 points), your Expression of Interest will also be automatically withdrawn from the pool, six months from the date it was first submitted.

If your Expression of Interest is withdrawn, you can submit another one 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 residence instructions 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 granted a residence class visa.

Alternatively, you may be granted a work to residence visa 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 you are granted. If you cannot meet our settlement requirements your residence application may be declined.

Step six: Welcome to New Zealand

We will send you a *Welcome to New Zealand* settlement information booklet which contains details of local Settlement Support New Zealand (SSNZ) organisations which have dedicated local settlement support coordinators. These settlement support coordinators will be your point of contact for settlement information.

Skilled Migrant quick check

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

If you have 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 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	10
In an area of absolute skills shortage	10
In a region outside Auckland	10
Partner employment or offer of employment	20
Relevant work experience	
Two years	10
Four years	15
Six years	20
Eight years	25
Ten years	30
Additional bonus points if work experience in New Zealand	
One year	5
Two years	10
Three years or more	15
Additional bonus points for work experience in an identified future growth area	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
Additional bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
Points for qualification	
Recognised level 4-6 qualification (eg trade qualification, diploma)	40
Recognised level 7 or 8 qualification (eg bachelor degree, bachelor degree with Honours)	50
Recognised level 9 or 10 post-graduate qualification (Masters degree, Doctorate)	60
Bonus points for qualifications	
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised bachelor degree (level seven on the NZQF) New Zealand qualification	10
One year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification	10
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification	15
Qualification in an identified future growth area	10
Qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage	10
Partner qualifications – recognised level 4-6 qualification	10
– recognised level 7 + qualification	20
Bonus points for family	
Close family in New Zealand	10
Points for age	
20 to 29	30
30 to 39	25
40 to 44	20
45 to 49	10
50 to 55	5

Business categories

You can be granted residence under the Migrant Investment Instructions or the Entrepreneur, Entrepreneur Plus 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 visa under the Long-Term Business Visa Instructions for three years, and apply for residence under the Entrepreneur Category after operating their own business for two years. For more information on the long-term business visa, please check our website www.immigration.govt.nz.

Migrant Investment Instructions

Key requirements	Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	Investor (Investor 2 Category)
Age	No requirement	65 or younger
Business experience	No requirement	Minimum of three years
Investment funds	NZ\$10 million	NZ\$1.5 million
Settlement funds	No requirement	NZ\$1 million (transfer not required)
Principal applicant's English language	No requirement	International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test report with an overall band score of 3 or more; or other evidence under instructions BJ5.35.1 or BF5.5.
Family member's English language	No requirement	Same as principal applicant or pre-purchase ESOL tuition.
Section 50 requirement on residence	Maintain the investment funds in New Zealand for a minimum of three years; and spend 73 days in New Zealand in each of the last two years of the three-year investment period; and submit evidence of meeting requirements at the two-year anniversary and the expiry of the three-year investment period.	Maintain the investment funds in New Zealand for a minimum of four years; and spend 146 days in New Zealand in each of the last three years of the four-year investment period; and submit evidence of meeting requirements at the two-year anniversary and the expiry of the four-year investment period; and (if required) complete 20 hours of English language tuition.
Applicants under both categories must be healthy and of good character.		

Both categories

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 12) for the funds to be acceptable.

Investor (Investor 2 Category)

The Investor (Investor 2 Category) is a points-based category in which applicants must first submit an Expression of Interest and claim points in the areas of age, English language, business experience, and investment funds. The Expression of Interest will be entered into a pool if the minimum entry requirements noted in the table above are met and a minimum score of 20 points is achieved. Expressions of Interest will be selected from the pool periodically according to their points ranking. Selection from the pool may result in an Invitation to Apply for residence.

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

Entrepreneur and Entrepreneur Plus categories

To apply under either the Entrepreneur Category or the Entrepreneur Plus Category, you need to:

- have successfully established a business in New Zealand
- be self-employed in the business
- be healthy and of good character
- meet a minimum standard of English
- not have applied for or been granted social welfare benefits in New Zealand.

