How does the Samoan Quota Scheme work?

The Samoan Quota Scheme allows up to 1,100 Samoan citizens, including partners and dependent children, to be granted residence in New Zealand each year.

The Samoan Quota Scheme is run by ballot. You can only apply for residence if you lodge a registration during the annual registration period and your registration is drawn from the ballot.

To be granted residence under this category you need to be of good health, good character, have a minimum level of English, and be a Samoan citizen between 18 and 45 years of age. You will also need to have an acceptable offer of employment when you apply for residence.

See ‘Who can be granted residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme’ on page 4 for more information.

Documents required

Use the checklist below to find out which documents you must provide. If you have not provided the required documents, Immigration New Zealand cannot accept your registration into the ballot.

Please make sure your Samoan Quota Scheme Registration Form includes all the following requirements.
If you do not meet any of the following requirements your registration will not be accepted.

- Completed and signed registration form.
- Photocopies of birth certificates for the principal registrant, any partner and dependent children included in this registration form.

Note: For speed of registration processing and document security, please provide photocopies instead of original birth certificates.

Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007

Under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 it is an offence to provide immigration advice without being licensed or exempt. If your immigration adviser is not licensed when they should be, Immigration New Zealand will return your application.

For more information and to view the register of licensed advisers, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz or email info@iaa.govt.nz.

Lawyers provide immigration advice and are exempt from licensing under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007. For more information and to view the register of immigration lawyers, go to the New Zealand Law Society website www.lawsociety.org.nz.

When filling in this form, please write clearly using CAPITAL LETTERS
The registration process

An overview of the registration process is described below.

Step 1: Make sure you meet the criteria

Before you register for the ballot, make sure that you meet the criteria under ‘Who can be granted residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme’ on page 4. This will help you decide whether or not you should register.

Step 2: Complete the registration form

This form can be downloaded from the INZ website www.immigration.govt.nz or collected at an INZ office. Being the principal registrant, you must follow the instructions below for your registration to be accepted:

• Answer all the questions on the registration form.

Note: Please write clearly. INZ may not accept your registration form if the handwriting is illegible.

• Sign the registration form.

• Attach a photocopy of your birth certificate as well as photocopies of your partner’s and dependent children’s birth certificates (if any).

Note: INZ will not accept your registration form if photocopies of birth certificates for all persons included in the registration form are not attached. Do not send original documents with your registration.

There is no registration fee under the Samoan Quota Scheme.

Step 3: Send your registration

Send your registration form with the attached documents to the following address:

Immigration New Zealand
PO Box 2277
Apia
Samoa
Step 4  Send within the registration period

INZ will only accept registrations received within the registration period. The registration period for the Samoan Quota Scheme is 1 April to 30 April 2019. You need to make sure your registration form and other required evidence are received by INZ during the registration period. **Forms received after 30 April 2019 will not be accepted.**

Step 5  We acknowledge your registration

If your registration is accepted, INZ will send you a text message or email with your registration number on it. Each principal registrant will get a unique registration number.

Step 6  We run an electronic ballot

INZ will enter all the registrations from people who meet the Samoan Quota Scheme requirements into a ballot. After all registrations have been processed, INZ will run the ballot and registrations will be drawn electronically at random until the number of places available under the Samoan Quota Scheme have been filled.

Successful registration numbers will be published on the INZ website and in INZ’s Pacific offices. If your registration is not drawn from the ballot, you can register again next year.

**Note: Once the ballot has been drawn, INZ will contact all registrants to confirm whether their registration was successful or unsuccessful.**

Step 7  We invite people drawn from the ballot to apply for residence

If your registration is drawn from the ballot, INZ will verify that you are eligible to apply for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme. If you are, INZ will provide you with a letter and application pack inviting you to apply for residence in New Zealand.

**Note: Residence applicants must meet character requirements. Any significant character issues, or having been deported from any country previously, may affect your ability to be granted residence.**

Who can I include in my registration?

Who to include

If you have a partner and/or dependent children, you must include them in your registration (see ‘Definitions’ on page 4).

Who not to include

Do not include your parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, or cousins in your registration.

Important information

- A person can only be included in one registration form during the registration period. This means that if you, or any member of your immediate family that you have included in your registration, are included in another registration within the same registration period, the second registration will not be accepted.
- If a person included in the registration is in New Zealand, that person must hold a valid visa. If the person does not hold a valid visa, INZ cannot accept the registration.
Who can be granted residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme?

If you want to register for the Samoan Quota Scheme, you need to make sure that you meet the criteria below before you complete the registration form.

To qualify for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme, you (the principal registrant) must:

• be a Samoan citizen; and
• must have been born in Samoa or born overseas to a Samoan citizen who was born in Samoa; and
• be aged between 18 and 45 (inclusive) at the closing date of the Samoan Quota Scheme registration period; and
• be either in Samoa or lawfully in New Zealand when your application for residence is made; and
• have been advised by INZ that your registration has been drawn from the ballot; and
• have an acceptable offer of employment in New Zealand, or have a partner included in your application who has an acceptable offer of employment; and
• meet the minimum income requirement (if you have dependent children); and
• meet the minimum level of English language ability; and
• meet health and character requirements (if your partner and dependent children are included in the application they must also meet health and character requirements); and
• lodge your application for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme within eight months from the date INZ invites you to apply for residence.

Definitions

**Principal registrant** – the person whose details will be completed in ‘Section A: Principal registrant’s details’ of this registration form and who must meet the criteria set out above.

**Partner** – if you have a partner, you must include them in your registration, whether you are married or not. Later, if your registration is drawn from the ballot and you subsequently apply for residence, your partnership will need to be recognised by INZ for immigration purposes. You and your partner must:

• be living together (and have been living together for at least 12 months) in a genuine and stable relationship; and
• both be aged 18 years or older (or have the support of your parents or guardians if you are aged between 16 and 18); and
• have met each other before your application is made; and
• not be close relatives.

If you don’t include your existing partner and your registration is drawn from the ballot, your partner will not be able to be included in your application for residence under the Samoan Quota. They will also not be eligible for residence under the Partnership Category if they apply in future. However, if you begin a relationship with a new partner after you submit your registration, they can be included in your residence application if the partnership requirements are met.

**Dependent children** – any of your children or partner’s children who are:

• aged 17 or younger, and single; or
• aged 18–20, single with 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, whether they are living with you or not.

You must declare all existing dependent children in your registration. However, if you have a child born or adopted after your registration is submitted, you will be able to include them in your residence application if you are subsequently invited to apply.

**Acceptable offer of employment** – your job offer must be for work that is permanent and full-time. It must be a genuine job offer and for a position that is paid by salary or wages. The INZ office in Apia or your closest INZ office has more information about job offer requirements.

If both you and your partner have acceptable offers of employment, only one of these need to be full-time.
Minimum income requirement – if you have dependent children included in your application for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme, we will advise you of the dollar amount of the minimum income requirement that you have to meet. If you and your partner both have an acceptable offer of employment, your combined salaries or wages can be taken into account when INZ checks that you meet the minimum income requirement.

Minimum English requirement – to meet the minimum English requirement, you must satisfy an immigration officer that you can read, understand and respond to questions in English, and hold a conversation about yourself, your family, or your background.

Important information: You will only need to show evidence of a New Zealand job offer, your English language ability, and medical and police certificates if you are invited to apply for residence. If you are granted residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme, you are responsible for your own travel arrangements and all living costs in New Zealand.
## Section A  Principal registrant’s details

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| A2 | Preferred title □ Mr □ Mrs □ Ms □ Miss □ Dr □ Other (specify)                 |

| A3 | Other names you are known by or have ever been known by (eg Matai name, name on your original birth certificate if different from A1). |

| A4 | Gender □ Male □ Female                                                       |

| A5 | Date of birth D M Y Y D M Y Y D M Y Y |
|    | Attach a photocopy of your birth certificate.                                |

| A6 | Country of birth                                                             |

| A7 | Country/countries of citizenship                                             |

| A8 | Partnership status □ Married/in civil union □ Never married/never in civil union □ Partner/De facto □ Separated □ Engaged □ Widowed □ Divorced |

## Section B  Contact details

| B1 | Your current residential address                                              |

|    | Telephone (mobile)* | (Please include the international calling code) |
|    | Telephone (landline)  |

|    | Email*                                                           |

*Please provide a mobile telephone number and/or email address so we can contact you about this registration.*
B2 Name and address for communication if we need to contact you about this registration (please provide a PO Box address if you are able)

☐ Same as address at B1, or ☐ Other Provide details

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Telephone (mobile)* ____________________________ (Please include the international calling code)

Telephone (landline) ____________________________

Email* ____________________________________________

*Please provide a mobile telephone number and/or email address so we can contact you about this registration.

B3 Do you authorise the person stated at B2 to act on your behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B4 Have you received immigration advice on this registration?

☐ Yes Make sure that your immigration adviser completes Section E: Immigration adviser’s details.

☐ No

Section C Principal registrant’s family details

Provide details of all your immediate family members (partner and dependent children) who will be included in your application for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme if your registration is selected from the ballot and you are invited to apply for residence. List names as shown in passport (if they have one) or birth certificate (if they do not have a passport). If no family members are included, please state ‘None’ in C1 and C2.

For definition of partner and dependent children, see ‘Definitions’ on page 4.

Note: Any existing partner or dependent children that you do not declare in this registration form cannot be included in your application for residence under the Samoan Quota Scheme, if you are invited to apply. If they apply for residence in the future under the Partnership Category or Dependent Child Category, their application also cannot be approved. However, any child that you have (either born or adopted) after the registration was submitted may be included in your application for residence. If you have a new partner after your registration was submitted, they may also be included in your application for residence if the partnership requirements are met.

C1 Partner (attach a photocopy of your partner’s birth certificate)

Family name ____________________________________

First/given names ____________________________________

Country of citizenship ____________________________

Country of residence ____________________________

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of birth [D M Y Y]
When filling in this form, please write clearly using CAPITAL LETTERS.

**C2**

**Dependent child 1 (attach a photocopy of your child's birth certificate)**

Family name ________________________________

First/given names ________________________________

Country of citizenship ________________________________

Country of residence ________________________________

Gender [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of birth ____________

Partnership status [ ] Married/in civil union [ ] Never married/never in civil union [ ] Partner/De facto

[ ] Separated [ ] Engaged [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced

**C3**

**Dependent child 2 (attach a photocopy of your child's birth certificate)**

Family name ________________________________

First/given names ________________________________

Country of citizenship ________________________________

Country of residence ________________________________

Gender [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of birth ____________

Partnership status [ ] Married/in civil union [ ] Never married/never in civil union [ ] Partner/De facto

[ ] Separated [ ] Engaged [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced

**C4**

**Dependent child 3 (attach a photocopy of your child's birth certificate)**

Family name ________________________________

First/given names ________________________________

Country of citizenship ________________________________

Country of residence ________________________________

Gender [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of birth ____________

Partnership status [ ] Married/in civil union [ ] Never married/never in civil union [ ] Partner/De facto

[ ] Separated [ ] Engaged [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced

**C5**

**Dependent child 4 (attach a photocopy of your child's birth certificate)**

Family name ________________________________

First/given names ________________________________

Country of citizenship ________________________________

Country of residence ________________________________

Gender [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of birth ____________

Partnership status [ ] Married/in civil union [ ] Never married/never in civil union [ ] Partner/De facto

[ ] Separated [ ] Engaged [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced
C6 **Dependent child 5** (attach a photocopy of your child’s birth certificate)

Family name

______________________________

First/given names

______________________________

Country of citizenship

______________________________

Country of residence

______________________________

Gender  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Date of birth  __________ / ______ / ______

Partnership status  ☐ Married/in civil union  ☐ Never married/never in civil union  ☐ Partner/De facto

☐ Separated  ☐ Engaged  ☐ Widowed  ☐ Divorced

C7 **Dependent child 6** (attach a photocopy of your child’s birth certificate)

Family name

______________________________

First/given names

______________________________

Country of citizenship

______________________________

Country of residence

______________________________

Gender  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Date of birth  __________ / ______ / ______

Partnership status  ☐ Married/in civil union  ☐ Never married/never in civil union  ☐ Partner/De facto

☐ Separated  ☐ Engaged  ☐ Widowed  ☐ Divorced

C8 **Dependent child 7** (attach a photocopy of your child’s birth certificate)

Family name

______________________________

First/given names

______________________________

Country of citizenship

______________________________

Country of residence

______________________________

Gender  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Date of birth  __________ / ______ / ______

Partnership status  ☐ Married/in civil union  ☐ Never married/never in civil union  ☐ Partner/De facto

☐ Separated  ☐ Engaged  ☐ Widowed  ☐ Divorced

*If you have any other dependent children, please continue on a separate sheet of paper.*
Section D  Declaration by principal registrant

Note: INZ cannot accept your registration if it is not signed by the principal registrant.

Do you give permission for Immigration New Zealand to announce your name over the radio if we are unable to contact you by mail, email, or other means?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

I understand that if I have received immigration advice from an immigration adviser who is not licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 when they should be, Immigration New Zealand will return my registration.

I understand the notes and questions in this form and the information I have given is true and complete.

Signature of principal registrant ___________________________ Date 01/01/2020

Section E  Immigration adviser’s details

This section must be completed by the principal registrant’s immigration adviser. If the registrant does not have an immigration adviser, this section does not have to be completed.

E1  If you are a licensed adviser, please provide your licence details.

   Licence type ☐ full ☐ provisional ☐ limited List conditions specified in the register.

   Licence number 20101234

Go to Section F: Declaration by person assisting the registrant to complete this form.

E2  If you are exempt from licensing, tick one box below to show why you are exempt from licensing then go to Section F: Declaration by person assisting the registrant to complete this form.

☐ I provided immigration advice in an informal or family context only, and I did not provide the advice systematically or for a fee.

☐ I have provided immigration advice in the course of my work (employed or volunteer) and that work exempts me from the requirement to be licensed. Indicate the reason for your exemption below.

☐ Lawyer with current New Zealand practicing certificate  ☐ Community Law Centre  ☐ Citizens Advice Bureau

☐ New Zealand Member of Parliament or staff  ☐ New Zealand public servant  ☐ Foreign Diplomatic/Consular

See www.immigration.govt.nz/advice for more information about who is exempt from licensing.
Section F  Declaration by person assisting the principal registrant to complete this form

This section must be completed and signed by the registrant’s immigration adviser, or by any person who has assisted the registrant by providing immigration advice, explaining, translating, or recording information on the form for the registrant. If the registrant does not have an immigration adviser, and no one helped the registrant to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.

If you are not exempt under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, it is an offence for you to provide immigration advice without holding a license, and Immigration New Zealand will refuse to accept your client’s registration. More information about immigration adviser licensing can be obtained from the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz, via email info@iaa.govt.nz or by telephone on 0508 422 422.

Name and address of person assisting registrant. [ ] Same as address given at [ ] or [ ] as below.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

Company name (if applicable) and address

New Zealand Business Number (for New Zealand Businesses only)

For help search: www.nzbn.govt.nz

Telephone

Email

I understand that after the registrant has signed this form it is an offence for me to change or add further information, change any documents attached to the form, or attach any further documents to the form. However, if changes are needed, the person making the changes must state on the form what information or documents have been changed and give reasons for the changes.

I note that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to NZ$100,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to seven years.

I certify that the registrant asked me to help them complete this form and any additional forms. I certify that the registrant agreed that the information provided was correct before signing the declaration.

[ ] I have assisted the registrant as an interpreter/translator

[ ] I have assisted the registrant with recording information on the form

[ ] I have assisted the registrant in another way. Specify

[ ] I have provided immigration advice (as defined in the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007) and my details in Section E: Immigration adviser’s details are correct.

Signature of person assisting

Date

D M Y Y  D M Y Y
About the information you provide

Deciding whether you are eligible to register under the Samoan Quota Scheme

 Immigration New Zealand collects the information about you on this form to decide whether you are eligible to register under the Samoan Quota Scheme. We may also use the information to contact you for research purposes or to advise you on immigration matters.

 Collecting the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 2009 and the Immigration Regulations under that Act.

 Immigration New Zealand may also share the information you have provided with other government agencies that are entitled to it by law, or with other agencies.

 You are able to ask for the information we hold about you and have any of it corrected if you think it is necessary. The address of Immigration New Zealand is PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140, New Zealand. Do not send your registration to this address.