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Business Investor Work Visa
Business Proposal

Information about the nominated business

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www.immigration.govt.nz

When to use this form

Use this form if you are applying for a Business Investor Work Visa or making a request to change your nominated business. This form must be attached to the Business Investor Work Visa Application (INZ 1394), the Business Investor Work Visa – Change of Nominated Business form (INZ 1396), or the Business Investor Work Visa – Change of Business during the Operating Stage form (INZ 1397).

How to complete this form

Print clearly in English using CAPITAL LETTERS.

When submitting your application ensure you provide the information and documents as set out in Section J: Evidence required.

Provide copies of documents only. Do not provide original documents. If we require original documents we will contact you.

If you have questions about completing the form:

- see our website **www.immigration.govt.nz/contactus**

Where to send this form

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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 refuse to accept or decline your Business Investor Work Visa 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**. Lawyers provide immigration advice and are exempt from licensing under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act.

For more information and to view the register of immigration lawyers, go to the New Zealand Law Society website **www.lawsociety.org.nz**

Section A Personal details

A1 Name as shown in passport

Family/last name:

Given/first name(s):

A2 Date of birth: DD / MM / YYYY

A3 Country of citizenship:

A4 Passport details

Number:

Country of citizenship:

Expiry date: DD / MM / YYYY

Section B Nominated business

In this section you need to provide information about the New Zealand business (nominated business) you intend to purchase.

B1 Provide full details of the business you intend to purchase (nominated business):

New Zealand Business Number (if applicable): *For help search:* ***www.nzbn.govt.nz***

Legal name:

Trading name:

Current Business Structure *(for example, sole trader, partnership, company)*:

Date the business first began trading: DD / MM / YYYY

Date the business registered with NZ Companies Office, if applicable: DD / MM / YYYY

Physical address (that the business operates out of):

Postal address (if different than the physical address):

B2 Who are the current owners of the nominated business?

Note: ownership includes any legal or beneficial interest in the business, whether held directly or indirectly, including through a New Zealand resident entity, trust, partnership, or nominee arrangement

First name	Last name

B3 Who are the key people and what are their roles within the nominated business?

Note: A key person is a director, partner, or other person with influence over the business.

Name	Role

B4 What is the current Business Industry Classification (BIC) for the nominated business:

BIC code: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ *For example: M697020*

BIC description: ____________________ *For example: Veterinary hospital*

*For help finding the BIC for your nominated business visit **www.businessdescription.co.nz***

B5 Is the nominated business currently operating in New Zealand? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B6 Has the nominated business been operating for at least 5 years in New Zealand? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B7 Are any of the owners, directors, shareholder, or any persons with a legal or beneficial interest in the nominated business members of your family?

Note: Family members include the partner, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces or adult siblings of any person included in the Business Investor Work Visa. This also includes any ownership or interests held at any level, whether directly or indirectly, including through trusts, corporate entities, or other arrangements.

☐ Yes, one or more owner, director, or shareholder is a family member

☐ No

If yes, list the names of the family member(s) and your relationship to them:

First name	Last name	Relationship	Position in the business

B8 Is the nominated business owned, in full or in part through a trust or other indirect ownership structure?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details, including:

- Name of the trust or entity
- Nature of the ownership structure
- Details of settlors, trustees (including corporate trustees), beneficiaries, or any person able to influence or benefit from the trust's interest in the business

Section C Business activity

In this section you need to provide information about the nature and scope of the activity being undertaken by the nominated business.

C1 Is your nominated business an excluded business or engaged in any excluded activity?

Excluded businesses include:

• Convenience stores • Discount/value stores • Fast-food outlets • Businesses operating from a residential address • Businesses offered for sale by or on behalf of a licensed immigration advisor or immigration lawyer who is providing immigration advice to the applicant • Labour-hire companies

Excluded business activity includes:

• Providing immigration advice • Gambling • Manufacturing tobacco or other nicotine-based products (including vaping) • Adult entertainment (commercial sexual services) • Drop-shipping (send products directly from a supplier to a customer)
This includes generating revenue directly from the business activity; or having operational control over the business activity; or actively participating in the production, sales or service delivery of the business activity.

