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TEMPORARY ENTRY AND RESIDENCE APPLICATIONS FROM OFFSHORE PARTNERS AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN

On 16 September, Immigration Instruction A16.1 *General Instruction as to the order and manner of processing visa applications* was updated to elevate the priority of visa applications from offshore partners and dependent children of New Zealand citizens and residents.

Processing of the following applications has now recommenced, whether the applicants are onshore or offshore:

<i>Partnership – Visitor</i>	<i>Partnership</i>
<i>Partnership – Visitor</i>	<i>Entry for a cultural marriage</i>
<i>Partnership – Work</i>	<i>Partnership</i>
<i>Partnership – Resident</i>	<i>Partnership</i>
<i>Partnership – Resident</i>	<i>Partnership – Partner of an Expatriate</i>
<i>Dependent Child – Visitor</i>	<i>Child of NZ cit/res</i>
<i>Dependent Child – Visitor</i>	<i>Adopted child</i>
<i>Dependent Child – Student</i>	<i>Child of NZ cit/res</i>
<i>Dependent Child – Resident</i>	<i>Family child dependent</i>
<i>Dependent Child – Resident</i>	<i>Family child dependent – Dependent of an Expatriate</i>

People granted a visa under one of these application types are exempt from New Zealand border restrictions. The visa holder can travel to and enter New Zealand without needing to request an exception to Border restrictions prior to travel to New Zealand.

If INZ determines that a temporary entry partnership application does not meet immigration partnership instructions but a general Visitor Visa may be appropriate, the application will be placed on hold until such time that INZ is able to recommence processing of General Visitor Visas (VVG).

Given current constraints on airline capacity, INZ will grant successful temporary entry applicants a six-month 'first entry before' date to allow them more time to secure flights and managed isolation or quarantine in New Zealand.