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EVENT – 2022 ALL BLACKS V IRELAND RUGBY SERIES

The 2022 Irish rugby tour to New Zealand (the tour) will take place 2 July to 16 July 2022. This advice provides guidance for staff should they receive queries, expressions of interest or visa applications associated with the tour.

Ireland players, management and support staff, as well as match and tournament officials and accredited media personnel fall under *V3.85 Sports people, support staff, match and tournament officials and media and broadcasting personnel associated with sports events, tours or tournaments*.

This means that individuals from visa waiver countries (see [E2.1](#)) may be granted visitor visas on arrival under V3.85, allowing a stay of no longer than 3 months.

Given offshore work visa applications open on 4 July 2022, and offshore visitor visa applications open to non-visa waiver travellers on 31 July 2022, the following groups of people are unlikely to be granted a visa, as they must first meet the requirements to be granted a border exception:

- Non-visa waiver sports people, support staff, match and tournament officials and media and broadcasting personnel.
- Sports people, support staff, match and tournament officials and media and broadcasting personnel associated with sports events, tours or tournaments intending to remain in New Zealand for more than three months.
- Non-accredited media and broadcasting personnel.

If there are any issues or concerns with expressions of interest or visa applications related to the tour, please contact Operations Support.