

Definition

The New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) instigates a number of special categories during each year which are decided by ballot. These categories are the Family Quota, the Refugee Quota and the Pacific Access Category (PAC) scheme. These categories are in place to give individuals who do not meet any of the regular NZIS policy criteria an opportunity to apply for residence in New Zealand.

To be eligible for the consideration under the Ballot system, an applicant may have to meet stipulations of age, health or character, and employment requirements which differ under each specialised category. However the Ballot process utilised is the same for all categories mentioned above. Specifically, for the Family Quota and Refugee Family Quota each prospective applicant under these categories needs to have a sponsor in New Zealand who is willing to register the principal applicant for eligibility in the Ballot. For the PAC no sponsor is required, but a prospective applicant must have an offer of employment in New Zealand. A time frame is specified during the year for which registrations are accepted and a Ballot is drawn at a pre-arranged time during the year.

Each category has a pre-set limit on the number of individuals that can take up residence each year. Registration numbers are drawn at random until the Quota numbers for the year are met. The Ballot takes into account individuals, not applications, so therefore an application with more than one applicant counts each applicant towards the final Quota figure. The successful individuals that are drawn under the Ballot system are then eligible to apply for residence under the category they are registered under.

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	Decision															Total	
	Awaiting invitation to apply	Ballot Successful	Ballot Unsuccessful	Ballot Unsuccessful (In Progress at Draw)	Decision to Proceed	Declined - Not eligible sponsor	Declined Lapsed	Failed Immigration Status	Failed Registration Requirements	Failed Requirements	Failed Time in NZ	In Ballot	Invitation to apply issued	Not a UNHCR Mandated Refugee	On Hand		Sponsor Withdrawal
Application Criteria																	
2002 Family Quota Category		276	16,832	9				109	4,774		108						22,108
2002 PAC Registration Kiribati		51	321					1	60								433
2002 PAC Registration Tonga		253	2,367	10				5	206								2,841
2002 PAC Registration Tuvalu		80	19					5	34								138
2002 Refugee Family Category Registration		302	3,553	12				6	80		15						3,968
2003 Family Quota Category		146	7,565	5				42	356		126					137	8,377
2003 PAC Registration Fiji		253	12,393	12				37	934							28	13,657
2003 PAC Registration Kiribati		50	111					6	56							6	229
2003 PAC Registration Tonga		214	1,651					5	301							11	2,182
2003 PAC Registration Tuvalu		75	16					7	18								116
2003 PAC Reregistration Kiribati		28	28						25								81
2003 PAC Reregistration Tonga		40	643					2	170							16	871
2003 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu			2						1								3
2003 Re-registration Family Quota Category		107	6,047					46	149		20					78	6,447
2003 Refugee Family Category Registration		153	1,079						132		16					9	1,389
2003 Refugee Family Category Reregistration		149	1,131					32	195		3						1,510
2004 PAC Registration Fiji		168	2,504	2				14	327								3,015
2004 PAC Registration Kiribati		109							54								163
2004 PAC Registration Tonga		247	1,984					8	618								2,857
2004 PAC Registration Tuvalu		63							29								92
2004 PAC Reregistration Fiji		160	2,447	1				12	113								2,733
2004 PAC Reregistration Kiribati		34						1	5								40
2004 PAC Reregistration Tonga		115	909					3	76								1,103
2004 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu		1															1
2004 Refugee Family Quota Registration		170	1,138	1					249		14					2	1,574
2004 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration		132	1,377	16				2	100								1,627
2005 PAC Registration Fiji		191	12,111	7				299	430							30	13,068
2005 PAC Registration Kiribati		70	479					34	32								615
2005 PAC Registration Tonga		221	8,004	17				174	370							1	8,787
2005 PAC Registration Tuvalu		70	305					10	13								398
2005 PAC Reregistration Fiji		89	4,697					58	159							8	5,011
2005 PAC Reregistration Kiribati		15	54					1	4								74
2005 PAC Reregistration Tonga		55	2,119					28	95								2,297
2005 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu		14	23														37
2005 Refugee Family Quota Registration		143	1,175					6	75		1					3	1,403
2005 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration		164	1,591					5	337								2,097
2006 Refugee Family Quota Registration		132	1,763					22	40								1,957
2006 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration		170	2,145					52	29								2,396
PAC Registration Fiji 2006		117	5,045					21	366								5,549
PAC Registration Fiji 2007									37								37
PAC Registration Fiji 2015		275	20,768						512								21,555
PAC Registration Fiji 2016		159	8,672						206								9,037
PAC Registration Fiji 2017		115	5,254						113								5,472
PAC Registration Fiji 2018		141	6,089						104								6,344
PAC Registration Fiji 2019		111	7,443						145								7,699
PAC Registration Kiribati 2006		76	957						25								1,058
PAC Registration Kiribati 2007		49	1,611						6							1	1,667
PAC Registration Kiribati 2008		57	1,568						19								1,644
PAC Registration Kiribati 2009		72	1,761						23								1,856
PAC Registration Kiribati 2010		47	1,691						70								1,808
PAC Registration Kiribati 2011		7	914						105								1,026
PAC Registration Kiribati 2012		29	978						58								1,065
PAC Registration Kiribati 2013		31	635						33								699
PAC Registration Kiribati 2014		36	924						18								978
PAC Registration Kiribati 2015		54	1,257						159								1,470
PAC Registration Kiribati 2016		35	1,388						93								1,516
PAC Registration Kiribati 2017		33	1,404						114								1,551
PAC Registration Kiribati 2018		17	1,459						97								1,573
PAC Registration Kiribati 2019		41	1,291						92								1,424
PAC Registration Tonga 2006		112	2,181					5	208						1	2,507	
PAC Registration Tonga 2007		107	4,040						111								4,258
PAC Registration Tonga 2008		105	2,432						218						2	2,757	
PAC Registration Tonga 2009		102	1,626						52						6	1,786	
PAC Registration Tonga 2010		117	2,041					29	206								2,393
PAC Registration Tonga 2011		63	872					5	98								1,038
PAC Registration Tonga 2012		76	1,381						151								1,608
PAC Registration Tonga 2013		71	1,494						69								1,634
PAC Registration Tonga 2014		108	1,879						73						7	2,067	
PAC Registration Tonga 2015		74	2,527						91								2,692
PAC Registration Tonga 2016		72	2,098					12	113								2,295
PAC Registration Tonga 2017		98	2,343						68								2,509
PAC Registration Tonga 2018		103	3,075						133								3,311
PAC Registration Tonga 2019		32	2,058	3					72								2,165
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2006		58	340						17								415
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2007		53	287						27								367
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2008		52	282						22								356
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2009		58	206						22								286
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2010		83	240						19								342
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2011		38	123						59								220
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2012		40	303						38								381
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2013		40	380						17								437
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2014		37	253						30								320
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2015		40	321	5					34								400
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2016		55	421						31								507
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2017		52	435						12								499
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2018		17	325						18								360
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2019		29	418						11								458
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2006		163	6,659					8	230								7,060
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2007									123								123
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2015		17	1,348						183								1,548
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2016		166	9,594						395								10,155
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2017		202	8,761	5					310								9,278
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2018		185	9,111						284								9,580
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2019		189	11,067						371								11,627
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2006		13	232					1	5								250
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2007		43	645						2								691
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2008		40	1,201						20								1,261
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2009		42	1,648						23								1,713
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2010		78	2,016						66								2,160
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2011		34	2,063						103								2,200
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2012		57	1,731						45								1,833
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2013		50	1,439						45								1,534
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2014		52	1,426						18								1,496
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2015		46	2,005						58								2,109
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2016		63	2,425						43								2,531
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2017		54	2,563						14								2,631
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2018		63	2,648						77								2,788
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2019		50	2,946						22								3,018
PAC Reregistration Tonga 2006		166	3,692					9	189								4,056
PAC Reregistration Tonga 2007		173	4,640						114								4,927
PAC Reregistration Tonga 2008		172	4,608						155								4,935
PAC Reregistration Tonga 2009		228	3,450						76</								

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	Family Quota Registration	PAC Registration	Refugee Family Quota	Samoan Quota Registration	
Nationality					
Alghanistan	38		5,536	1	5,575
Albania	10		13		23
Algeria	1		17		18
American Samoa				286	286
Argentina	7				7
Armenia			2		2
Aruba	1				1
Azerbaijan			3		3
Bangladesh	532		55	6	593
Belarus	4				4
Belgium			3		3
Bhutan			83		83
Bolivia	7				7
Bosnia & Herzegovina			6		6
Brazil	3			1	4
Brunei Darussalam	4				4
Bulgaria	21		16		37
Burundi	2		99		101
Cambodia	476		1,367		1,843
Cameroon	2		4		6
Canada	51	5	3		59
Chile	24		1		25
China	10,715	4	1,665	7	12,391
Colombia	11		321		332
Congo	1		128		129
Costa Rica	4				4
Croatia	1		3		4
Cuba			1		1
Democratic Republic of Congo			117		117
Denmark	3		8		11
Djibouti	4		16		20
Ecuador	6		25		31
Egypt	117		12		129
El Salvador			13		13
Eritrea	28		573		601
Estonia			3		3
Ethiopia	235		5,124		5,359
European Commission			1		1
Fiji	6,488	142,295	11	50	148,844
Finland		6			6
France	3		26		29
Gabon			14		14
Gambia	1				1
Georgia	3				3
Germany	24	31	13	5	73
Ghana	12		3		15
Great Britain	985	7	3	23	1,018
Greece	7		8		15
Guinea			3		3
Hong Kong	769		13		782
Iceland	5		10		15
India	2,647	22	797	30	3,496
Indonesia	120		44		164
Iran	340		2,124		2,464
Iraq	696		2,032		2,728
Ireland	19				19
Israel	9		20		29
Italy	1		26	3	30
Japan	44	3	5		52
Jordan	21		59		80
Kazakhstan	3		5		8
Kenya	64		1,175		1,239
Kiribati	20	47,091	19	6	47,136
Kosovo - Republic of			33		33
Kosovo - UN Mission in			74		74
Kuwait	2		10		12
Kyrgyzstan			2		2
Laos	28		454		482
Latvia	13				13
Lebanon	22				22
Liberia		3	6		9
Libya	10		2		12
Lithuania	2				2
Macau	43				43
Macedonia	28		3		31
Madagascar			15		15
Malawi	6		9		15
Malaysia	854		65		919
Mauritius	1				1
Mexico			1		1
Moldova	1				1
Mongolia			4		4
Mozambique	1				1
Myanmar	28	3	1,817		1,848
Nauru		22			22
Nepal	50		129		179
Netherlands	7		14		21
Nigeria	7		9		16
North Korea	4				4
Norway	1		9		10
Oman	4				4
Pakistan	203	4	504	7	718
Palestine	7		69		76
Panama	11				11
Papua New Guinea	7			2	9
Peru	43		12		55
Philippines	2,406		10		2,416
Poland	23		1		24
Qatar			1		1
Romania	15				15
Russia	79		5		84
Rwanda	5		119	3	127
Samoa	677	71		373,621	374,369
Sao Tome & Principe				1	1
Saudi Arabia	7		48		55
Senegal			3		3
Serbia	13				13
Serbia & Montenegro			16		16
Seychelles	1				1
Sierra Leone			32		32
Singapore	197		4		201
Slovakia	4				4
Solomon Islands	8	5		1	14
Somalia	312		3,413	6	3,731
South Africa	460		33		493
South Korea	2,498				2,498
South Sudan			67		67
Spain			1	3	4
Sri Lanka	662		1,973		2,635
Stateless	1		21		22
Sudan	47		843		890
Swaziland				5	5
Sweden	1		7		8
Switzerland	8	1		2	11
Syria	82		307		389
Taiwan	936	5	22		963
Tajikistan			6		6
Tanzania	5		25		30
Thailand	110		78		188
Togo	4	58	5		67
Tonga	1,291	119,331		102	120,724
Trinidad and Tobago	2				2
Turkmenistan	3	9			12
Turkey	28		88		116
Tuvalu	22	11,746		36	11,804
Uganda	1		76		77
Ukraine	21				21
United Arab Emirates	18		44		62
United States of America	49	45	22	183	299
Unknown	28		45	12	85
Uzbekistan	2				2
Vanuatu	2	4	4	14	24
Vietnam	705		5,015		5,720
Western Sahara				1	1
Yemen	8	2	46		56
Yugoslavia	52		97		149
Zambia	12				12
Zimbabwe	55		53	5	113
Total	36,832	320,773	37,399	374,422	769,426

