



Application for Residence Guide

Skilled Migrant Category

(expression of interest submitted by 16 August 2023)

Information about this guide

Only use this guide if you want to submit a paper application for the previous Skilled Migrant Category using the *Application for Residence under the Skilled Migrant Category (INZ 1104)* form and you submitted your expression of interest by 16 August 2023.

You should read this guide before completing the application form and refer to it as you complete the application. The guide explains:

- the evidence you need to provide with your application; and
- our process for assessing your application.

How can this guide help me to apply for residence in New Zealand?

You can only apply for residence under the Skilled Migrant Category if you have received an Invitation to Apply for residence from Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

Once you have received an Invitation to Apply, the information in this guide will help you complete your *Application for Residence in New Zealand under the Skilled Migrant Category* correctly. The guide also sets out our process for assessing your application.

How you can help INZ process your application quickly

You can help us make a decision on your application quickly by:

- reading this guide carefully; and
- providing all the information and documents requested in the application form.

Please take time to read this guide carefully, and have it in front of you when preparing the documents you need to provide with your *Application for Residence in New Zealand under the Skilled Migrant Category*.

If you are applying for residence while you are in New Zealand on a visitor, work, or student visa, you must ensure that your visa remains valid at all times. If you are currently in New Zealand, you are only eligible to apply for residence if you have a valid temporary visa.

Who can help you fill out the form?

You can apply for residence by completing and compiling all the necessary forms and documentation yourself, or you can ask another person to help you, including:

- a lawyer
- a consultant
- a licensed immigration adviser
- any other person (including a friend), that you ask to help you apply for residence.

Any person that gives you immigration advice must be licensed or exempt from being licensed (see www.iaa.govt.nz for more information). INZ treats all applicants equally. We do not give preferential service to applicants with agents, advisers, or other representatives.

We deal with agents, advisers, or representatives in the following ways:

- You may give your own address or the address of your representative as a point of contact for INZ. If you choose to give your representative's address, all correspondence from INZ will be sent to your representative (unless you let us know otherwise).
- If you stop using the services of your representative, you must cancel your authorisation in writing to INZ, or we will continue to deal with them. If you hire a new representative, you will need to provide a new authorisation to INZ so we can contact them on your behalf. If you are changing your immigration adviser, please use the form *Immigration Adviser Details (INZ 1160)*.

You also need to be aware that you are responsible for any documents or information you submit to INZ, or that your agent, adviser or representative submits on your behalf.

If any person helps you complete the form (eg by interpreting or translating it, or by filling it in for you) he/she must also sign the declarations section of the form in the space provided for people assisting an applicant.

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What are 'lodgement requirements'?

When we use the legal term 'lodgement requirements', we are referring to all the documents and information you must provide for your application to be accepted for consideration.

How long do I have to lodge my application for residence?

The lodgement requirements will have been listed in your Invitation to Apply for residence in New Zealand. If your application does not meet these 'lodgement requirements', INZ will not be able to accept it. Please remember that you have four months from the date you are invited to apply for residence, in which to prepare and lodge your application. We can give no extensions beyond this time frame.

You can also provide additional information or documents after your application has been accepted for consideration, but you must do so before a decision on your application is made by INZ. Once a decision has been made, we will not be able to consider any further information or documents you provide.

Changes in the information you have provided

INZ wants you to have every chance of making a successful application. To do this, you must keep us informed of any change in your circumstances, or of any changes to the information you have provided.

THE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE FORM

Who is the principal applicant?

The person named as the 'principal applicant' in your Expression of Interest needs to be the 'principal applicant' in your application. This person will be the first person assessed against New Zealand Residence Instructions.

If you are the principal applicant, you must complete the *Application for Residence in New Zealand under the Skilled Migrant Category*.

If you submit a residence application and hold a work visa and your partner and children hold temporary visas linked to your work visa, **they must be included and cannot be subsequently removed** from your family's residence application. Failure to do so may result in your application not being accepted.

Finally, remember to complete the form in English.

When do I pay the residence application fee and immigration levy?

