ASSESSING ‘BONA FIDE APPLICANT’ CRITERIA – IAC 13/09

The Central Feedback Team has noticed that some staff may not be familiar with the content of Internal Administration Circular (IAC) 13/09 – Assessing ‘bona fide applicant’ criteria. This IAC was issued in 2013 and the advice within it remains accurate.

Please ensure that staff are familiar with the advice contained in IAC 13/09 to support the assessment of bona fides in all offices processing temporary entry class visas, whether inside or outside New Zealand.

Staff should also note that bona fide content on the INZ website has recently been updated. The website now refers to ‘genuine intentions’ rather than bona fide. This reflects the ‘plain English’ style for website content and is part of a wider content review currently taking place.