☐ Yes, the business is excluded ☐ No, the business is not excluded

C2 Enter a description of the business activity, including:

- Type of business
- List the services provided or goods sold
- Market niche or specialty
- Customer base
- Number of branches/offices and locations
- List parent, subsidiary or connected businesses, if applicable
- Any other information about the business you are intending to purchase that you would like INZ to consider when assessing your application

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Section D Organisational compliance

D1 Is the nominated business a lawful business enterprise?

A lawful business enterprise is an organisation that:

- *operates lawfully in a commercial environment with the goal of returning a profit; and*
- *is not set up primarily for passive or speculative purposes.*

☐ Yes
☐ No

D2 Are you required to obtain professional or occupational registration to operate this business?

☐ Yes, and I have registration
☐ Yes, I am required to gain registration (Describe your plan for obtaining registration below)
☐ No

D3 To the best of your knowledge has the nominated business been used in support of a previous application under the Business Investor Category or the Entrepreneur Category in the previous 10 years?

A nominated business that has been used in a previously approved application within the past 10 years, does not meet the Business Investor work visa requirements.

☐ Yes (Please provide details)
☐ No

Compliance with immigration, employment and business standards

The nominated business and its key persons must comply with specific immigration, employment and business standards.

The nominated business and/or key persons must not have:

- employed a migrant who did not have the right visa or visa conditions to work in that job
- provided false or misleading information to Immigration New Zealand
- been involved in other businesses with immigration breaches
- been banned from acting as a director
- been subject to a stand-down period for breaching minimum employment standards or committing immigration offences
- been permanently banned from sponsoring work visas for committing serious immigration offences.

See our website: **www.immigration.govt.nz/business-investor-acceptable-investments** for more information.

D4 To the best of your knowledge has the nominated business or any of its key persons complied with immigration, employment and business standards?

If the nominated business or any of its key persons have not complied with immigration, employment and business standards the application for a Business Investor work visa or request to change a nominated business may be declined.

☐ Yes

☐ No (Provide details below)

Section E Proposed purchase

In this section you need to provide information about the details of the purchase of the nominated business.

E1 What is the proposed purchase price for the business?

Note: the purchase price must be at least NZ$1 million (GST exclusive)

E2 What is your proposed ownership share (%)?

Note: you must hold a minimum ownership share of 25% in the nominated business. The nominated business must not already be owned, at any level, by you or your family member

E3 What is the indicative date of settlement, if known? DD / MM / YYYY

Section F Due diligence

In this section you need to provide information about the due diligence you have undertaken.

F1 Have you consulted with a qualified statutory accountant as part of your due diligence?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

F2 Have you consulted with a New Zealand lawyer as part of your due diligence?

Note: This lawyer must be different to any legal representative helping you submit your application.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

F3 Do you understand the legal and financial position of the nominated business and any associated risks?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section G Employment information

In this section you need to provide employment-related information about the nominated business.

G1 How many people in full time equivalent positions, excluding owners, does the nominated business employ?

Note: A full-time permanent position means a permanent role for at least 30 hours a week.

G2 Do you intend to create ongoing full-time equivalent employment for at least one additional New Zealand citizen or resident?

Note: You must create ongoing, full time equivalent employment for one additional New Zealand citizen or resident and have maintained that employment for at least 12 months prior to submitting a Business Investor resident visa application.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section H Your intended involvement in the nominated business

H1 Will you be actively involved in the nominate business once you have purchased it?

Note: A requirement for a Business Investor resident visa is that you have been actively involved in the business you purchased. Actively involved means participating in the day-to-day operations, decision making, and strategic planning of the business.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section I Supporting documents

I1 List below the documents you have provided and the requirement (above) they relate to, to support the information you have given in this form.

