



Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Sponsorship Form

under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) work and residence instructions



Information for sponsors

This form is for sponsoring a person who is applying for:

- a temporary work visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Instructions allowing a stay of 30 months in New Zealand, or
- a resident visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Instructions.

Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007

Under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 it is an offence to provide immigration advice without being licensed or exempt. **If your immigration adviser is not licensed when they should be, Immigration New Zealand will return your application.**

For more information and to view the register of licensed advisers, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz or email info@iaa.govt.nz.

When filling in this form, please print clearly in English using CAPITAL LETTERS.

What are the support and sponsorship requirements?

A person applying for either a work visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sport) work instructions or a resident visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence instructions must be supported by a 'New Zealand organisation of national repute' and must be sponsored by an acceptable sponsor. A '**New Zealand organisation of national repute**' is defined as an organisation which:

- has a nationally-recognised record of excellence in a field of art, culture or sport, or
- has a nationally-recognised record of excellence in fostering exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) may, where it considers it necessary, make enquiries with persons and organisations (including Creative New Zealand and the New Zealand

Academy of Sport) associated with the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport, to determine whether the supporting organisation is a New Zealand organisation of national repute.

An acceptable sponsor may be an individual, an organisation (a registered company, an incorporated society or a charitable trust), or a government agency. For an organisation or a government agency to be an acceptable sponsor, they must nominate a contact person authorised to make representations and enter into agreements on behalf of the organisation or government agency, to complete this form and sign the sponsorship undertakings.

The sponsor does not have to be the same organisation as the supporting 'New Zealand organisation of national repute', but it must be able to identify a clear link between its activities and the purpose for which the applicant is coming to New Zealand.

What section of the form must be completed, and what evidence is required, depends on whether the applicant is applying for a work visa or a resident visa.

For an applicant for a work visa

The supporting organisation must:

- demonstrate they are a 'New Zealand organisation of national repute' in their field of art, culture or sport; and
- confirm they support the applicant's work visa application by completing this form at Section B: Details of New Zealand organisation of national repute; and
- state the reasons why they consider the applicant's presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport.

The sponsor must:

- demonstrate they are an acceptable sponsor; and
- complete and sign Section F: Declaration by sponsor confirming that they will meet the applicant's requirements for maintenance, accommodation, and repatriation if necessary. Maintenance involves undertaking to make available to the applicant, if necessary, funds in New Zealand at the rate of:



- a minimum of NZ\$1,000 per month (if accommodation is not available for the applicant at no cost to him/her), or
- a minimum of NZ\$400 per month (if accommodation is available for the applicant at no cost to him/her).

The sponsor can also undertake to pay for the maternity health costs of the applicant if they are pregnant and intending to give birth in New Zealand (evidence of at least NZ\$9,000 is required).

For an applicant for a resident visa

The supporting organisation must:

- demonstrate they are a 'New Zealand organisation of national repute' in their field of art, culture or sport; and
- confirm they support the applicant's resident visa application by completing Section B of this form; and
- state the reasons why they consider the applicant's presence in New Zealand will continue to enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport.

The sponsor must complete Section E: Sponsorship undertakings, confirming the following undertakings to:

- ensure that adequate accommodation in New Zealand is and continues to be available for the applicant; and
- provide accommodation during the first 24 months of the applicant's residence in New Zealand if necessary, and
- provide financial support during the first 24 months of the applicant's residence in New Zealand if necessary, and
- repay to the Crown any costs to the Crown which result from their failure to meet their obligations as a sponsor, and acknowledge that if those costs are incurred they become a debt to the Crown.

Who qualifies for a work visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Instructions?

Non-New Zealand citizens or residence class visa holders who:

- have exceptional talent in a declared field of art, culture or sport
- are supported by a New Zealand organisation of national repute
- have an acceptable sponsor
- are aged 55 years or younger
- meet immigration health and character requirements, and
- are bona fide applicants intending to abide by their visa conditions.

Applicants may apply at any offshore or onshore office of INZ and must meet the relevant application requirements:

- completed application form and photos, fee and passport
- acceptable medical and X-ray certificates and police certificates
- completed sponsorship form
- support from a New Zealand organisation of national repute in their declared field of art, culture or sport,

and any other documents or information required by the application form or INZ).

