



**NEW ZEALAND**  
IMMIGRATION

## Fees Guide

A guide to Immigration New Zealand's fees and immigration levy

This guide provides information about the fees and immigration levy Immigration New Zealand (INZ) charges, who has to pay and how to pay.

If we decline your application or registration, we will not refund the fee and immigration levy (if applicable). The cost is the same whether or not we approve your application/registration.

## What do you pay?

### Fees

If you are in New Zealand when you make your application, you are required to pay the fee specified in Band A of the fees table on pages 8-10.

If you are outside New Zealand when you make your application, the fee you are required to pay depends on your country of citizenship. Citizens of Pacific countries specified below pay the fee in Band B. Citizens of all other countries pay the fee in Band C.

### Pacific countries

The fees listed in Band B of the fees table on pages 8 to 10 apply to applications from citizens of Australia, American Samoa, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and citizens of Cook Islands and Niue not travelling on a New Zealand passport.

*Note: In the case of applications from citizens of French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, and Norfolk Island, the fee band will differ for some application types. See the office and fees finder at [www.immigration.govt.nz/fees](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/fees) for further information.*



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## Example of an application lodged inside New Zealand

If you are in New Zealand at the time you lodge your application, you are required to pay the fee specified in Band A of the fees table on pages 8-10.

**Example 1** A citizen of the United States of America physically present in New Zealand applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category pays NZ\$1,890. Because the applicant is in New Zealand, they pay the fee in column A.

## Example of an application lodged outside New Zealand

If you are outside New Zealand when you lodge your application, the fee you pay normally depends on your country of citizenship.

**Example 2** A Fijian citizen living in China applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the office in Beijing, but the applicant holds Fijian citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1,620 (Band B, Pacific/Australia).

**Example 3** A British citizen living in Australia applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the office in Sydney, but the applicant holds British citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$2,505 (Band C/Rest of the world).

**Example 4** An Indian citizen living in London applying for a residence class visa under the Skilled Migrant Category. The applicant applies to the London office, but the applicant holds Indian citizenship so pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$2,505 (Band C/Rest of the world).

The fee payable at each office may differ slightly because of exchange rates.

## Dual citizenship

If you have dual citizenship you must pay the fee applicable to the passport in which the visa is to be granted.

## Immigration Levy

The purpose of the immigration levy is to fund:

- the provision of programmes intended to assist the successful settlement of migrants, and
- the carrying out of research into settlement issues and the impacts of immigration, and

- the infrastructure required for, and the operation of, the immigration system, including (without limitation) for the following purposes:
  - establishing and verifying the identity of persons,
  - managing risk to the integrity of the immigration system,
  - managing immigration risk to the safety and security of New Zealand,
  - managing compliance with the immigration system, and
- activities aimed at attracting migrants to New Zealand, and
- the Immigration Advisers Authority to the extent that it is not otherwise funded.

An immigration levy is payable on certain visa applications, unless you are exempt. The levy is charged per application, unless the application is for a group visitor visa, in which case the levy is charged per person. The immigration levy is an additional cost and you need to pay the immigration levy with your application fee when you lodge your visa application.

### **People exempt from the immigration levy**

You are exempt from paying the immigration levy if you

- are a citizen of Samoa applying for a resident visa,
- are a claimant for refugee or protection status and applying for a visa,
- are applying for a resident visa as a refugee or protected person,
- are applying for a resident visa on the basis of your relationship with a refugee or protected person,
- are applying for a visa under the Special Category for Victims of Domestic Violence,
- are applying for a visa under the Special Category for Victims of People Trafficking.

## **How do you pay your fee and immigration levy?**

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How you pay your fee and immigration levy depends on which country you are lodging your application in. Paying by the recommended method of payment helps us process your application faster.

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## Applicants who are in New Zealand

You must pay your fee and immigration levy in New Zealand dollars. We prefer you pay by:

- credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- EFTPOS (if you are paying over the counter)
- bank cheque/bank draft.

Cash is **not** accepted as a form of payment in New Zealand offices.

## Applicants who are overseas

We **do not** accept cash in most offshore offices. Different countries have different banking systems, so payment methods are different in our overseas offices.

Check [www.immigration.govt.nz/fees](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/fees) or contact your nearest INZ office to find out which methods of payment, and which currencies, they accept.

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## Paying for an Expression of Interest

### Skilled Migrant Category

You can lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) under the Skilled Migrant Category online or on a paper form. If you lodge your EOI online, it costs less. You can pay by credit card or bank draft.

If you lodge your EOI on a paper form from outside New Zealand, you can pay by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars, or by bank draft in United States dollars.

### Investor (Investor 2 Category)

If you are lodging an EOI under the Investor 2 Category you can pay by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars.

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## Fees and immigration levy may change

The fee and immigration levy payable at each office may differ because of exchange rates. Contact your nearest office for the fee and immigration levy (if applicable) in local currency.

The information contained in this leaflet is, to the best of our knowledge, current at the time of printing. Fees and the immigration levy may be reviewed at various times.

