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Ka tu tatou hei rama mo te hunga moemoea me te hunga whai angitu

Nau mai ki te haerenga ki te tutukitanga, ka rere nga wawata.

Ka whakanuia, ka arahi, ka poipoi i nga wawata me te raranga i nga korero angitu.

Ka awhi tatou i te kanorau, e whakamana ana i ia tangata ki runga i tona ara motuhake ki te hiranga.

Ko ta matou whakapumautanga e kaha ana ki te whakatairanga i te matatau, te tika, me te pono i roto i a maatau ratonga, te whakarangatira i nga oranga i roto i o taatau hapori, motu, me te ao.

To all seeking a brighter horizon

We stand as a beacon for dreamers and achievers alike

Welcome to a journey toward realisation, where aspirations take flight.

Together, we elevate and guide, nurturing ambitions and weaving success stories.

We embrace diversity, empowering each individual on their unique path to excellence.

Our commitment echoes in fostering proficiency, fairness, and integrity in our services, enriching lives within our local, national, and global communities.



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Over the course of our legacy spanning two decades, NZIHS has proudly guided over 18,000 individuals to successful immigration outcomes in New Zealand. Each success story represents our commitment to excellence, showcasing our expertise in navigating diverse immigration pathways and delivering tangible results for our valued clients.

Disclaimer: While every endeavour is made to maintain accuracy, the information in this document serves as a general guide for migrants and may be subject to change. All migrants engaging with NZIHS should refer to the official documentation, such as the latest updates provided by NZIHS, to ensure compliance with current regulations, requirements, and policies.

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Why choose us?



We've protected migrants for 20+ years

For over 20 years at NZIHS, we've been more than just a service – we've been dream-makers for migrants seeking a fresh start in New Zealand.

Our dedication goes beyond just compliance and expertise. We're your personal guardians in this journey, filling you with the confidence and strength needed to navigate the immigration process.

Don't waste time trying to figure it all out yourself – or risk making a mistake that could cost you your future. Let us help you. With our practical, expert advice, you'll gain the confidence and assurance that your application is in good hands. Together, we'll do everything possible to turn your dream of a new life in New Zealand into a reality.

We're known for professional excellence

At NZIHS, our heart is set on fueling the success of migrants and employers, both in New Zealand and further afield.

Our team is a family of seasoned immigration pros. We work hand-in-hand with industry leaders, ensuring you get the latest insights and strategies for your journey.

We're all about innovation and a can-do attitude, always finding fresh, smart solutions to challenges.

These values are the backbone of our service. We're here to help you write an exciting new chapter in New Zealand, supporting people in building dynamic, talented teams for a thriving future.

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We make the process as simple as possible

Are you having trouble with your application? Maybe you need professional advice before applying for your visa. Whether you're in New Zealand or overseas, we can help. We work closely with Immigration New Zealand and know exactly what they want to see.

We can also assess your application and confirm at an early stage whether your case has merit, saving you the time, hassle, and expense of repeat applications.

Our 96-98% success rate is a reflection of our personal commitment. We don't just navigate immigration complexities; we immerse ourselves in your unique journey, using our extensive expertise to tailor every step to your needs.

Your dreams and goals are too important to leave to chance. Let us help you build the very best case and take the stress and uncertainty away.

We've helped 18,000+ successful clients

For over 20 years, we at NZIHS have been more than just a consultancy firm; we've been a part of over 18,000 personal success stories across the globe. Each story is a journey of hope and dreams, where we've had the privilege to offer our expertise and steadfast support.

Our experience covers a tapestry of immigration paths, fitting every unique life story, from various visa types to distinctive situations.

We've seen students bloom in education, professionals flourish in new careers, and entrepreneurs thrive with their ventures, all in New Zealand. Our role in these journeys has been more than just guidance; we've been the wind beneath their wings.

These 18,000+ stories aren't just numbers to us; they're testaments to our dedication to excellence, the trust we've earned, and the life-changing impact we've had on individuals making New Zealand their home.



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Why getting an expert opinion could save you time and money

Struggling with your visa application, or unsure where to begin? We're here to guide you, whether you're right here in New Zealand or joining us from abroad. Our team works hand-in-hand with Immigration New Zealand, so we're well-versed in what they're looking for.

Our expert immigration advisers are dedicated to ensuring you follow the right path from the very start. We'll work with you to submit an application that's clear, comprehensive, and convincing, simplifying the decision-making process for INZ. Plus, we can evaluate your application early on to determine its potential for success, helping you avoid the time, frustration, and cost of reapplying.

