

Special Direction for Exercise Thunder Warrior 2026

I, Hon Erica Stanford, pursuant to section 57(3) of the Immigration Act 2009, and the power delegated to me as the Minister of Immigration, on 11 December 2025, make the following special direction:

- 1) I waive by special direction, for the class of persons described in paragraph 2, the following prescribed requirements to make an application for a Military visa:
 - a. The requirement for an application to be made on the approved form (reg 10(2)(a) of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission and Related Matters) Regulations 2010 (the Regulations));
 - b. The requirement for an application to be signed by the applicant (reg 10(2)(d));
 - c. The requirements for the application to be given to an immigration officer with the material set out in regulation 10(2)(e) (passport, passport-sized photographs, and information and evidence):
- 2) The class of persons to whom this special direction applies are the members of the Singaporean Armed Forces personnel who are to take place in Exercise Thunder Warrior 2026 in New Zealand at the invitation of the New Zealand Defence Force between December 2025 and February 2026.

This special direction comes into force on the date that it is made and expires at the end of February 2026 unless revoked earlier.

In making this special direction, I certify that:

- 1) I consider that the exercise of the power to make this special direction is reasonably necessary to respond to circumstances that pose a challenge to the immigration system.
- 2) I consider that the exercise of power to make the special direction in this particular situation will not disadvantage the class of persons to whom it applies; and
- 3) INZ, on my behalf, have undertaken consultation which I consider to be appropriate in this particular situation.

Dated and certified on this 12th day of December 2025

Hon ERICA STANFORD, Minister of Immigration