

New Zealand's Golden Visa – Active Investor Plus

New Zealand's Active Investor Plus Visa provides a flexible and direct pathway to New Zealand permanent residence, for a minimum investment of NZ\$5million.

Two Investment Types – Growth or Balanced

Applicants can choose a three-year Growth investment pathway to permanent residence or a five-year Balanced investment pathway.

Growth investments

- Minimum investment of NZ\$5 million.
- 36 months investment period
- 'Acceptable investments' must be NZTE approved "Managed Funds" or "Direct Investments". More information can be found at the NZTE website Acceptable Investments. We will recommend investment advisers who can guide applicants through choosing suitable investments.
- Investment checks occur after 24 and 36 months
- Applicants only need to spend 21 days in New Zealand within the investment period

Balanced investments

- Minimum investment of NZ\$10million.
- 60 months investment period
- 'Acceptable investments' under this Scheme include:
 - Listed equities
 - Philanthropy
 - Property development, with certain stipulations
 - Bonds
- We will recommend investment advisers who can guide applicants through choosing a suitable investment
- Investment checks occur after 24 and 60 months
- Applicants only need to spend 105 days in New Zealand within the investment period. This can be reduced, as explained below.



Proving lawful source of investment funds

All applicants must prove the lawful source of their investment funds.

Timeframe to Transfer and Invest

- Both Growth and Balanced options require the applicant to transfer the funds to New Zealand, through the international banking system, and make the chosen investment, within six months of receiving the initial approval, referred to as Approval in Principle.

Reducing time in New Zealand if choose Balanced Investments

Applicants choosing Balanced investments can reduce the time they must spend in New Zealand by way of additional investment, as below:

- a further NZ\$1 million for a 14-day reduction or;
- a further NZ\$2 million for a 28-day reduction or;
- a further NZ\$3 million for a 42-day reduction.

These funds must be identified prior to the application being approved in principle.

No English language requirement

- There is no longer an English language requirement.

Health and Good Character checks

- Applicants must complete medical checks and provide police clearance certificates.

Tax advice

- This is an important initial consideration. We can provide specialist tax advice.

Travel Conditions

- When the resident visa is approved, it will allow the Investor to travel in and out of New Zealand for four or six years, depending on the chosen investment type.
- This should be sufficient time to allow for the investment period to be completed, and the Permanent Resident Visa processed.

Buying a Home

- Successful applicants can purchase or build one residential property in New Zealand, provided the home is valued at NZ\$5 million or more.

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