



## New Zealand

### Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa

This visa is for you if you want to live in New Zealand permanently and you have skills that can contribute to New Zealand's economic growth. Your application is more likely to be accepted if you have employment in an area in which New Zealand has a skills shortage.



#### Criteria you must meet

- You'll need to have enough skills, experience and qualifications for us to accept your Expression of Interest and invite you to apply for residence.
- You'll need to be 55 or under when you apply.
- You'll need to speak English reasonably well.



#### How long can I stay on this visa

If you meet the visa conditions, indefinitely



#### With this visa you can

- Live, work and study in New Zealand.
- Include your partner, and dependent children aged 24 and under, in your residence application.

#### After this visa

If you comply with the visa conditions, you can apply for permanent residence.



### **Opening and closing dates and times**

You can register your interest at any time by sending us your Expression of Interest (EOI). If we select your EOI and you're invited to apply for residence, you'll have 4 months to send us your application.

### **Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa**

We invite people who have the skills to contribute to New Zealand's economic growth to apply for this visa. Before we can invite you to apply, we'll first need you to send us an Expression of Interest (EOI) telling us about your employment in New Zealand, work experience, and qualifications. If your Expression of Interest is successful we'll offer you the opportunity to apply to live and work in New Zealand indefinitely.

This visa isn't designed for people who are self-employed. If you want to work in your own business, you may wish to apply for an Entrepreneur Resident Visa instead.

### **Overview**



**Length of stay**  
Indefinitely



**AGE RANGE**  
55 years or under



## Conditions

These are the conditions that you must meet once you have your visa.

### Entry permission

You must apply for entry permission when you arrive in New Zealand. You can do this by completing an arrival card, which you are given on the way to New Zealand.

## Arriving in New Zealand

You can be refused entry permission if:

- you don't meet our character requirements
- your circumstances have changed since you were granted a visa
- you refuse to let us to take your photo, or provide us with your fingerprints or an iris scan, if we ask you for them.

Work (if you have an offer of skilled employment in Auckland)

If you were awarded points for an offer of skilled employment in Auckland, you must:

- take up that job within 3 months of coming to New Zealand
- stay in that job for at least 3 months.
- continue to be paid at or above the level of remuneration for which skilled employment points were awarded to you, for at least 3 months.

You must provide evidence within 5 years of your first day in New Zealand as a resident that you stayed in your skilled employment for at least 3 months.

So we can get in touch with you to check your evidence, you'll need to let us know if your address changes during this time.

Work (if you have an offer of skilled employment outside of Auckland)

If you were awarded points for an offer of skilled employment outside of Auckland, you must:

- take up that job within 3 months of coming to New Zealand
- stay in that job for at least 12 months
- continue to be paid at or above the level of remuneration for which skilled employment points were awarded to you, for at least 12 months.

You must provide evidence within 5 years of your first day in New Zealand as a resident that you stayed in your skilled employment for at least 12 months.

So we can get in touch with you to check your evidence, you'll need to let us know if your address changes during this time.

Work (if you have current skilled employment in Auckland)

If you were awarded points for your current skilled employment in Auckland, and you've been working in that job for less than 3 months, you must:

- stay in the job for at least 3 months
- continue to be paid at or above the level of remuneration for which skilled employment points were awarded to you, for at least 3 months.

You must provide evidence within 5 years of your first day in New Zealand as a resident that you stayed in your skilled employment for at least 3 months.

So we can get in touch with you to check your evidence, you'll need to let us know if your address changes during this time.

Work (if you have current skilled employment outside of Auckland)

If you were awarded points for your current skilled employment outside of Auckland, and you've been working in that job for less than 3 months, you must:

- stay in the job for at least 12 months
- continue to be paid at or above the level of remuneration for which skilled employment points were awarded to you, for at least 12 months.

You must provide evidence within 5 years of your first day in New Zealand as a resident that you stayed in your skilled employment for at least 12 months.

So we can get in touch with you to check your evidence, you'll need to let us know if your address changes during this time.

Keep your visa in a valid passport

If you want to travel, your visa must be in a valid passport.

If your passport expires, you must apply to transfer your visa to a new passport before you can travel.

### **Transferring my visa to a new passport**

To transfer your visa, you must:

- send us your old and new passports
- complete an 'Application for Transfer or Confirmation of a Visa'
- pay a transfer fee.

### **Travel**

You can travel in and out of New Zealand as often as you like until your travel conditions expire.

To travel after that, you will need to apply for and be granted either:

- a Permanent Resident Visa
- a variation of your travel conditions, which would allow you to return to New Zealand at a later date.

Your travel conditions will expire 2 years from the date you first arrive in New Zealand as a resident.

If you're outside of New Zealand when your travel conditions expire, your visa will expire as well.

**With this visa you can**

- Live, work and study in New Zealand.
- Include your partner, and dependent children aged 24 and under, in your residence application.

**Meeting the criteria**

The criteria and evidence below will provide you with the information you need to meet the requirements.

**Identity**

You must provide proof of your identity

**Character**

You must be of good character

**Health**

You must be in good health

**English language**

You must be able to speak English

**Age**

You must be 55 years or under when you apply for residence

**Skilled employment**

Your current employment or offer of employment must be skilled

**Qualifications**

Your qualification must be recognised to qualify for points.

**Work experience**

Your work experience must be skilled to qualify for points

**Expression of interest**

You must send us an Expression of Interest (EOI)

**Invitation to apply for residence**

You must be invited to apply for residence

**Bring family**

Your partner and dependent children must meet the requirements for this visa

**English language for family**

Your partner and children 16 and over must speak English or pay for classes to learn English in New Zealand

**Partnership requirements**

Partners do not have to be in New Zealand to be included in an application.

**Processing timeframes**

It is expected the majority of applications will be processed within 12 months, with most being processed much faster.

This page will be updated regularly with the latest processing times and information.

**Appeals**

If your application for residence is declined you will have the same appeal rights as any residence visa applicant. You will be able to appeal to the independent Immigration and Protection Tribunal. If you are not eligible for the new residence pathway you can explore other visa options if you want to stay in New Zealand permanently.

**Permanent Resident Visa**

With this visa you can

- Live, work, and study in New Zealand.
- Travel to and from New Zealand any time you like.
- Include your partner, and dependent children aged 24 and under, in your visa application - if you included them in your original residence application.

**Things to note**

- If you want to travel, your Permanent Resident Visa will need to be in a valid passport. You may need to apply to transfer your permanent resident visa to a new passport.
- Non- principal applicants can't apply for permanent residence before the principal applicant, unless a non-principal exception applies.
- If we're unable to grant you a Permanent Resident Visa, we may be able to offer you another resident visa or a variation of your resident visa travel conditions. This would give you more time to travel to and from New Zealand as a resident.

**Identity**

You must provide proof of your identity

**Character**

You may need to provide Police Certificates as proof of your good character.

### **Resident visa status**

You must hold a valid resident visa or have held one in the last 3 months

You must have held your resident visa and been living in New Zealand continuously for at least 24 months at the time you apply for a permanent resident visa.

You must provide either:

- your resident visa
- your residence permit.

If your resident visa expired more than 3 months ago, you won't be eligible for a permanent resident visa but you may be able to apply for another resident visa.

### **Resident visa conditions**

You must have met any conditions of your current resident visa

You must provide evidence you have met any conditions of your current resident visa.

Visa conditions are different for resident visas granted under different categories and may include things like:

- travelling to and from New Zealand only for the time allowed by your resident visa
- spending a minimum number of days in New Zealand
- keeping money invested in New Zealand
- working only in a particular job and/or for a particular employer.

Check your visa label for your visa conditions.

### **Commitment to New Zealand**

You must be committed to living in New Zealand permanently

### **Non-principal applicants**

Non-principal applicants must not apply for a permanent resident visa before the principal applicant

If you were a non-principal applicant when you applied for a resident visa, you must apply for your permanent resident visa at the same time or after the principal applicant, unless a non-principal exception applies.

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