## Fee-waiver countries

The New Zealand Government has bilateral fee-waiver agreements with certain countries. Citizens of those countries do not have to pay fees and the immigration levy (if applicable) for certain application types, as listed in the following table.

Fee waivers do not apply to the fee for replacing/transferring a visa label or stamp in a new passport.

Country	Type of visa / endorsement / condition
<b>Austria</b>	Offshore applications for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• residence class visa</li><li>• visitor visa</li></ul> Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li><li>• a permanent resident visa</li><li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li><li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.</li></ul>
<b>Finland</b>	Onshore and offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or variation of travel conditions (except transfers).
<b>Greece</b>	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li><li>• a permanent resident visa</li><li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li><li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.</li></ul>
<b>Iceland</b>	Onshore and offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or variation of travel conditions (except transfers).
<b>Israel</b>	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li><li>• a permanent resident visa</li><li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li><li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.</li></ul>
<b>Italy</b>	Offshore applications for a visitor visa. Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li><li>• a permanent resident visa</li><li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li><li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.</li></ul>
<b>Japan</b>	Offshore applications for any type of visa, endorsement or travel condition (except transfers). Onshore and offshore applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li><li>• a permanent resident visa</li><li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li><li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li><li>• a variation of travel conditions on a temporary visa.</li></ul>

Country	Type of visa / endorsement / condition
<b>Mexico</b>	<p>Offshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visitor visa</li> <li>• work visa</li> <li>• student visa.</li> </ul> <p>Onshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a work visa</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a student visa.</li> </ul>
<b>Philippines</b>	<p>Offshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visitor visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days)</li> <li>• student visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days).</li> </ul> <p>Onshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa (where the visitor visa does not exceed 59 days)</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a student visa (where the student visa does not exceed 59 days).</li> </ul>
<b>Russia</b>	<p>Offshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visitor visa</li> <li>• student visa (where period of stay does not exceed three months)</li> </ul> <p>Onshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a student visa (where period of stay does not exceed three months).</li> </ul>
<b>Turkey</b>	<p>Offshore applications for a visitor visa.</p> <p>Onshore and offshore applications for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa</li> <li>• a permanent resident visa</li> <li>• a second or subsequent resident visa</li> <li>• an endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship</li> <li>• a variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa.</li> </ul>
<b>United States of America</b>	<p>Offshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visitor visa</li> <li>• work visa</li> <li>• student visa.</li> </ul> <p>Onshore applications for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a visitor visa</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a work visa</li> <li>• variation of travel conditions on a student visa.</li> </ul>

## Work – Partnership visa fees

The work visa fees for ‘Work – Partnership’ on page 8 are for applications from partners of New Zealand citizens or residents. If you are applying on the basis of partnership with a non-New Zealand citizen or resident, for example a work visa holder, the ‘Work – Other’ fee will apply.

## Do all family members have to pay?

You only have to pay one application fee and immigration levy for all of the people included in your application, except if applying for a group visitor visa or group transit

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visa. You can include your partner and/or dependent children in your application if you are applying for a:

- residence class visa
- variation of travel conditions on a resident visa
- visitor visa\*
- limited visa to visit New Zealand
- transit visa\*.

'Partner' means the spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner of the applicant where the couple have been living together for 12 months or more. This may include same-sex couples. See below for definitions of dependent children.

For all other application types, partners and children must make their own application for a visa and pay the required fee and immigration levy.

### **Dependent children – residence class visa applications**

You can include your/your partner's dependent children in your residence application if they are:

- aged 17 or under and single, or
- aged between 18 and 20 years, single, and have no children of their own, or
- aged 21 – 24, single with no children of their own and totally or substantially reliant on you or your partner for financial support.

Children aged 24 and under who are not dependent and children aged 25 or over must make their own application and pay the required fee and immigration levy.

### **Dependent children – visitor\*/transit/limited**

You can include your/your partner's children in your application if they are 19 years of age or younger, unmarried and dependent. Children aged 19 and younger who are not dependent and children aged 20 or over must make their own application and pay the required fee and immigration levy.

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\* For group visitor visas each applicant must pay a fee and immigration levy.

\* For group transit visa each applicant must pay a fee.