You will need to pay the correct residence application fee and immigration levy when you apply online. Your Invitation to Apply for residence will list both the fee and immigration levy amount, and the ways that you can pay the fee and immigration levy.

To find out how much to pay, how to apply online, and how long a decision may take, see www.immigration.govt.nz/fees.

New Zealand Business Number

Where you enter the details of an organisation or business, the *Employer Supplementary form (INZ 1235)* will have a field for a New Zealand Business Number (NZBN). The NZBN should have 13 numbers and always begins with 94. An NZBN is a unique identifier for all organisations operating in New Zealand. You do not have to fill in the NZBN if you do not know what it is or if the organisation you are providing details about is based outside New Zealand. You can find more information about the NZBN, including finding an NZBN for a specific organisation, by going to www.nzbn.govt.nz.

Will I need to supply photographs?

With your application form, you will need to upload one recent photograph of each person included in your application.

If you are applying online, your photographs must meet our requirements. Information on these requirements can be found on the INZ website www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/acceptable-photos

Will I need to supply original documents to support my application?

If you are applying online, only copies of your required documents need to be uploaded.

If you are submitting a paper application, all documents you supply with your application should be certified copies of originals. If you send certified copies, we may ask for originals at a later date.

‘Certified copies’ are photocopies that have been stamped or endorsed by a person who confirms the copy is a true copy of the original. The person who certifies the copy must be authorised to do so by law, in your home country or in New Zealand (eg a Justice of the Peace, notary public, lawyer or court official).

Before we can make a decision on your application, we may need to ask you for further information or evidence not listed in your Invitation to Apply. We may also need to verify the information in these additional documents.

Will I need my documents translated?

If any of your documents are not in English, you must have them translated into English. Any translation provided must:

- be accompanied by copies of the untranslated documents (if applying online) or certified copies (if using a paper application); and
- not be made by you, any of your family members or an immigration adviser assisting with your application; and
- be certified as a correct translation made by a person familiar with both languages and competent in translation work; and

- be on the official letterhead of the translation business (if applicable); and
- have the stamp or signature of the translator or translation business; and
- be paid for by you.

Translations may be prepared by:

- the Translation Service of the New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs; or
- reputable people within the community who are known to translate documents accurately; or
- embassies or high commissions (if the translation is endorsed with the appropriate embassy or high commission seal); or
- any other private or official translation business.

If you are considering applying for New Zealand citizenship at a later date you may want to have your documents translated by the Translation Service of the Department of Internal Affairs. For details see www.dia.govt.nz.

Which documents might I need to support my application for residence?

The next part of this guide takes you through each of the sections of the *Application for Residence under the Skilled Migrant Category*, and gives you details of the documents that you may be asked to provide with your application in order to support each of the sections you completed in your Expression of Interest.

GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Summary of terms

An explanation of the terms used in this guide can be found in the *Skilled Migrant Category Expression of Interest Guide (INZ 1101)*.

Identity

Passport or identity document

If you are applying online, you will need to upload the biographical page of your passport. If you are submitting a paper application, INZ will need to see a certified copy your current passport as proof of your identity. If you are outside New Zealand and your passport is unavailable, please provide your birth certificate or another identity document.

Age

INZ awards points for age to recognise that younger people will be able to make a longer-term contribution to New Zealand.

If you are invited to apply for residence and you turn 56 years of age before you lodge your application, we will not be able to approve your application.

It is also important you understand if you have a birthday between being sent an Invitation to Apply and your application being lodged, this may mean you fall into a different age bracket. If this happens, and you are no longer eligible for as many points (see the table below), we may not be able to approve your application.

Lodge your application before your birthday

Although you have four months in which to lodge your application, if you know your upcoming birthday will change the age bracket you fall into, it is in your interest to lodge your application before your birthday – even though you have four months to do so.

| Age (at the date the application is lodged with INZ) | Points value |
|--|--------------|
| 20-39 | 30 |
| 40-44 | 20 |
| 45-49 | 10 |
| 50-55 | 5 |

Character

If you have been removed, deported or excluded from any country, you may not meet character requirements and may not be eligible to be granted a visa. You must declare if you have been removed, deported or excluded from any country, excluding New Zealand.