Each category has additional specific requirements.

Entrepreneur Category	Entrepreneur Plus Category
You must have been lawfully working in your business in New Zealand for at least two years.	You must hold a current Long-Term Business Visa.
Your business has benefited New Zealand and is trading profitably.	You have invested at least NZ\$0.5 million into your established business and have created a minimum of three full-time jobs for New Zealand citizens or residents.

To have successfully established a business in New Zealand you must have established or

purchased, or made a substantial investment (a minimum of 25 per cent of the shareholding of a business) in a business operating in New Zealand.

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 for New Zealand citizens or residents; 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
- not qualify for residence under other residence categories
- 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 class visa' on page 1). 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
- 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 Category

This is a residence category for people who were granted a 30-month temporary work visa to allow them to work for an accredited employer in New Zealand.

To be approved for residence you must:

- be in New Zealand when the application for residence is lodged
- have held a work visa granted under the Talent (Accredited Employers) Work Category for at least 24 months
- during the currency of that visa, 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 visa by INZ allowing you to work for them instead)
- have current ongoing employment that meets the following salary requirements

Date your Talent work visa application was lodged	Minimum base salary requirement (per annum)*
On or after 30 July 2007 but before 28 July 2008	NZ\$50,000
On or after 28 July 2008	NZ\$55,000

* If you have a base salary of NZ\$90,000 or more you may be eligible for a permanent resident visa.

- 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)
- ongoing (permanent or indefinite, or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms)
- 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 the *Immigration Guide for Employers (INZ 1031)* and *Employer Accreditation Application Form (INZ 1090)*.

Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Category

This is a residence category 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 allowing them to be actively engaged in their field in New Zealand.

To be approved you must:

- be in New Zealand when the application for residence is lodged
- have held a work visa granted under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Category for at least 24 months
- during the currency of that visa, have been actively engaged in your field of art, culture or sport throughout a period of 24 months in New Zealand
- be sponsored for residence by a New Zealand organisation of national repute in your field (see below)
- still be prominent in your field
- 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
- 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 (INZ 1091)* from an organisation of national repute with your application for residence. Either the organisation or an individual citizen or residence class visa holder must agree to sponsor you for residence, and undertake 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 Category should see our *Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Sponsorship Form*.

Long Term Skill Shortage List Residence Category

This is a residence category for people who were granted a 30-month work visa to allow them to work for an employer in New Zealand in an occupation on the Long Term Skill Shortage List.

To be approved for residence you must:

- have held a work visa granted under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Category for 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 visa under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Category, 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)
- ongoing (permanent or indefinite, or for a stated term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms)
- 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 www.immigration.govt.nz/ltssl.

Religious Worker instructions

This is a residence category for people who hold a work visa under Religious Worker instructions.

To be approved for residence under Religious Worker instructions you must:

- have genuine, ongoing New Zealand-based religious work with a sponsoring organisation whose primary purpose is advancing religion, and
- have held a work visa under Religious Worker instructions for at least three years, and
- have training and/or experience in religious work of at least four years, and
- be aged 55 years or under at the time you apply for residence, and
- meet the minimum English language requirements (International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Level 5), and
- be healthy and of good character.

A sponsoring organisation must:

- be a charity registered with the Charities Commission with a primary purpose of advancing religion, and
- agree to sponsor you for a period of at least five years (including maintenance, accommodation and repatriation (if required)), and provide evidence of their financial ability to sponsor you for this period, and
- provide evidence of a long-term need for a religious worker. Evidence may include, for example, a statement from the sponsoring organisation or its governing body, with information about growth or expansion of the organisation and/or the religious services/activities the sponsoring organisation provides; and
- provide a copy of an employment agreement or a description of the religious work you are being sponsored to undertake.

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 Family Sponsored stream includes the Partnership, Parent, Sibling/Adult Child, Dependent Child instructions and the Parent Retirement Category. For information about the Parent Retirement Category, see the *Parent Retirement Category Guide (INZ 1171)*.

