



# Applying for a Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa: Partnership timeline and evidence checklist

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To be eligible for a Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa, we need to be satisfied that you have been living together with your supporting partner in a genuine and stable relationship for at least 12 months at the time you submit your application.

To help us assess your application faster, you can complete this optional timeline and checklist. If you choose to complete this document, upload it with your online application under 'Provide a timeline of your partnership' in the 'Upload Documents' section of the form.

We will look at all the information submitted with your application and consider any relevant cultural factors before we make a decision.

Check our website for more information on providing evidence of your relationship:  
[www.immigration.govt.nz/partnership](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/partnership).

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## Partnership timeline

The timeline has questions about key milestones in your relationship. Type your answers into the boxes provided. Include specific months and years for each milestone.

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## Evidence checklist

The checklist includes examples of the kind of evidence your application can include. This evidence must cover the 12 months you have been living together before the date you **submit** your application. It is important you provide us with items showing your shared address, dated every few months, to cover this full duration.

Your evidence does not have to be limited to the suggested documents. In some cases, you may have different evidence to support your application.

If any evidence you provide is not in English, you must include English translations. You can read more on our website: [www.immigration.govt.nz/english-translation](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/english-translation).

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## Submitting your evidence

Upload your evidence in the 'Upload Documents' section of the online application form. Use the category that best fits:

- › Evidence that your relationship is genuine and stable
- › Evidence you have been living with your partner for more than 12 months.

Upload 1 PDF per category. If you want to upload multiple pieces of evidence under 1 category, such as joint rental agreements and power bills that show you and your partner have been living together, combine them into a single file before uploading.



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## Partnership timeline

### Key questions about your partnership

### Your answers, with specific dates

Where and how did you both meet?

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When and where did you begin living together?

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Outline some key milestones that have occurred during your relationship. For example, these could include marriage, the birth of children, shared holidays and so on.

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Have there been any periods during your relationship that you spent living apart? If so, please provide the dates and reasons you lived apart.

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Please provide any other information about your relationship you think is relevant to mention.

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## Evidence checklist

### Evidence of living together in a genuine and stable partnership

### Submitted with application

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Marriage or civil union certificates (if applicable)

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Full birth certificates for any children you share (if applicable)

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Shared income or bank accounts, or accounts that show money transfers to or from your partner

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Joint ownership of any assets

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Joint credit cards or financial agreements such as car loans

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Chat and communication records, with dates, between you and your partner (particularly during any periods spent apart)

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Letters of support from people that recognise your partnership, such as friends, family, community leaders, and so on. The letters should include their contact details

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Evidence of joint ownership of, or home loan for, residential property

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Joint rental agreement or rental receipts

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Joint utility accounts like power or phone bills

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Mail addressed to one or both of you, sent to your shared address

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Social media posts or photos of you and your partner, with dates, showing that you spend your leisure time together or are seen by other people as a couple

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Certified translations of all documents not in English (if applicable)

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If you cannot provide evidence that you and your partner have lived together, due to personal circumstances, explain why here: