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UPCOMING INCREASES TO MINIMUM INCOME THRESHOLDS

Income thresholds across a number of categories will increase to reflect changes to New Zealand benefit rates. This year the changes are split as a result of both Work and Income adjustments and changes made through the Government's Families Package.

Please note the following dates and changes:

- On 1 June 2018, the minimum income requirements for Samoan Quota Scheme and Pacific Access Category applicants who have partners or dependent children included will increase to \$38,199.20. Immigration instructions at S1.10.35 and S1.40.35 will be updated accordingly.
- On 1 July 2018, the minimum income requirement for Essential Skills and Religious Worker work visa holders whose dependent children are in New Zealand on visitor or student visas is increasing to \$42,944.20. The relevant immigration instructions under V3.10 and U8.20 will be updated accordingly.
- On 1 July 2018, the guaranteed lifetime minimum income requirements under tier one of the Parent Category (currently closed) will increase to \$28,166 for a single applicant and \$41,494 if a partner is included. Immigration instructions at F4.30.5 will be updated accordingly.

The minimum income changes are also outlined in Amendment Circular 2018-07.