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VISA ENDORSEMENTS INTO PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY PASSPORTS

Introduction — Information for Immigration staff when issuing visa endorsements into Palestinian Authority Passports.

This Visa Pak replaces any previous advice provided relating to the endorsement of visas into Palestinian Authority passports.

Operations Support have been asked to clarify whether temporary and residence class visas can be endorsed into Palestinian Authority passports.

[A2.10](#) of the INZ Operational Manual provides a list of travel documents that Immigration New Zealand (INZ) considers acceptable. This includes passports issued by the Palestinian Authority which are considered to be acceptable as certificates of identity ([A2.10.30](#)). In accordance with section 62(3) of the Immigration Act 2009, a visa may be evidenced by an endorsement in a passport **or certificate of identity**. Therefore section 62(3) of the Immigration Act 2009 allows for visas of all classes and types to be endorsed into Palestinian Authority passports, as these are acceptable as certificates of identity.

Key Points

- Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010 allow for certificate of identities to be used for the purpose of making an application for a visa.
- The INZ Operational Manual states that Palestinian Authority issued passports can be accepted as certificates of identity and are considered as an acceptable travel document ([A2.10.30](#)).
- The Immigration Act 2009 allows visa endorsements to be made into passports or certificates of identity.