See our *Work Visa Guide (INZ 1016)* for further details.

What is 'exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport'?

Applicants are considered to have exceptional talent in a declared field of art, culture or sport where INZ is satisfied that:

- they have an international reputation and record of excellence in their declared field, and
- they are still prominent in that field, and
- their presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in that field.

INZ may, where it considers it necessary, make enquiries with persons and organisations (including Creative New Zealand and the New Zealand Academy of Sport) associated with the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport to determine whether the applicant has exceptional talent in that field.

People granted Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) work visas are granted multiple entry work visas enabling a stay of 30 months in New Zealand. Their visas are endorsed with conditions that allow work for any employer.

Who qualifies for a resident visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Instructions?

Non-New Zealand citizens or residence class visa holders who:

- have held a work visa granted under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Instructions for a period of at least 24 months
- during the currency of that visa, have been actively engaged in their declared field of art, culture or sport throughout a period of 24 months
- are still prominent in that field
- whose continued presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation
- are supported by a New Zealand organisation of national repute in their declared field
- have an acceptable sponsor
- meet immigration health and character requirements, and
- have not, at any time since the grant of their visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Instructions, applied for or been granted welfare assistance under the Social Security Act 1964.

See our *Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand (INZ 1003)* for further details.

Detach and retain this information sheet if you wish.

Section A Details of applicant

A1 Name of visa applicant being sponsored

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

A2 Applicant's date of birth (required)

A3 Gender Male Female

A4 Applicant's country of birth

A5 Applicant's citizenship

A6 What field of art, culture, or sport is the applicant involved in?

A7 What type of visa is the applicant applying for? Tick **one** of the options below.

a temporary work visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Instructions.

a resident visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Instructions.

Section B Details of New Zealand organisation of national repute

This section of the form must be completed by the New Zealand organisation of national repute supporting the presence of the applicant in New Zealand.

B1 Name of supporting organisation

B2 Name of contact person for the supporting organisation.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

B3 Position or title in sponsoring organisation

B4 Physical and postal addresses of supporting organisation.

Street address

Postal address

Telephone

Fax

Email

B5 What field of art, culture, or sport is your organisation involved in, and what is the nature of your organisation's involvement in this field? If details are set out in an attached document please state this.

B6 How do you consider that the presence in New Zealand of the person you wish to sponsor would enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in art, culture or sport? If details are set out instead in an attached document please state this.

Section C Details of sponsorship

This section of the form must be completed by the person, organisation or government agency sponsoring the applicant's stay in New Zealand. If the sponsor is an organisation, it must be completed by a named contact person authorised to make representations and enter into agreements on behalf of the organisation.

C1 The sponsor is:

- a natural person. Go to **C2**
- an organisation. Go to **C9**
- a government agency. Go to **C10**

Sponsorship by a natural person

Complete questions **C2** to **C8** if the sponsor is a natural person. Otherwise go to **C9**

C2 Full name of sponsor

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

Other names you are known by or have ever been known by

C3 Gender Male Female

C4 Date of birth

C5 Town/city of birth

Country of birth

C6 Country of citizenship

C7 Your residential address and contact details

Address

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (evening)

Fax

Email

C8 Tick the **one** option that applies to you.

- I am a New Zealand citizen and I have provided a certified true copy of my passport, citizenship certificate, endorsement or birth certificate.
- I am the holder of a New Zealand residence class visa and I have provided a certified true copy of the residence class visa in my passport.

Go to **C14**

Sponsorship by an organisation or a government agency

Complete questions **C9** to **C13** if the sponsor is an organisation or government agency. Otherwise go to **C14**

C9 Full name of organisation (registered company, incorporated society or charitable trust). Go to **C11**

C10 Full name of government agency (including details of division or work group, as applicable). Go to **C11**

C11 Name and position of authorised contact person acting on behalf of the sponsoring organisation/agency.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

Position or title in sponsoring organisation/agency

C12 Physical and postal addresses

Street address

Postal address

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (evening)

Fax

Email

C13 Tick the **one** option that applies to you.

