

Looking to apply for a New Zealand Visa? FAQs

Q: I have received an offer of employment from a New Zealand employer. What visas could I apply for? What visas could my partner and children apply for?

A: You could consider whether you are eligible for an Accredited Employer Work Visa. You may also be eligible for residence under the Skilled Migrant or Straight to Residence categories. Your offer of employment may also put you on a pathway to residence under the Green List: Work to Residence category.

Your partner and dependent children may be eligible for temporary visas based on their relationship to you or be included in your residence application.

Q: I have held New Zealand residence for over three years. What pathways to residence exist for my parents?

A: You may be able to sponsor your parents for residence under the Parent category if you meet certain income requirements. Alternatively, your parents may be eligible for residence under the Parent Retirement category. Under this category, they must be able to demonstrate, that they own sufficient funds to transfer and invest in acceptable investments in New Zealand, have settlement funds to financially support themselves, and meet annual income requirements.

Q: I have been granted New Zealand residence. How can I obtain permanent residence?

A: Generally, you can apply for a Permanent Resident Visa (PRV) if you have held your resident visa for at least two years and can demonstrate a commitment to living in New Zealand. Other categories such as the Parent and Active Investor Plus allow the grant of a PRV at other specified timeframes, once the visa holder has demonstrated certain requirements are met.

Q: I have completed a Bachelor of Science at university in New Zealand. What visa options do I have?

A: You may be eligible for a Post Study Work Visa (PSWV). The PSWV allows you to work in any role for any employer, anywhere in New Zealand. It is likely you will need to work in the skilled role before becoming eligible for residence under the Skilled Migrant Category.

Contact our immigration team today for expert advice tailored to your situation.

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