Example:

Document Identifier	***Document details***	***Requirement***
Tag 1	*Conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement*	*Section E – Proposed Purchase*
Tag 2	*Anonymised employment records*	*Section G – Employment Information*
Tag 3	*Correspondence from lawyer*	*Section F – Due Diligence*

Document Identifier	**Document details**	**Requirement**
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Section J Evidence required

The following evidence is required to assess your Business Investor Work Visa Application.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Information and documents you must supply	CHECK LIST
	Nominated business, Business activity, Proposed purchase	
☐	I have attached evidence of the legal structure of the nominated business, such as a Certificate of Incorporation or Company register extract.	☐
☐	I have attached evidence to show the nominated business has operated for at least 5 years.	☐
☐	I have attached a valuation of the nominated business that is no more than three months old and has been prepared or relied on by a qualified statutory accountant.	☐
	Due diligence	
☐	I have attached correspondence from a qualified statutory accountant confirming financial due diligence into the nominated business has taken place.	☐
☐	I have attached correspondence from a New Zealand lawyer confirming legal due diligence into the nominated business has taken place.	☐
	Employment information	
☐	I have attached evidence that the nominated business employs at least 5 people in full time equivalent permanent positions (for example, an organisational chart of the nominated business, anonymised employment agreements and job descriptions for the employees of the nominated business, anonymised employee pay-as-you-earn (PAYE) tax records, immigration status if not a New Zealand citizen or resident).	☐
	Other	
☐	I have attached evidence of professional or occupational registration, if required.	☐
☐	I have attached any other supporting documentation to demonstrate the nominated business meets the requirements.	☐
☐	I have provided evidence of ownership of the nominated business, including any indirect or trust-based ownership structures (if applicable).	☐

Section K Declaration

This section must be read and signed by the person named at A1.

I have provided true and correct answers to the questions in this form.

I understand that if I make any false statements, or provide any false or misleading information, or have changed or altered this form in any way, my application or request may be declined, or I may become liable for deportation.

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, Immigration New Zealand will refuse to accept or will decline my application or request.

I understand that:

- an immigration officer will assess the nominated business solely to determine whether the Business Investor Work Visa Instructions are met; and
- the granting of any visa based on that nominated business is not an endorsement of the business or guarantee of its success by the New Zealand Government; and
- if I do proceed to purchase the nominated business or purchase a proportion of ownership of the nominated business, it is entirely at my own risk.

I authorise Immigration New Zealand to make any necessary enquiries about information on this form and/or accompanying documentation.

I authorise any agency whether in New Zealand or overseas, including but not limited to border or immigration agencies, education providers, financial institutions, foreign embassies, government authorities, healthcare providers, police or other law enforcement agencies, that holds information (including personal information) related to information on this application form and/or accompanying documentation to disclose that information to Immigration New Zealand so that they can:

- make a decision on my application or request
- answer enquiries about my immigration status once my application or request has been decided.

I understand that the information provided in this form may also be anonymised and used for survey or research purposes.

☐ I have provided all the documents required by the checklist at Section J.

Signature of submitter: _____ Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Section L Person assisting submitter

This section must be completed and signed by the submitter's (named at A1) immigration adviser, or by any person who has assisted by providing immigration advice, explaining, translating, or recording information on the form. If the submitter does not have an immigration adviser, and no one helped to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.

L1 Did you ask any person to help complete this form and any additional forms?

☐ Yes (provide details) ☐ No

Name and address of person assisting

Family/last name:

Given/first name(s):

Organisation name (if applicable) and address:

New Zealand Business Number (if applicable): *For help search:* ***www.nzbn.govt.nz***

Telephone:

Email:

About the information provided

Immigration New Zealand collects the information about you on this form to decide whether you are eligible for a Business Investor work visa or to change your nominated business. We may also use the information to contact you for research purposes or to advise you on immigration matters.

Collecting the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 2009 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not we are likely to decline your application/request.

Other documents we may need or you may wish to send

We may ask for additional documents or information so that we can consider it with this application. You may wish to send other documents or information so that we can consider it with this application. Send photocopies only (not original documents), as these documents will not be returned to you. If we need to see an original document, we will ask you to produce it later.

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