- I represent a registered company and I have attached evidence of incorporation under the Companies Act 1993.
- I represent an incorporated society and I have attached evidence of incorporation under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908
- I represent a charitable trust and I have attached evidence of incorporation under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957
- I represent a government agency.

All sponsors must complete questions **C14** to **C16**

C14 Name and address for communication about this sponsorship form.

Same as address at **C7**. Go to **C16**

Same as address at **C12**. Go to **C16**

As below.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

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Company name (if applicable) and address

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Telephone (daytime)

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Telephone (evening)

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Fax

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Email

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C15 Do you authorise the person stated at **C14** to act on your behalf? Yes No

C16 Have you received immigration advice on this sponsorship form?

i You can find a definition of immigration advice at www.immigration.govt.nz/advice

Yes *Make sure that your immigration adviser completes Section G: Immigration adviser's details.*

No

Section D Sponsor eligibility

D1 If the sponsor is a **natural person**, he or she must answer the following questions.

Are you ordinarily resident in New Zealand? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of an offence(s) under immigration law? Yes No

Have you previously breached sponsorship obligations? Yes No

Do you have an outstanding debt to the Crown or other third parties as a result of another sponsorship arrangement?

Yes No

Have you entered insolvency procedures or been adjudicated bankrupt? Yes No

Are you liable for deportation? Yes No

Are you serving a custodial sentence or awaiting sentencing after being convicted of a crime which carries a custodial sentence?

Yes No

Are you sponsoring this application for the purpose of receiving a financial reward or fee? Yes No

For resident visa sponsorship only

Will you have been a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a current residence class visa for at least three years immediately preceding the date the application is made?

Yes No

D2 If the sponsor is an **organisation**, the authorised contact person listed at **C11** must answer the following questions.

Has your organisation or its listed directors, trustees or management been convicted of an offence(s) under immigration law?

Yes No

Has your organisation previously breached sponsorship obligations? Yes No

Does your organisation have an outstanding debt to the Crown or other third parties as a result of another sponsorship arrangement?

Yes No

Is your organisation in receivership or liquidation? Yes No

Is your organisation sponsoring this application for the purpose of receiving a financial reward or fee?

Yes No

Section E Sponsorship undertakings

Complete question **E1** or **E2** depending on the type of application you are sponsoring.

E1 Sponsor's undertakings for a work visa application

_____ [sponsor's name],

undertakes to meet the requirements for maintenance, accommodation, and repatriation or deportation costs, if necessary, of the applicant named in this form at Section A: Details of applicant.

In respect of the applicant's maintenance,

_____ [sponsor's name],

is able, if necessary, to make available to that applicant funds in New Zealand at the rate of:

- a minimum of NZ\$1,000 per month (if accommodation is not available for the applicant at no cost to the applicant), or
- a minimum of NZ\$400 per month (if accommodation is available for the applicant at no cost to the applicant).

(Optional undertaking) In respect of the applicant's maternity health care costs

_____ [sponsor's name],

is able, if necessary, to pay the cost of maternity health services in New Zealand, which may be at least NZ\$9,000.

E2 Sponsor's undertakings for a resident visa application

_____ [sponsor's name],

undertakes to meet the requirements for maintenance, accommodation, and repatriation or deportation costs, if necessary, of the applicant named in this form at Section A: Details of applicant, and any other person included in their application for residence, for the 24 months following the grant of their resident visa.

_____ [sponsor's name],

agrees that if the applicant named in this form at Section A: Details of applicant, or any other person included in their application for residence, applies to the Ministry of Social Development for, or is paid, any welfare assistance during the 24-month period in which residence is sponsored:

- INZ may provide any information that the organisation has provided in this application form to the Ministry of Social Development for the purposes of assessing whether the sponsored person (or any other person included in their application for residence) should receive welfare assistance, and
- the Ministry of Social Development may provide INZ with any information it receives regarding the organisation's failure to meet any obligations as set out below.

Note: Under section 55 of the Immigration Act, in the event of a sponsor failing to comply with the whole or any part of the above undertakings:

- the sponsor shall be liable to pay the Crown or a third party all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in respect of that failure
- the visa holder shall be deemed to have breached the conditions of his or her visa and may be liable for deportation.