Fee and Immigration Levy rates	Fee Band (NZ\$)*			Immigration Levy (NZ\$) The amounts in this column are in addition to the fee amount.
	Band A New Zealand (GST incl)	Band B Pacific	Band C Rest of World	
<b>Residence class visa</b>				
Skilled Migrant Category	1,890	1,620	2,505	580
Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	4,280	4,165	4,165	580
Investor (Investor 2 Category)	4,280	4,165	4,165	580
Entrepreneur Residence Category	3,340	3,340	3,340	580
Residence from Work Category	970	—	—	580
Family Category	970	970	1,670	280
Parent Retirement Category	3,340	3,340	3,340	280
Samoa Quota scheme	740	720	—	—
Pacific Access Category	805	785	—	280
Refugee Family Support Category	605	595	835	—
Employees of Relocating Businesses Category	970	970	1,670	580
Pitcairn Islanders	970	970	1,670	280
Any other residence category	970	970	1,670	*
<b>Applications for:</b>				
• a permanent resident visa (by a person holding resident visa or who previously held a resident visa)	190	190	190	—
• a grant of second or subsequent resident visa	190	190	190	—
• a variation of travel conditions on a resident visa	190	190	190	—
<b>Expression of Interest under Skilled Migrant Category</b>				
• Hard copy	680	680	680	—
• Online	530	530	530	—
<b>Expression of Interest under Parent Category</b>				
• Hard copy	440	440	440	—
<b>Expression of Interest under Investor (Investor 2) Category</b>				
	620	620	620	—
<b>Registration under Pacific Access Category</b>				
First year's registration	75	75	75	—
Second and subsequent year's registration	30	30	30	—
<b>Temporary visa – visitor visa</b>				
Visitor visa				
• Hard copy	170	135	170	14
• Online	151	116	151	14
Temporary Retirement Category visitor visa	3,340	3,340	3,340	14
Group visitor visa - per person				



Fee and Immigration levy rates	Fee Band (NZ\$)*			Immigration Levy (NZ\$) The amounts in this column are in addition to the fee amount.
	Band A New Zealand (GST incl)	Band B Pacific	Band C Rest of World	
Approved Destination Status (China) – offshore only	–	–	50	10
Other group visitor visa	85	85	85	10
<b>Temporary visa – student visa</b>				
Student visa				
• Hard copy	260	205	280	17
• Online	233	178	253	17
Student visa (submitted by education provider)	100	–	–	17
Temporary visa – work visa				
Work visa - Silver Fern Job Search	260	260	260	38
Work visa - Partnership/Work to Residence				
• Hard copy	375	375	375	38
• Online	355	355	355	38
Entrepreneur Work Visa	3,340	2,820	3,340	38
Work visa - working holiday scheme				
• Hard copy	170	–	170	38
• Online	170	–	170	38
Work visa - working holidaymaker extension	170	–	170	38
Work visa - other				
• Hard copy	280	240	280	38
• Online	260	220	260	38
<b>Temporary visa – related matters</b>				
Reconsideration of decision to decline temporary visa	195	–	–	–
<b>Limited visa</b>				
Limited visa - student	260	205	280	17
Limited visa – work recognised seasonal employer	280	240	280	10
Limited visa – other	170	135	170	14
<b>Transit visa</b>				
Transit visa	145	145	145	–
Transit visa — group Chinese nationals (per person)	85	–	85	–
<b>Other matters – applications or requests by employers and organisations</b>				
Request by employer for approval in principle to recruit overseas workers	400	–	–	–
Approval in principle to recruit foreign crew of fishing vessels	5,115	–	–	–
Request for supplementary seasonal employment approval in principle	260	–	–	–
Recognised Seasonal Employer status	870	–	–	–

Fee and Immigration levy rates	Fee Band (NZ\$)*			Immigration Levy (NZ\$) The amounts in this column are in addition to the fee amount.
	Band A New Zealand (GST incl)	Band B Pacific	Band C Rest of World	
Agreement to recruit under Recognised Seasonal Employer instructions	230	–	–	–
Labour hire company accreditation (under Essential Skills instructions)				
• First year's accreditation	1,775	–	–	–
• Second and subsequent year's accreditation	500	–	–	–
Reconsideration of application from labour hire company	195	–	–	–
Employer accreditation (under Talent Work instructions)				
• First year's accreditation	1,775	–	–	–
• Second and subsequent year's accreditation	500	–	–	–
Reconsideration of application from employer for accreditation	195	–	–	–
Entertainment industry accreditation (under Specific Purpose or Events instructions)				
• First year's accreditation	1,775	–	–	–
• Second and subsequent year's accreditation	500	–	–	–
<b>Other matters - general</b>				
Special direction	195	195	195	–
Residence class visa granted under section 61	870	–	–	–
Temporary entry class visa granted under section 61	365	–	–	–
Variation of conditions on a temporary entry class visa	170	170	170	–
Call-out fee where office is opened outside normal working hours in order to process immigration matter	290	290	290	–
Registration under Refugee Family Support Category	90	–	–	–
Confirmation of immigration status	110	110	110	–
Transfer fee where visa stamp or label transferred from one passport or certificate of identity to another	110	110	110	–
Endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship				
• First endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	135	135	135	–
• Second or subsequent endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	85	85	85	–

*Explanatory note – To determine the total amount an applicant must pay, add the fee in the applicable band to the amount in the immigration levy column.*

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*Example 1 When applying under the Residence – Family category while in New Zealand the total cost will be \$1250 (Band A fee of \$970 + immigration levy of \$280).*

*Example 2 An Indian citizen applying for a visitor visa while in India – the total cost will be \$184 (Band C fee of \$170 + immigration levy of \$14).*

## *For more information*

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If you have questions about any of the information in this guide, or you want more information on fees:

- see our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)
- telephone our call centre on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand)

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