Police certificates

Every person named on the application, and aged 17 years or older, will need to provide:

- a police certificate from their country (or countries) of citizenship, and
- police certificates from any country they have lived in for 12 months or more (whether in one visit or intermittently) in the last 10 years.

How do I get a police certificate?

For information on how to obtain a police certificate from particular countries you can visit our website at www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate. Accessing the website is the quickest means of obtaining this information, however if you do not have access to the internet you can call us on 0508 55 88 55 if you are in New Zealand or 09 914 4100 if you are in Auckland.

We can only accept your application if your police certificates are less than six months old at the date your completed application is received by INZ.

Health

You and your family (if included in your application*) need to be in good health to be approved residence under the Skilled Migrant Category.

Applicants are required to provide completed medical and chest X-ray certificates, unless you have previously provided these certificates and they were issued less than 36 months ago.

If medical and chest X-ray certificates have been provided within the last 36 months, further certificates are not required unless:

- the health status of any applicant has deteriorated since their previous certificates were issued, or
- you have been requested in writing by an immigration officer to provide updated certificates, or
- any applicant included in your application has spent six consecutive months since their last chest X-ray certificate was issued, in a country, area or territory not listed as having a low incidence of TB (see the leaflet *Health Requirements (INZ 1121)* for further information).

Any medical certificates submitted must be less than three months old when we receive your application.

Pregnant women and children under 11 years of age are not required to have an X-ray, unless a special report is required.

In most countries we require medical examinations to be completed by an approved INZ panel physician. The location of your nearest panel physician can be found on our website (www.immigration.govt.nz/paneldoctors).

You can find more details about our health requirements in our leaflet *Health Requirements (INZ 1121)*.

- * If you have a partner or dependent child eligible for inclusion in your residence application and you do not include them or you withdraw them from your application before it is approved, there may be implications for any future visa application:
- If they apply for residence or for a temporary entry class visa as your partner or dependent child, they will need to complete a *General Medical Certificate (INZ 1007)*, rather than a *Limited Medical Certificate (INZ 1201)* which would ordinarily be required.
 - If at that time an immigration officer determines they do not have an acceptable standard of health, they will not be granted a medical waiver and the application will be declined.

English language ability

If you are the principal applicant, you will need to show that you meet the minimum standard of English.

In your Expression of Interest you will have stated how you meet the minimum standard of English. Therefore you will need to provide evidence or proof of this with your application, eg if you stated you had an acceptable English language test result, you will need to provide this.

Skilled employment

You may be awarded points for current skilled employment in New Zealand, or for an offer of skilled employment in New Zealand. Bonus points may also be awarded if your skilled employment is:

- outside Auckland
- in an area of absolute skills shortage
- remunerated at or above \$55.52 per hour (or equivalent annual salary).

It is important you understand the criteria for skilled employment. Read the 'Skilled employment' section in the *Skilled Migrant Category Expression of Interest Guide (INZ 1101)*.

What evidence of skilled employment do I need to provide?

To show you are able to claim points for skilled employment, you will need to provide the evidence below. Please read this section very carefully.

INZ needs to see all of these documents as evidence of skilled employment to be able to consider your application for residence:

- a written offer of employment; and
- a detailed job description; and
- an employment agreement entered into by you and the employer, stating:
 - the terms of your employment, including whether the position is full-time, the length of employment offered and the salary or wages offered; and
 - the period during which employment may begin, or the date which it began if you have already taken up the position; and
- evidence of your qualifications or work experience, and also remuneration as needed to meet the requirements for skilled employment. Refer to 'Skilled employment' in the *Skilled Migrant Category Expression of Interest Guide (INZ 1101)* for further information about skilled employment and the applicable requirements; and
- evidence of full or provisional occupational registration, if it is required by law in New Zealand to do your job; and
- an *Employer Supplementary Form INZ 1235* completed by your employer.

