IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND INSTRUCTIONS: Amendment Circular No. 2016/10

To: All Manual Holders

AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND OPERATIONAL MANUAL

Introduction
This circular outlines changes to immigration instructions. A copy of the amended instructions is attached.

All immigration officers dealing with immigration applications should read the amendments in Appendix 1 and operate in accordance with the amended instructions on and after 24 November 2016.

Note
The amendments described in this circular will be published in the Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual in due course.

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 immigration instructions effective on and after 24 November 2016

Age restriction for Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Instructions

WR3.1 Who is eligible for a work visa under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Instructions?

Immigration instructions have been amended to introduce a maximum age requirement of 55 years for applicants for work visas under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Instructions. This change will align the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Instructions with other work-to-residence categories.

This change was described in Amendment Circular 2016/09, however the relevant immigration instructions were accidentally omitted.
WR3.1 Who is eligible for a work visa under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work
Instructions?

To be granted a visa under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Instructions applicants must:

a. hold an offer of employment in an occupation that is included on the Long Term Skill Shortage List (LTSSL) at
the time that their application is made and that meets the specifications for that occupation; and

b. be suitably qualified by training and/or experience to undertake the offer of employment (including any specific
requirements set out on the LTSSL); and

c. be aged 55 years or under; and

d. meet the health and character requirements for Residence set out at A4 and A5.15 to A5.25; and

e. meet the requirements for bona fide applicants as set out at E5; and

f. meet the requirements for lodging an application as set out in WR3.15.

WR3.1.1 Currency and travel conditions of work visas under the Long Term Skill Shortage List Work
Instructions

a. Applicants who are in New Zealand may be granted a LTSSL work visa allowing stay and multiple entry travel for
30 months.

b. Applicants who are not in New Zealand may be granted a LTSSL work visa with the following travel conditions:

i. first entry to New Zealand must be made within three months of the visa being granted; and

ii. the visa will allow stay and multiple entry travel for 30 months from first arrival.