Family Category

Partnership Category

This category 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
- 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)
- 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.)

Is my partner eligible to support me?

If you are applying under the Family Category – Partnership Category, you need to be supported by your New Zealand partner. Your partner is **not** eligible to support you if they:

- have previously supported more than one other successful principal applicant under Partnership Category, or
- have previously supported any other successful principal applicant under Partnership Category in the five years immediately preceding the date the current application is made, or
- do not meet the character requirements for partners supporting Partnership Category applications (see note below), or

- were, in the seven years prior to the date the application is made, the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence that has resulted in the grant of a residence class visa to a person under the category for victims of domestic violence, or
- were a successful principal applicant under Partnership Category:
 - if less than five years have elapsed since the date they were granted residence under the Partnership Category; or
 - if they have previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership Category.

Note: partners who do not meet character requirements in respect of a Partnership Instructions application, unless granted a character waiver, include any person who has been convicted, in the seven years prior to the date the application is made, of any offence:

- of a sexual nature; or
- involving domestic violence.

New Zealand residence requirements

Your partner 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 New Zealand or Australian passport, or
- hold a New Zealand residence class visa which was granted on the basis that they held an Australian Permanent Residence Visa or an Australian Resident Return Visa.

Permanent resident visa

You may be eligible for a permanent resident visa if you:

- meet all the other requirements under the Partnership Category
- have a New Zealand citizen partner who has been residing outside New Zealand for a period of five years, and
- have been living together in a genuine and stable relationship for at least five years.

Parent Category

This category is for people who want to live permanently in New Zealand and have an adult child who is a New Zealand citizen or residence class visa holder.

You may be granted residence if:

- your child is 18 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 your child must:

- be 18 years of age or over
- be in New Zealand
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen or the holder of a current residence class visa that is not subject to requirements under section 50 of the Immigration Act 2009
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a residence class visa for at least three years immediately before the date your completed application is received by INZ
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years, and
- meet a minimum income requirement (for sponsors under 65 years old. See below for more detail).

Grandparents and legal guardians are also considered to be parents in some situations (see 'Legal guardians and grandparents', below).

Minimum income requirement

Your sponsor and/or their partner must meet a minimum income requirement to demonstrate that they are able to financially support you (unless your sponsor is aged 65 years or older).

The minimum income requirement must be met by personal income obtained from:

- sustained paid employment, and/or
- regular self-employment, and/or
- regular investment income.

For the current minimum income figure, please visit our website www.immigration.govt.nz or contact your nearest INZ branch office.

The income must be personal income. Income earned by another legal entity, such as a business or a trust, cannot be included unless it has been paid directly to the sponsor and/or their partner.

Your sponsor and/or their partner must provide evidence that they are able to meet the minimum income requirement. Your sponsor must also make a legal declaration that they will provide you with financial support and accommodation (if applicable) for at least the first two years of your residence in New Zealand.

Note: Sponsors who obtained residence in New Zealand on the basis of their status as a refugee do not have to meet the minimum income requirement or make the legal declaration.

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 these instructions, 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 Category 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 Category 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 Category if both the sponsor's parents are dead. Only one grandparent and their partner may be sponsored under the Parent Category.

In the context of the Parent Category 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 Category

You may be granted residence under these instructions 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
- have no other siblings or parents who are living lawfully and permanently in the same country in which you are living lawfully and permanently
- 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 18 years of age or over
- be living in New Zealand
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen, or the holder of a current residence class visa that is not subject to requirements under section 50 of the Immigration Act 2009
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen, and/or the holder of a residence class 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 12. 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 Category

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 if:

- you are aged 17 or younger

- you are single
- 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 18 and 24 years
- you are single
- you have no children of your own
- 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.

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

- citizen(s) of New Zealand, or
- the holder(s) of a New Zealand residence class visa, 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 the custody or visitation rights of the parent living outside New Zealand will not be breached by your coming to live in New Zealand.

INTERNATIONAL/ HUMANITARIAN STREAM

The purpose of the International/Humanitarian stream is to fulfil New Zealand's obligations as a good international citizen. 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:

- 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 or two queues and you are invited to apply.