You will also need to ensure that your employer is not included on a list of non-compliant employers maintained by the Labour Inspectorate (www.employment.govt.nz/employers-breaching-minimum-employment-standards).

INZ may need to ask you, your employer, or your recruitment agency for further information or documents before we can make a decision on your application.

What if I have a job outside Auckland?

If you want to claim bonus points for employment outside Auckland, make sure your job offer states the location of your job. This is needed in addition to providing general evidence that demonstrates skilled employment. The employment agreement entered into by you and your employer should also confirm the location of your job.

What if I have a job in an area of absolute skills shortage?

If you want to claim bonus points for skilled employment in an area of absolute skills shortage, you must be currently employed in, or have a job offer in, an occupation included on the Long Term Skill Shortage List. You can get this list from the INZ website at www.skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz/.

As well as providing the general evidence required to demonstrate skilled employment you will also need to show evidence that:

- your current employment or job offer meets the specifications for that occupation, described in the Long Term Skill Shortage List; and
- you are suitably qualified by training and/or experience to do the job.

What if I'm working on contract?

If you are claiming points for employment on a contract basis you must provide your current contract for services and evidence of a consistent history of contract work.

Recognised qualifications

If you are applying online, you will need to upload a copy of the qualification(s) you claimed points for in your Expression of Interest. If you are submitting a paper form, certified copies of your qualification(s) must be provided. You may also be asked to provide academic course transcripts.

If your qualification(s) are not listed in *Appendix 3 – List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment*, you will need to provide an International Qualifications Assessment (IQA) from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Alternatively, you may provide evidence showing your qualification was assessed by the relevant occupational authority who issued you with full or provisional registration required by law in New Zealand.

What if my job and qualification(s) needs occupational registration?

If your qualification is required for employment in an occupation for which occupational registration is required in New Zealand, your qualification(s) will only gain points if you can provide us with evidence of:

- full or provisional occupational registration if it is required by law to do this job; or
- current skilled employment in New Zealand, or an offer of skilled employment in New Zealand, in an occupation that does not require registration; or
- post-qualification work experience in an occupation for which registration is not required in New Zealand. You must also have been employed in that occupation for the same (or a greater) period of time than in an occupation for which registration is required by law in New Zealand.

My qualification is from New Zealand

You may be awarded bonus points if you have studied full-time in New Zealand for at least two years and have completed a recognised bachelor degree (level 7 on the NZQF) New Zealand qualification. You may also be awarded bonus points if you have a postgraduate New Zealand qualification.

You will need to provide original or certified copies of your qualification and you may also be asked to provide your course transcript(s). You should also provide evidence of the NZQF level of your qualification(s) by submitting a printed copy of the Qualification Overview for your qualification. This report can be found by searching for your qualification on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority website www.nzqf.govt.nz.

If your New Zealand qualification is not included on the NZQF, a letter from the NZQA will be required to determine whether the qualification will qualify for points.

Skilled work experience

You may gain points for skilled work experience.

Bonus points may be awarded for:

- skilled work experience in New Zealand
- skilled work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage

For more information, you may need to refer to the descriptions or definitions of the terms in the *Skilled Migrant Category Expression of Interest Guide (INZ 1101)*.

I have skilled work experience, but I don't have skilled employment in New Zealand, and my work experience is not in an area of absolute skills shortage

If you do not have current skilled employment in New Zealand or an offer of skilled employment in New Zealand, or if your work experience is not in an area of absolute skills shortage, you can only be awarded points for skilled work experience if you can show that your work experience was gained in a comparable labour market.

What evidence do I need to prove I have skilled work experience?

To gain points for work experience you will need to submit documents that provide all the details below. You may need to submit several documents for one job to show all of the following information:

- the position(s) you held; and
- the dates you held the position(s); and
- whether your employment in the position(s) was full-time (ie based on a 30-hour week) or part-time (ie based on less than a 30-hour week); and
- the name and address of your employer(s); and
- a description of your role and the tasks you undertook.

There are a number of documents that may show the information we need before we make a decision on your application. You could submit the following documents as evidence for all the information required and listed above.

- References on company letterhead.
- Pay slips.
- Job specifications.
- Tax records.
- Letters of appointment.
- Contracts.
- Job assessments.

If necessary, we may need to ask you, or your previous employers, for further information or documents before making a decision on your application.

You will also need to provide evidence of how you were qualified for your skilled work experience by prior training or experience.

Evidence of my skilled work experience in New Zealand

If you want to claim bonus points for skilled work experience in New Zealand, you will need to provide the general evidence that demonstrates skilled employment and the location of your job in New Zealand.

Evidence of skilled work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage

You may be able to claim bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage, if:

- your work experience was in an occupation included on the Long Term Skill Shortage List; and
- it meets the specifications for that occupation as laid out in the Long Term Skill Shortage List; and
- you are suitably qualified by training and/or experience to do that work; and
- you had occupational registration while gaining the work experience if occupational registration was required in the country where the work occurred.

You can show you meet the above requirements by providing us with the following evidence.

- Employment references which confirm:
 - previous employment in an occupation included in the Long Term Skill Shortage List; and
 - that you meet the specifications listed in the Long Term Skill Shortage List (if applicable); and
 - previous work experience that enabled you to do that work (if required); and
- qualifications demonstrating you meet the specifications included in the Long Term Skill Shortage List (if applicable) and that you were qualified (if required) for that work; and
- occupational registration certificates if you required registration.

Principal applicant's children

You need to list all your children and your partner's children you wish to include in your application. You will need to provide the type of evidence listed in this guide under the 'Child's identity' section.

Principal applicant's other family

Ensure that you have listed details for all other members of your extended family, whether they are in New Zealand or overseas.

Partner's identity

What are the minimum requirements for including my partner in my application for residence?

A partner you are living with can be included in your application, and approved for residence, if:

- you have been living together in a genuine and stable partnership; and
- you have been living in the relationship for a minimum period of 12 months; and
- you and your partner meet the minimum requirements for 'recognition of a partnership' which are that:
 - you are both aged 18 years or older at the time your application for residence is made, or if aged 16 or 17 years old, you have the support of your parent(s) or guardian(s); and
 - you met prior to your application being made; and
 - you are not close relatives.

What evidence of partnership do I need to supply?

You need to supply evidence of a genuine and stable partnership of at least 12 months with your partner. You could show evidence of this by supplying the following.

- Marriage or civil union certificate.
- Proof of shared residence (a joint mortgage, or tenancy agreements, or rent book).
- Financial dependence or interdependence (proof of shared income, or bank accounts, or accounts that show money transfers to or from your account to your partner's account).
- Birth certificates of your children.
- Any evidence of public or family recognition of your relationship.
- Correspondence (including post-marked envelopes) to you and your partner at the same address.
- Photographs of you and your partner together.
- Evidence of the duration of your relationship.
- Evidence of the support of your parent(s) or guardian(s) if either of you are aged 16 or 17 years old.

What happens if I cannot meet the requirements for demonstrating a 'genuine and stable partnership'?

If we are not satisfied you and your partner are living together in a partnership that is genuine and stable, your partner will not be granted a residence class visa. Also, if you are claiming points for your partner's skilled employment in New Zealand, or their recognised qualification(s), we will not be able to take these points into account when determining your application.

What happens if I have been with my partner less than 12 months?

If INZ is satisfied you and your partner are living together in a partnership that is genuine and stable, but you have been with your partner less than 12 months then:

- if approval of your application relies on points for your partner's skilled employment in New Zealand, or their recognised qualification(s), we will have to decline your application; or
- if approval of your application **does not** rely on award of points for your partner's skilled employment in New Zealand, or their recognised qualification(s), INZ may proceed with processing your application for residence, but defer the final decision on whether to grant your partner residence to allow you both to meet the 12-month qualifying period.

If your partner's application for residence has been deferred, as described above, he or she could be granted a work visa (once an application has been made). This visa would be for a period that is long enough to allow you both to meet the qualifying 12-month partnership period, and to allow us enough time to complete any further assessment of their residence application.

What documents will my partner need to submit as part of my application?

Passport or identity document

If you are applying online, you will need to upload the biographical page of your partner's passport. If you are submitting a paper application, a certified copy will be required. If your partner is outside New Zealand and their passport is unavailable, you will need to provide their birth certificate or another identity document.

Partner's character

The requirements that your partner needs to meet are the same as at the Character section.

Partner's health

The requirements that your partner needs to meet are the same as at the Health section.

Partner's English language ability

All non-principal applicants aged 16 years and over that are included in Skilled Migrant Category applications need to show they meet the minimum standard of English by either:

- providing acceptable evidence of English language ability; or
- pre-purchasing English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tuition.

In your Expression of Interest, you will have stated how you can show your partner or dependent child aged 16 years and over meets the minimum standard of English. Otherwise you will have stated that ESOL tuition would be pre-purchased. You will need to provide proof of the evidence or circumstances your partner or child had in your application. Therefore, if you stated that your partner had an acceptable English language test result, you will need to provide this.

However, if you are claiming points for your partner's skilled employment, evidence must be provided demonstrating your partner meets the English language requirements for principal applicants.

INZ may also ask an applicant to provide an English language test result. When this is the case, the English language test result will be used to determine whether the applicant meets the minimum standard of English.

Partner's skilled employment

To be awarded points for your partner's current skilled employment in New Zealand or offer of skilled employment in New Zealand, your partner must:

- be included in your application; and
- meet the partnership requirements (listed at the Partner's identity section); and
- meet the English language requirements for a principal applicant (listed under 'English language requirements' in the summary of terms in this guide).

You will need to demonstrate you are eligible to claim points for your partner's skilled employment by providing the type of evidence already listed in this guide at the Skilled employment section.

Partner's recognised qualifications

To gain points for your partner's qualification, your partner must:

- be included in your application; and
- meet the partnership requirements (listed at the Partner's identity section); and
- meet the English language requirements for a principal applicant.

To demonstrate you are eligible to claim points for your partner's qualification, you will need to provide the type of evidence already listed in this guide at the Recognised qualifications section.

Child's identity

What are the requirements for 'dependent children' included in my application?

Your dependent children, and those of your partner, can be included in your application if they:

- are aged 17 or younger; and
- are single

Or they:

- are single, and aged 18 to 24 years; and
- have no children of their own.

If they are aged 21 to 24 they must also be totally or substantially reliant on you or your partner for financial support, whether they are living with you and your partner or not.

We may ask you to provide evidence that a child aged 21 to 24 years is dependent on you and/or your partner if this is not immediately apparent from the information you provide when you lodge your application. Therefore, you may like to include information about how a child aged 21 to 24 years is dependent on you at the time you lodge your application.

Also, if your partner's dependent children are included in your application, they cannot be granted residence unless their parent (your partner) is also granted residence.

What about adopted children?

If you have an adopted child, you must provide evidence of the adoption – whether it is a legal or a customary adoption. INZ may need to confirm a customary adoption with the person's biological parent(s), or adoptive parent(s).

Evidence of a legal adoption is original or certified copies of adoption papers from the country where the adoption was approved.

Evidence of customary adoption is a written declaration by you as the adoptive parents stating:

- the person has been adopted by you; and
- the date of the adoption; and
- the country where the adoption took place.

What evidence of custody arrangements will I need to provide?

If you are separated or divorced and bringing a child under 16 years of age to New Zealand with you, you will need to provide evidence of your right to take the child from the country where rights of custody or visitation have been granted to the other parent, or any other person.

If the other parent of any accompanying children under 16 years of age is not included in your application for residence, you must provide evidence of your right to take the children from their country of residence.

