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IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND INSTRUCTIONS: Amendment Circular No. 2018/04

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 and operate in accordance with the amended instructions in Appendix 1 on and after 20 March 2018.

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).

Description of changes

New Portugal Working Holiday Visa

WI2.127 Portugal Working Holiday Scheme

The governments of New Zealand and Portugal have agreed on a reciprocal working holiday arrangement. Details of the arrangement are as follows:

- 50 working holiday visas are available annually to citizens of Portugal aged 18 to 30 years inclusive, who may spend up to 12 months in New Zealand.
- Applicants must show they have sufficient funds for maintenance during their stay, and agree to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance.
- Visa holders may work for the same employer for a maximum of three months.

The scheme will open on 20 March 2018.

Appendix 1: Amendments to Temporary Entry instructions effective on and after 20 March 2018

WI2.127 Portugal Working Holiday Scheme

- a. This scheme is available to 50 young citizens of Portugal annually.
- b. To be eligible for a work visa under this scheme, applicants must:
 - i. be citizens of Portugal; and
 - ii. have a minimum of NZ\$4,200 available funds for their maintenance during the period of stay in New Zealand; and
 - iii. agree to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance that will remain current throughout their stay in New Zealand; and
 - iv. meet the requirements at [WI2.1.1\(b\)](#).
- c. Successful applicants will be granted a work visa with the following conditions:
 - i. if the applicant is outside New Zealand, first entry to New Zealand must be made within 12 months of the visa being granted, and the visa will allow work and multiple entries to New Zealand for 12 months from first arrival; or
 - ii. if the applicant is in New Zealand, the visa will allow work and multiple entries to New Zealand for 12 months.
- d. Participants in this scheme must not work for the same employer for a period exceeding three months.
- e. Applicants under this scheme must lodge their application in the prescribed manner ([E4.50](#)).