

PACIFIC ACCESS CATEGORY (FIJI) REGISTRATION

So you want to live in New Zealand?

**Everyone wants to be drawn in the ballot.
But if you did get lucky, what would it really be like?**

Life in New Zealand is very different from living in the Pacific.

Start thinking about what's involved with a move to New Zealand. Find out more now, so that if your name is drawn, you know what to do next and can make the most of the opportunity.

Think ahead – and start planning.



Moving to a new country can be very challenging and stressful. Make sure you are prepared and plan what you need to do before you make that decision.

Visa process, timing and cost

Everything takes time.

Think about these steps and how you would complete them.

What	When	Notes
Finding a job	July 2017 – March 2018	You get around 8 months to find a job, and get the checks you need done, and make your application.
Medical checks	July 2017 – March 2018	Medical certificates must be less than 3 months old when the residence visa application is lodged.
Police checks	June 2017 – March 2018	Police certificates must be less than 6 months old when the residence visa application is lodged.
Visa application submitted	Before 9 March 2018	Visa applications close. March next year seems a long way away – but the time passes fast.
Visa application decision	Can be 6 months, or more	We aim to decide 80% of applications within 6 months. But every application is different.
Traveling to NZ	Principal applicants get 3 months from the visa issue date. Secondary applicants get 12 months.	

Think about these costs, and when you would need to pay them.

Registration costs	FJD \$132 the first time. FJD \$64 each time after that.
Medical check costs	Likely to be around \$ FJD 370 for an adult
Police check	FJD \$58.10
Residence visa application fee	FJD \$1,642



Read the ballot registration form and guide.

Learn more here: www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/pacific

Moving to New Zealand

If you are successful in the ballot and you decide to move to New Zealand, you and your family will need to start getting ready for a different life. You will need to get organised.

Find out about life in New Zealand, find out about jobs and think about where you might live. Living costs can be cheaper in the smaller towns in New Zealand but you must be sure you have a job. Apply for your visa.



Immigration New Zealand can help you with information you might need.

Find out more. Visit www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/pacific

Working in New Zealand

If you succeed in the ballot you will have eight months to find a job that meets the visa conditions.

Workplaces in New Zealand are different. They are probably bigger with different equipment. Your employer may have different expectations of you.



Ask friends and family what it is like working in NZ.

Ask them what problems they had when they first moved.

Learn about New Zealand jobs here: www.careers.govt.nz

Learn about living and working in New Zealand at: www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/pacific



The cities are really big. Getting to work and back can take a long time. In Auckland the trip may take longer than an hour.



You will need to earn enough money to look after yourself and your family.

Living costs in New Zealand

Everything in New Zealand is likely to cost more than you are used to. Some things cost much, much more.

In Fiji, families help each other. It is not always that way in New Zealand. Everything costs money. If you do not have enough money, it can be very hard paying for everything that you need.

Families have to pay all their own costs. That means you pay for bus rides, you pay for food, you pay for electricity and rent for your house. Because New Zealand gets cold, everyone pays to keep their house warm too.

If you have family in New Zealand, they may not be able to help you with extra money because they have to pay for their own family's living costs.

Find out how much money you might earn in New Zealand. Then try to find out how much everything costs. Compare them to see if you would have enough money.



Learn more at: www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/costs



Renting a 3 bedroom house in New Zealand (March 2017):

South Auckland	\$495 /week	FJD	\$714 /week
Rest of North Island	\$383 /week	FJD	\$553 /week
Rest of South Island	\$340 /week	FJD	\$490 /week



It can get cold here. Children will need warm clothes for winter. So will you. In winter it can be as cold as inside your refrigerator.



People come to New Zealand from all over the world. There will be many different cultures for you to get used to.