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**IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND INSTRUCTIONS: Amendment Circular
No. 2009/08**

To: *All Manual Holders*

**AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND (INZ) OPERATIONAL
MANUAL – 2009/10 NEW ZEALAND RESIDENCE PROGRAMME**

Introduction

This circular outlines changes to Government residence policy in the INZ Operational Manual. A copy of the amended policies is attached to this circular.

All visa and immigration officers dealing with immigration applications should read the amendments and operate in accordance with the amended policies on and from 1 July 2009.

Note

The amendments described in this circular will be published in the INZ Operational Manual on 2 July 2009.

Any enquiries about these amendments should be directed to the Immigration Contact Centre on 0508 558 855 or 09 914 4100 (Auckland only).

Changes to Government residence policy effective on and after 1 July 2009

R6.1 New Zealand Residence Programme

R6.5 Allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme

Policy has been amended to reflect Cabinet's agreement to maintain the New Zealand Residence Programme (NZRP) 2009/10 at the current level of 45,000 – 50,000 places.

Policy has also been amended to replace the approximate percentage amount that each stream makes up of the overall NZRP with the approximate range of places available in each stream.

Appendix 1: Amended Policy

R6.1 New Zealand Residence Programme

- a. The New Zealand Residence Programme consists of all persons approved for residence in each year ending 30 June.
- b. The New Zealand Residence Programme is set on an annual basis, and any changes will be advised by an amendment to this policy.
- c. The New Zealand Residence Programme for the 2009/10 year is 45,000 to 50,000 approved places.

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R6.5 Allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme

- a. There are three streams within the New Zealand Residence Programme:
 - i The Skilled/Business stream;
 - ii The Family Sponsored stream;
 - iii The International/Humanitarian stream.
- b. The Government may, from time to time, reallocate places for approvals within the three streams and/or add places to the three streams.
- c. The annual allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme for the Skilled/Business stream is approximately **26,800 to 29,950 places.**
- d. **The Partner and Dependent Child policies within the Family Sponsored Stream do not have a cap on available places. However, for planning purposes, the annual allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme for these policies is estimated to be approximately 9,900 to 10,700 places.**
- e. The annual allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme for the International /Humanitarian stream is approximately **3,350 to 3,850 places.**
- f. The annual allocation of places within the New Zealand Residence Programme for the Parent, Adult Child and Adult Sibling policies of the Family Sponsored stream is approximately **4,950 to 5,500 places.**

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