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2019 SAMOAN QUOTA AND PACIFIC ACCESS CATEGORY DETAILS

The purpose of this Visa Pak item is to inform staff, who are involved in handling registrations and enquiries under the Samoan Quota (SQ) and Pacific Access Category (PAC) schemes, to be aware of the details in this item.

The SQ and PAC schemes will be open for registrations between 1 April and 30 April 2019 (registrations cannot be accepted outside this period).

Set numbers of residence places are available each year under the SQ and PAC schemes – 1,100 places are available to Samoan citizens, 250 each to Tongan and Fiji citizens; and 75 each to Kiribati and Tuvaluan citizens.

Please see the below 'Registration and application processes under SQ and PAC scheme' for the details.

Registration process

Registrations will be processed at the following locations:

- Apia Office – all SQ registrations (both onshore and offshore)
- Nuku’alofa Office –all PAC Tonga registrations (both onshore and offshore)
- Suva Office – all PAC Fiji, Kiribati and Tuvalu registrations (both onshore and offshore)

Please note that the PAC registration form INZ 1092 and the SQ registration form INZ 1086 are the only acceptable forms (2019 versions).

Registrations that are received in offices other than Apia, Nuku’alofa and Suva need to be date stamped and immediately transferred through to the National Documentation Office (NaDO) for lodgements processing.

For any PAC registrations received outside of the Pacific, valid credit card details must be provided as this is the only acceptable fee payment method.

Clients registering for the ballots will be sent a text message or email confirming their ballot number. These emails and text messages will be sent out before the ballots are drawn.

The SQ and PAC ballots will be drawn in the respective Pacific offices.

All clients entered in the ballot draws will be notified directly on whether or not they have been successful or unsuccessful following the draws.

All successful clients will be provided with Invitation to Apply Letters and Application Packs.

Dates for registrants to remember

The relevant dates for the 2019 SQ and PAC schemes are as follow. Please note that the draw and application closure dates vary between SQ and PAC.

	Pacific Access Categories (Tonga, Fiji, Kiribati, Tuvalu)	Samoan Quota
Registration opens	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
Registration closes	30 April 2019	30 April 2019
All valid registrations processed and accepted in AMS	31 May 2019	21 June 2019
Ballot drawn	7 June 2019	28 June 2019

Verification check of successfully selected registrants are completed	12 June 2019	3 July 2019
Official list of successfully drawn registration numbers is available publically	14 June 2019	5 July 2019
All ITA packs provided to successful/eligible registrants	12 July 2019	2 August 2019
Last day to lodge residence applications	13 March 2020	3 April 2020

Publication of Registration Numbers

Successful SQ and PAC registration numbers will be displayed in the following locations:

- Immigration New Zealand website
- TTS Suva website
- Immigration New Zealand offices in Tonga and Samoa
- Tuvalu High Commission in Suva and the Tuvalu Department of Labour
- New Zealand High Commission in Kiribati and at the Kiribati Department of Labour
- Selected Pacific newspapers, banks and post offices.

Residence Visa Application process

All **PAC** residence visa applications must be received by Immigration New Zealand on or before 4.00pm on **13 March 2020**.

All **SQ** residence visa applications must be received by Immigration New Zealand on or before 4.00pm on **3 April 2020**.

People successful in the ballots will be contacted directly by Immigration New Zealand and advised how to apply for residence under the PAC and SQ categories.