

■ **WORKING AND LIVING TEMPORARILY IN NEW ZEALAND**

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

■ **WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND GRADUATES?**

Students who choose to study in New Zealand have a number of options available to them while they study and after they graduate. Some students work part time while studying, and some choose to stay and continue with higher education, travel, or go on to obtain work experience and skills relevant to their qualification.

If you wish to work part time while studying in New Zealand, please check your eligibility and the steps you need to take on our website's [student pages](#).

The Study to Work policy is for students and trainees who have completed certain qualifications (see below) in New Zealand, and enables them to gain practical work experience after completing their studies. From the date you receive official confirmation that you have completed your qualification you can apply under these policies. The latest you can apply is three months after the end date of your student permit.

There are two types of work permit available under the Study to Work policy – the graduate job search permit, and the work on completion of course of study permit.

■ **AGE**

There is no age limit.

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

Graduate Job Search Work Permit	Work on completion of a course of study work permit
No. If you are looking to find suitable employment you can apply for the Graduate Job Search Work Permit.	Yes. If you have found a suitable job offer that is relevant to your qualification you can apply for the work on completion of a course of study work permit. The purpose of this policy is to facilitate your entry into the industry you have studied and/or trained in.

■ **HOW LONG CAN I STAY?**

Graduate Job Search Work Permit	Work on completion of a course of study work permit
You can apply for this within the three months after your student permit. It is a 12-month work permit. This means you can apply for jobs and begin straight away if you are offered the position.	You can apply for this within the three months after your student permit or while you are on the Graduate Job Search Work Permit. The permit can be valid for up to two years or up to three years if required for occupational registration purposes.

### DID YOU KNOW



- New Zealand law prohibits any person on a temporary permit, including a student permit, from providing commercial sexual services or operating or investing in a business which provides such services.
- It is a common for New Zealand, and international employers, to want qualifications AND experience for senior or more highly skilled positions. The Study to Work policies provide graduates with the opportunity to build on their academic knowledge and develop the experience they need to succeed in a competitive employment market.
- Students can begin looking for employment opportunities before they come to the end of their qualification. Some employers take on students over the summer holidays.
- Graduates can utilise the work experience they gain to move on to skilled employment. An offer of skilled employment can lead to a work permit under Essential Skills policy or permanent residence under the Skilled Migrant Category.

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■ WHAT TYPE OF WORK CAN I DO?

Graduate Job Search Work Permit	Work on completion of a course of study work permit
This work permit allows you to work for any employer	The conditions of your visa and/or permit will specify your position, employer and location of employment. As a temporary worker you can only work within the conditions of your visa and/or permit.

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

Graduate Job Search Work Permit	Work on completion of a course of study work permit
No, however, you are required to have completed in New Zealand a qualification that would qualify for points under the Skilled Migrant Category.	Yes, the job must be relevant to your New Zealand: qualification that would qualify for points under the Skilled Migrant Category, or course that has a minimum completion time of 3 years.

■ WHAT COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS MUST I MEET?

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

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A JOB SEARCH		B WORK EXPERIENCE	
1	You do not need an offer of employment.	You must hold an offer of employment for a position that is relevant to your course or qualification.	
2	Check that you: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have completed in New Zealand a qualification that would qualify for points under the Skilled Migrant Category, and</li> <li>apply no later than 3 months after the end date of your student permit for that course or qualification</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have completed in New Zealand                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a qualification that would qualify for points under the Skilled Migrant Category, or</li> <li>a course that has a minimum completion time of 3 years, and</li> </ol> </li> <li>apply while:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>your 'graduate job search work permit' is still valid, or</li> <li>no later than 3 months after the end date of your student permit for that course or qualification, and</li> </ol> </li> <li>hold an offer of employment relevant to your course or qualification</li> <li>require registration to undertake employment.</li> </ol>	
3	Read the <i>Work Visa and Permit Guide (INZ 1016)</i> for advice on what additional information is required and how to complete the <i>Work Visa/Permit Application (INZ 1015)</i> form.		
4	You do not need an offer of employment.	Ensure that the employer provides a completed <i>Employer supplementary form (INZ 1113)</i> and all necessary documentation: offer of employment, job description and employment agreement	
5	Apply for a work visa/permit at your local INZ branch* and include a completed <i>Work Visa/Permit Application (INZ 1015)</i> form and provide all the necessary documentation.	Apply for a work visa/permit at your local INZ branch* and include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a completed <i>Work Visa/Permit Application (INZ 1015)</i> form and provide all the necessary documentation.</li> </ol>	
6	INZ will process the application Note: If INZ has concerns about the application they will contact the applicant. The applicant and/or employer will then have the opportunity to provide further information or comment		
7	If approved, INZ will grant you a work visa/permit that will allow you to work:		
8	For any employer for up to 12 months	For a specific employer for up to 2 years, unless you require up to 3 years for professional membership or registration purposes.	
9	Before the work permit expires you can either apply for a new permit 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 permit expires. If your current permit does expire, your application for a further permit 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.