Section F Declaration by sponsor

The following declaration must be witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations, such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a notary public. Make sure that you understand the declaration before you sign this section. If the sponsor is an organisation or government agency, the full name of the organisation or agency must be given for each of the undertakings below, but the declaration must be signed by the authorised contact person.

I understand that if I have received immigration advice from an immigration adviser and if that immigration adviser is not licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 when they should be, INZ will return my sponsorship form.

I,
[full name of sponsor or authorised contact] [occupation]

of
[name of sponsoring organisation or government agency, if applicable]

[sponsor's address]

solemnly swear

- that the information supplied on this form and in the attachments is true and correct
- that I/the organisation/the government agency [circle as appropriate] will honour the sponsorship undertakings given in Section E: Sponsorship undertakings in respect of the person(s) named in Section A: Details of applicant who I/the organisation/the government agency [circle as appropriate] have agreed to sponsor in this form.

I acknowledge that I will be liable for any reasonable cost(s) incurred by the Crown or a third party as a result of failing to honour the sponsorship undertakings given in Section E: Sponsorship undertakings, and that those costs may be recoverable in the New Zealand courts.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of sponsor or authorised contact

Declared at this day of 20
[place] [date] [month] [year]

before me
[name of person authorised to take statutory declarations] [official designation]

Contact details of person authorised to take statutory declarations.

Address

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (evening)

Fax Email

Signature of person authorised to take statutory declarations

Section H Declaration by person helping the sponsor to complete this form

This section must be completed and signed by the sponsor's immigration adviser, or by any person who has assisted the sponsor by providing immigration advice, explaining, translating, or filling in the form for the applicant. If the sponsor does not have an immigration adviser, and no one helped the sponsor to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.

If you are unlicensed when you should be licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, Immigration New Zealand will return your client's sponsorship form. It is an offence to provide immigration advice without holding a licence.

For more information, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz, or email info@iaa.govt.nz or write to them at PO Box 6222, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141, New Zealand.

Name and address of person assisting sponsor Same as address given at **C14**, or as below.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

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Company name (if applicable) and address

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Telephone (daytime)

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Telephone (evening)

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Fax

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Email

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I understand that after the sponsor has signed this form it is an offence for me to change or add further information, change any documents attached to the form, or attach any further documents to the form. However, if changes are needed, the person making the changes must state on the form what information or documents have been changed or attached and give reasons for the changes or attachments.

I note that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to NZ\$100,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to seven years.

I certify that the sponsor asked me to help them complete this form and any additional forms. I certify that the sponsor agreed that the information provided was correct before signing the declaration.

I have **assisted** the sponsor as an interpreter/translator.

I have **assisted** the sponsor with recording information on the form.

I have **assisted** the sponsor in another way. Specify

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I have **provided immigration advice** (as defined in the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007) and my details in Section G: Immigration adviser's details, are correct.

Signature of person assisting

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Date

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About the information you provide

Immigration New Zealand collects the information on this form to decide whether the sponsoring organisation and personal sponsor(s) are eligible to sponsor an applicant for a visa under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work instructions or the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence instructions, and to ensure that you meet your sponsorship obligations should the person you are sponsoring be granted a visa to be in New Zealand.

The main recipient of the information is Immigration New Zealand (a service of the Department of Labour) but it may also be shared with other Government agencies which are entitled to this information under applicable legislation.

The address of Immigration New Zealand is PO Box 3705, Wellington, New Zealand. **This is not where your application should be sent.**

Collecting the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 2009 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act.

You have the right to access information about yourself or your organisation held by Immigration New Zealand and to ask for any of it to be corrected if you consider that is necessary.

For more information

If you have questions about completing the form:

- 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.

What to do next

When the form is completed, check that the sponsor's declaration has been signed by the appropriate person(s), and duly witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations (such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a notary public).

Ensure the supporting organisation has completed questions **B5** and **B6** or attached other evidence of their support. Attach any evidence of the sponsor's eligibility required in Section C: Details of sponsorship, then give the form and any attachments to the applicant to include with their application for a visa.

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