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## TEMPORARY ENTRY OF UNITED KINGDOM BUSINESS PERSONS UNDER THE NEW ZEALAND - UNITED KINGDOM FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NZ-UK FTA) – FURTHER GUIDANCE

Guidance was previously provided in Visa Pak issue 547, on assessing certain categories of business persons from the United Kingdom (UK), to ensure New Zealand meets its commitments under the NZ-UK FTA.

The following guidance is available to the public on the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website:

- The article from Visa Pak issue 547 ([‘2 June 2023 - Temporary entry of UK Business Persons under the New Zealand - United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement \(NZ-UK FTA\)’](#))
- A news item and website guidance:
  - News item: [Temporary entry of UK Business Persons under the New Zealand-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement \(NZ-UK FTA\) | Immigration New Zealand](#)
  - Guidance for ‘Contractual services suppliers and independent professionals from the United Kingdom’ (on how to apply): [How we define a specific purpose or event | Immigration New Zealand](#)
  - Guidance for ‘Contractual services suppliers from the United Kingdom’, and ‘Independent professionals from the United Kingdom’ (on duration of visa): [How long you can stay on a Specific Purpose Work Visa | Immigration New Zealand](#)

Further guidance is now being provided in this Visa Pak, to clarify the maximum visa duration for one of these categories of business persons from the UK - ‘Contractual Services Suppliers’.

### Maximum visa duration for Contractual Services Suppliers from the UK

The guidance in Visa Pak Issue 547 stated that these people will be encouraged to apply for a Specific Purpose work visa to be assessed under instructions WS2.1.1.c ‘*Business people wishing to undertake business activities in New Zealand who can satisfy an immigration officer that they have genuine reasons to be in New Zealand for a period or periods exceeding 3 months in any one year*’.

The description of the specific purpose at instructions WS2.1.1.c, as quoted above, makes these instructions the most appropriate for assessing Contractual Services Suppliers (as described in detail in Visa Pak issue 547). However, while WS2.1.1.c allows for a visa of up to 12 months duration to be granted, the NZ-UK FTA only allows a visa of **up to 6 months duration** to be granted to Contractual Services Suppliers.

Therefore, when assessing Specific Purpose work visa applications where the immigration officer is satisfied the applicant is a Contractual Services Supplier from the UK, while WS2.1.1.c remains the appropriate instructions for assessment, please ensure the maximum visa duration of **6 months** (as required by the NZ-UK FTA) is taken into consideration.