Evidence that you have the right to take the children from their country of residence includes:

- legal documents showing:
 - you have custody of the child; and
 - the sole right to decide where they live, without any visitation rights being granted to the other parent; or
- a Court order permitting you to remove the child from its country of residence; or
- legal documents showing:
 - you have custody of the child; and
 - a signed statement from the child's other parent – witnessed according to local practice or law which confirms they agree to allow the child to live in New Zealand if your residence application is approved.

What other documents will I need to provide on behalf of my children?

Passport or identity document

If you are applying online, you will need to upload the biographical page of your child's passport. If you are submitting a paper application, a certified copy will be required as proof of their identity.

Birth certificates

If you are applying online, you will need to upload a copy of your child's full birth certificate or equivalent evidence of your relationship to your child. If you are submitting a paper application, a certified copy will be required. Full birth certificates usually show the names of the parents as well as the name of the child. As well as being evidence of your child's identity and evidence of their relationship to you, the birth certificate will be used as evidence of your child's age.

If you are invited to apply for residence and a dependent child turns 25 years of age before you lodge your application, this child can no longer be included in your application. If a child is going to turn 25 years of age, and you want them to be included in your application, you should lodge your completed application with INZ before their birthday, even though you have four months to lodge your application.

Child's character

If you have a child who has turned 17 years old since you submitted your Expression of Interest, you will need to answer the questions in the form at 'Section Q: Child's character'.

Where you do have a child who is 17 years old, please refer to the requirements listed in this guide at the Character section.

Child's health

The requirements for your child's health are the same as your own. Please refer to the requirements listed in this guide at the Health section.

Child's English language ability

If you have a child who has turned 16 years old since you submitted your Expression of Interest, they will need to meet English language requirements.

Where you do have a child who is 16 years old, please refer to the requirements listed in this guide at the Partner's English language ability section.

Amendments or new information

If any of the information you provided in your Expression of Interest has changed or your circumstances have changed and you think this may have an impact on whether you can be granted residence, you will need to advise us.

Declaration

What do I need to understand about the declarations I will be making?

It is important you and any accompanying family members read and understand all the declarations before you agree to and sign the declaration section. If you have any questions about the Declaration section, please contact the INZ officer managing your application.

Ability to maintain yourself and any dependants

You must declare you have sufficient personal resources to maintain yourself and your dependants for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand.

VisaView

It is an offence for an employer to employ a person who is not entitled to work for them in New Zealand. It is also an offence for an education provider to allow a person to undertake a course of study if that person is not entitled to do so.

VisaView is an online enquiry system that allows registered employers and education providers to check whether a person who is not a New Zealand citizen can work or study in New Zealand for them.

If you believe that an employer or education provider has been given the wrong information via VisaView you may contact the Immigration Contact Centre (0508 558 855) to request correction of that information.

Declaration section

If applying using a paper application form, you, any partner, and any dependent child aged between 18 and 24 years included in your application must sign the application form. If applying online, you must indicate that you have read and agree with the declaration. If your partner or children aged 18 years or older are included in your application, they must sign a separate declaration form (Residence Visa Declaration Form INZ 1242) which you must upload with this application.

If any person has helped you to complete this form by explaining, translating, or filling it in for you, they must sign the declaration in the space provided for them. Make sure they read and understand the declaration before they sign it. If you are applying online, they must complete the Residence Visa Declaration Form (INZ 1242) which must be uploaded with your application.

What are the implications of providing false or misleading information?

Your application may be declined or you may become liable for deportation if you:

- provide false or misleading information as part of an Expression of Interest or associated submission; or
- withhold relevant potentially prejudicial information from an Expression of Interest or associated submission; or
- fail to advise us of any fact or material change in your circumstances that occurred after you submitted your Expression of Interest, or your residence application, which could have affected the decision to invite you to apply for residence or to approve your residence application.

How to contact us

All INZ forms, guides, and fee and immigration levy information can be downloaded from the INZ website www.immigration.govt.nz.

You can also contact your nearest New Zealand Embassy or New Zealand High Commission.

If you have any questions about completing this form you can:

- see our website www.immigration.govt.nz/contactus
- telephone our call centre on 0508 55 88 55 (within New Zealand).



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