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

- your sponsor meets the 'eligible sponsor' requirements (see below)
- you are not eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other residence category
- 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 or two queue.

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 registrations from tier two sponsors within a specified period.

Eligible sponsors

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

- was granted residence in New Zealand because they were a refugee
- 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:

- be an eligible sponsor, and
- have no 'family member' who is eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other category of residence instructions, and **either**
- 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 'immediate family' in New Zealand (the cared-for relative must also have no other 'immediate family' in New Zealand).

Tier two sponsors for the queue

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:

- have been a New Zealand citizen or residence class visa holder for at least three years before lodging their registration
- have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those three years
- have no other 'family member' who is eligible for residence in New Zealand under any other category of residence instructions, and
- be an eligible sponsor.

For more information about lodging a registration under the Refugee Family Support Category, see *Refugee Family Support Category Tier One Sponsor Registration Form (INZ 1094)*, *Refugee Family Support Category Tier Two Sponsor Registration Form (INZ 1192)*, or visit www.immigration.govt.nz.

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.

This category 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 18.)

You may qualify for residence under this category if:

- you are a citizen of Tonga, Tuvalu or Kiribati
- your registration is drawn from the ballot
- 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 time frame specified by INZ)
- you were aged between 18 and 45 years inclusive at the registration closing date
- you or your partner have an acceptable offer of employment* in New Zealand
- you meet a minimum level of English language ability
- 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 you are a citizen of Tonga, you must either be in Tonga or lawfully in New Zealand when you apply for residence under this category. 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 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 or by enquiring at our nearest branch.

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 Instructions). 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)
- for full-time work (averaging at least 30 hours per week)
- current at the time we assess your application and grant you residence
- genuine
- for a position that is paid by salary or wages (positions of self-employment or payment by commission and/or retainer are not acceptable)
- 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, go to 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) an immigration officer is satisfied that your relationship meets our minimum requirements for recognition of partnerships (see Partnership Instructions). 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 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 see our *Registration Form for Pacific Access Category (INZ 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 these instructions 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' below).

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

- you are a citizen of Samoa
- you were born in Samoa or born overseas to a Samoan citizen who was born in Samoa
- your registration is drawn from the ballot
- 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 time frame specified by INZ)
- you were aged between 18 and 45 years inclusive at the registration closing date
- you or your partner have an acceptable offer of employment* in New Zealand

* 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 or by enquiring at our nearest branch.

- you meet a minimum level of English language ability
- 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 instructions.

You must also meet the acceptable offers of employment, minimum income and minimum English language requirements set out in the Pacific Access Category section (see page 17).

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 see our *Samoan Quota Scheme Registration Form (INZ 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.

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.

Return postage requirements

If you would like further information or the necessary forms for any of the residence categories referred to in this guide, please visit our website www.immigration.govt.nz. If you're interested in the Skilled Migrant Category, you can register an Expression of Interest online.

To get a residence pack:

- visit our website, or
- complete your details, detach and mail them with the required postage and envelope to the INZ branch or agency at the nearest address listed on our website.

If you request a residence pack using the request form at the back of this guide, please include a self-addressed envelope that is at least 23 cm x 33 cm (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 – 39 cm x 30 cm. 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 40 cm x 30 cm 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.

Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.

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

For more information

If you have questions about any of the information in this guide:

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

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.

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 to register your Expression of Interest for this category
- Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)
- Investor (Investor 2 Category)
- Entrepreneur Category
- Entrepreneur Plus Category
- Employees of Relocating Businesses Category
- Talent (Accredited Employers) Residence Category
- Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Category
- Religious Worker instructions
- Long Term Skill Shortage List Residence Category
- Family Sponsored stream
- Family Category
- International/Humanitarian stream
- Refugee Family Support Category (tier one)
- Refugee Family Support Category (tier two)
- Pacific Access Category
- Samoan Quota Scheme

Your contact details

Where do you want this information sent?

Name

Address

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How many people will be included in your residence application?

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