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SIMPLIFIED ESSENTIAL SKILLS PROCESS - PARTNERS AND DEPENDENTS

The streamlined process that has been implemented with the Essential Skills Work Visa (ESWV) category has now been extended to partners and dependent children of ESWV applicants/holders. These changes remove the requirement for partners and dependent children of ESWV holders to provide medical and police certificates, if this information has previously been supplied to Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

Application process simplified for partners and dependent children

- Medical and police certificates do not need to be provided if they have been previously supplied to INZ at any time.
- If no medical or police certificates have been provided to INZ previously, standard health and character immigration instructions apply (immigration instructions A4 and A5 respectively).
- Additional medical or police information may still be requested by an immigration officer if there is information to suggest an applicant's health or character requires further assessment.
- Changes to online forms will be made by 30 August 2021. In the interim, partners and dependent children will need to provide a paper based form with new applications if they wish to be considered under the simplified process.