



NEW ZEALAND

RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT

New Zealand is one of the world's most stable and well governed nations and offers an attractive destination for investment, business, and raising a family. The country is consistently ranked in the top 10 in terms of protecting investors, starting a business, and ease of doing business.

New Zealand Residence-by-Investment

Residence can be obtained through investing between NZD 3 million for an Investor 2 resident visa and NZD 10 million for an Investor 1 resident visa in acceptable investments and maintaining these investments in New Zealand for at least 4 and 3 years, respectively.



Minimum Investment Requirement

Minimum contribution of AUD 1.5 million/ INR 8.3 crores under the Investor Stream



Nature of Investment

Investor 1 resident visa

- An applicant must invest NZD 10 million in New Zealand over a 3-year period in order to apply for New Zealand residence under this program.



Investor 2 resident visa

- This visa is applicable to experienced business people aged 65 years or younger, who have a minimum of NZD 3 million in available funds or assets. A points-based system is used to assess eligibility.
- Applicants must invest at least NZD 3 million in an acceptable investment in New Zealand, to be held for four years.



Investment Holding Period

4 Years



The Right to Live, Work and Study without Restrictions in New Zealand



Application Processing Time

3-4 months under an Investor 1 resident visa



Free Public Education for Citizens

Yes



Global Passport Index Ranking

1



Free or Subsidised Primary Healthcare for Citizens

Yes



Visa Free & Visa on Arrival Access in

136



Dual Citizenship Permitted

Yes



Key Visa Free travel destinations

Australia, Austria, Bahamas



**Minimum Time to qualify for
Citizenship**
5 Years



**Physical presence required for
maintaining Residence Status**
Yes



First Residence Permit Validity
N/A



Family Coverage
Yes



**Visit required as a part of
Application Process**
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Key Benefit

Eligibility for citizenship after 5 years of residence. Applicants who have previously obtained residence under either of the resident visa programs are eligible for New Zealand citizenship when they have spent at least 1,350 days in New Zealand during the preceding 5 years, with at least 240 days of physical presence in each year.

Benefits of the New Zealand Residence-by-Investment Program

- High standards of living, multicultural population, and low population density.
- Political, social, and economic stability.
- Solid legal system based on English law.
- Strong tax treaty network with a large number of counterparties.

Requirements of New Zealand residence-by-investment

The Investor 1 and Investor 2 resident visa programs allow applicants to live, work, and study in New Zealand. Applicants can include their spouse and dependent children aged 24 years and younger in their applications.

Investor 1 resident visa

- An applicant must invest NZD 10 million in New Zealand over a 3 -year period in order to apply for New Zealand residence under this program.

There is no maximum age limit, no language requirement, and no business experience requirement.

Investor 2 resident visa

- This visa is applicable to experienced business people aged 65 years or younger, who have a minimum of NZD 3 million in available funds or assets. A points-based system is used to assess eligibility.
- Applicants must invest at least NZD 3 million in an acceptable investment in New Zealand, to be held for 4 years.
- Applicants are required to have an English-speaking background or an International English Language Testing System test report with an overall band score of 3 or more, or they should be competent users of English.

Acceptable investments

An acceptable investment is.

- Investments that are capable of a commercial return
- Not for the personal use of the applicant(s)
- Invested in New Zealand in a NZD amount
- Invested in lawful enterprises or managed funds
- One that has the potential to contribute to the economy

Acceptable investments include

- Bonds issued by the New Zealand government or local authorities
- Firms traded on the New Zealand debt securities market
- Firms with at least a BBB or equivalent rating
- Registered banks
- Finance companies

Investments can also be made in equity in New Zealand firms (public or private, including managed funds), registered banks, and residential property development(s). Applicants can nominate a mix of funds and/or assets in which they would like to invest.

Procedures and time frame of the New Zealand Residence-by-Investment Program

The procedures and time frames for the Investor 1 and Investor 2 resident visa programs are reasonably straightforward with specialist assistance.

Investor 1 resident visa

- Applicants lodge an application directly to Immigration New Zealand for the resident visa, without the need for an expression of interest (EOI).
- An approval in principle is usually given within 3 to 4 months depending on the quality of information provided as well as security and health checks.
- Immigration New Zealand will only approve in principle and will not issue the visa until the funds have been transferred and invested and evidence of this is submitted to the agency. The resident visa may then be issued within 2 to 4 weeks.
- Successful applicants must spend at least 44 days in each of the last 2 years of the 3 -year investment period in New Zealand or 88 days over the entire 3 -year period if they invest at least NZD 2.5 million in growth investments.
- If all conditions that apply to the first 2 years of the first 2-year investment period are met, the applicant can apply for a variation of conditions to allow travel in and out of New Zealand for another 2 years.
- If conditions at the end of the 3-year investment period are met, the applicant and family members can apply for permanent residence, that is, a resident permit valid for life.

Investor 2 resident visa

- EOI must be sent to Immigration New Zealand outlining the applicant's personal details, business experience, and investment funds.
- If the EOI is successful, the applicant and their spouse and/or dependents are invited to apply for New Zealand residence. Invites are generally issued within 2 weeks of selection of an EOI.
- Once invited to apply, the applicant will have 4 months to submit the application.
- An approval in principle is usually given within 8 to 12 months but is reliant on the quality of information provided as well as security and health checks.
- Immigration New Zealand will only approve in principle — they will not issue the visa until the funds have been transferred and invested and evidence of this is submitted to the agency, after which the visa may then be issued within 2 to 4 weeks.
- Evidence that the invested funds have been maintained will be required at the end of the second and fourth years of the applicant's residence in New Zealand.
- The main applicant needs to accumulate 146 days in each of years 2, 3, and 4 of the investment periods, or 438 days over the entire 4-year investment period if they invest at least NZD 750,000 in growth investments.

Citizenship in New Zealand

Applicants who have previously obtained residence under either of the resident visa programs are eligible for New Zealand citizenship when they have spent at least 1,350 days in New Zealand during the preceding 5 years, with at least 240 days of physical presence in each year.

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