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Vietnam	705	.	5,015	.	5,720
Afghanistan	38	.	5,536	1	5,575
Ethiopia	235	.	5,124	.	5,359
Somalia	312	.	3,413	6	3,731
India	2,647	22	797	30	3,496
Iraq	696	.	2,032	.	2,728
Sri Lanka	662	.	1,973	.	2,635
South Korea	2,498	.	.	.	2,498
Iran	340	.	2,124	.	2,464
Philippines	2,406	.	10	.	2,416
Myanmar	28	3	1,817	.	1,848
Cambodia	476	.	1,367	.	1,843
Kenya	64	.	1,175	.	1,239
Great Britain	985	7	3	23	1,018
Taiwan	936	5	22	.	963
Malaysia	854	.	65	.	919
Sudan	47	.	843	.	890
Hong Kong	769	.	13	.	782
Pakistan	203	4	504	7	718
Eritrea	28	.	573	.	601
Bangladesh	532	.	55	6	593
South Africa	460	.	33	.	493
Laos	28	.	454	.	482
Syria	82	.	307	.	389
Colombia	11	.	321	.	332
United States of America	49	45	22	183	299
American Samoa	.	.	.	286	286
Singapore	197	.	4	.	201
Thailand	110	.	78	.	188
Nepal	50	.	129	.	179
Indonesia	120	.	44	.	164
Yugoslavia	52	.	97	.	149
Egypt	117	.	12	.	129
Congo	1	.	128	.	129
Rwanda	5	.	119	3	127
Democratic Republic of Congo	.	.	117	.	117
Turkey	28	.	88	.	116
Zimbabwe	55	.	53	5	113
Burundi	2	.	99	.	101
Unknown	28	.	45	12	85
Russia	79	.	5	.	84
Bhutan	.	.	83	.	83
Jordan	21	.	59	.	80
Uganda	1	.	76	.	77
Palestine	7	.	69	.	76
Kosovo - UN Mission in	.	.	74	.	74
Germany	24	31	13	5	73
Togo	4	58	5	.	67
South Sudan	.	.	67	.	67
United Arab Emirates	18	.	44	.	62
Canada	51	5	3	.	59
Yemen	8	2	46	.	56
Peru	43	.	12	.	55
Saudi Arabia	7	.	48	.	55
Japan	44	3	5	.	52
Macau	43	.	.	.	43
Bulgaria	21	.	16	.	37
Kosovo - Republic of	.	.	33	.	33
Sierra Leone	.	.	32	.	32
Macedonia	28	.	3	.	31
Ecuador	6	.	25	.	31
Tanzania	5	.	25	.	30
Italy	1	.	26	3	30
Israel	9	.	20	.	29
France	3	.	26	.	29
Chile	24	.	1	.	25
Poland	23	.	1	.	24
Vanuatu	2	4	4	14	24
Albania	10	.	13	.	23
Lebanon	22	.	.	.	22
Stateless	1	.	21	.	22
Nauru	.	22	.	.	22
Netherlands	7	.	14	.	21
Ukraine	21	.	.	.	21
Djibouti	4	.	16	.	20
Ireland	19	.	.	.	19
Algeria	1	.	17	.	18
Nigeria	7	.	9	.	16
Serbia & Montenegro	.	.	16	.	16
Iceland	5	.	10	.	15
Romania	15	.	.	.	15
Ghana	12	.	3	.	15
Malawi	6	.	9	.	15
Greece	7	.	8	.	15
Madagascar	.	.	15	.	15
Solomon Islands	8	5	.	1	14
Gabon	.	.	14	.	14
Serbia	13	.	.	.	13
Latvia	13	.	.	.	13
El Salvador	.	.	13	.	13
Libya	10	.	2	.	12
Zambia	12	.	.	.	12
Kuwait	2	.	10	.	12
Turkmenistan	3	9	.	.	12
Panama	11	.	.	.	11
Switzerland	8	1	.	2	11
Denmark	3	.	8	.	11
Norway	1	.	9	.	10
Liberia	.	3	6	.	9
Papua New Guinea	7	.	.	2	9
Sweden	1	.	7	.	8
Kazakhstan	3	.	5	.	8
Argentina	7	.	.	.	7
Bolivia	7	.	.	.	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina	.	.	6	.	6
Cameroon	2	.	4	.	6
Tajikistan	.	.	6	.	6
Finland	.	6	.	.	6
Swaziland	.	.	.	5	5
North Korea	4	.	.	.	4
Brunei Darussalam	4	.	.	.	4
Brazil	3	.	.	1	4
Costa Rica	4	.	.	.	4
Oman	4	.	.	.	4
Spain	.	.	1	3	4
Croatia	1	.	3	.	4
Slovakia	4	.	.	.	4
Belarus	4	.	.	.	4
Mongolia	.	.	4	.	4
Guinea	.	.	3	.	3
Senegal	.	.	3	.	3
Georgia	3	.	.	.	3
Belgium	.	.	3	.	3
Estonia	.	.	3	.	3
Azerbaijan	.	.	3	.	3
Lithuania	2	.	.	.	2
Trinidad and Tobago	2	.	.	.	2
Uzbekistan	2	.	.	.	2
Kyrgyzstan	.	.	2	.	2
Armenia	.	.	2	.	2
Moldova	1	.	.	.	1
Aruba	1	.	.	.	1
Seychelles	1	.	.	.	1
Mauritius	1	.	.	.	1
Mozambique	1	.	.	.	1
Gambia	1	.	.	.	1
Western Sahara	.	.	.	1	1
European Commission	.	.	1	.	1
Cuba	.	.	1	.	1
Qatar	.	.	1	.	1
Mexico	.	.	1	.	1
Sao Tome & Principe	.	.	.	1	1
Total	36,832	320,773	37,399	374,422	769,426