Your dream of a life in New Zealand is precious, and we understand that. Trust us to be by your side, lifting the weight of uncertainty and stress off your shoulders, as we pave the way for your successful journey.

We charge only for what you need

We recognize that each of our clients is unique, with different needs and circumstances. While we pride ourselves on offering smart, tailored advice to everyone, we also make sure that our services are customized to fit your specific situation. This means you only invest in the services that are truly necessary for your case.

For those with straightforward cases, a bit of expert guidance might be all that's needed to confidently handle the application on your own. Unlike other firms that charge fixed fees, often covering administrative tasks and form-filling, we provide you with the flexibility to save costs by handling some paperwork yourself, if you're comfortable doing so. Of course, if your situation or preference calls for it, we're more than ready to take on the entire process for you.

Whether you're seeking answers to specific questions, need an expert eye on your evidence, or require someone to manage the whole application process, we're here to assist every step of the way.

Me pehea tatou e awhina ai

How we can help

Immigration Advice

Our comprehensive consultancy service begins with an in-depth initial consultation, tailoring a pathway specifically for you. Our experts provide direct support, ensuring accurate and lawful guidance throughout your immigration journey.

Accreditation for Employers

Partnering with employers, we streamline the process. From accreditation to job check applications and ensuring employment agreement compliance, we assist in hiring migrants under the AEWV, simplifying the pathway for both employers and prospective employees.

Career Services

While not a recruitment agency, we empower individuals to enhance their professional appeal. Our services include CV/Resume optimization, crafting compelling cover letters, and providing tailored guidance on suitable positions, helping you become more professionally attractive in the job market.

Visa Assistance

From visit to work, study, business, and beyond, we cover all visa types. Our expertise extends to family reunification and more, guiding you through every step of the application process with precision and care.

Deportation Issues

Our expertise extends to managing complex cases, including section 61 requests, ministerial appeals, and issues like deportation. We skilfully navigate these challenges, always advocating for your rights and striving for a just and fair resolution.

Settlement Services

Our settlement services are designed to make your move to New Zealand smooth and stress-free. We're here to help with essentials like finding accommodation, arranging transportation, and setting up a bank account. We'll also guide you through local customs and ensure you have everything needed to comfortably settle in.





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We provide support from start to finish

At the core of our mission are the dreams of individuals like you, aspiring for a new life in a different country. Our expertise in immigration law isn't just a profession; it's a tool to help turn your aspirations into reality.

Here's how we can support your journey:

- We'll carefully evaluate your unique case to recommend the most suitable visa type for you.
- Our team will accurately calculate your points score for a successful Expression of Interest (EOI).
- We'll ensure that your application clearly demonstrates how you meet all the criteria required by INZ.
- Our experts will prepare and submit your documents to INZ's standards, compiling compelling evidence to strengthen your case.
- We'll stay in constant touch with INZ, keeping track of your application's progress.

We can help remove the stress and uncertainty

Our goal is to make your visa application process seamless and successful, saving you time, money, and unnecessary stress. With decades of experience, our principal lawyer Maricel Weischede is especially adept at navigating complex cases and has a history of reuniting families, even amidst challenging situations like the COVID-19 border closures.

Have any questions? We're here to offer expert advice. Need assistance with your application? We'll ensure it's accurate and complete, enhancing the ease of assessment for INZ and boosting your chances of approval.

Me pehea te heke ki Aotearoa

How to migrate to NZ

What are my options?

Navigating New Zealand's immigration system can be a complex journey, filled with questions and uncertainties.

That's precisely why we exist - to guide you towards a clearer understanding of your options for living or working in New Zealand.

Here, we've distilled the various visa types available and highlighted common challenges applicants face during their application process.

This resource is crafted to give you a foundational grasp of the paths you can take and the hurdles you might encounter along the way.

How do I know what type of visa to apply for?

New Zealand presents a diverse array of visa options to cater to different needs - whether you're looking to work, study, invest, or just want to explore the country. The first step in any visa application process involves understanding the various categories available and grasping their fundamental requirements.

Who can immigrate to New Zealand?

The New Zealand immigration framework is managed by a key government entity, Immigration New Zealand (INZ). INZ's primary focus is on welcoming permanent migrants who can contribute significantly to the country in various ways. This includes individuals with:

- Skills that are highly sought-after in the New Zealand labour market.
- Substantial capital for investment, appealing to investors and entrepreneurs.
- Family or relationship ties within New Zealand.

Additionally, INZ grants temporary visas for several categories of applicants, such as:

- Temporary workers.
- Students.
- Visitors, encompassing tourists and business travelers.
- Working holiday participants.

For certain Residence Visa categories, INZ employs a points-based system to evaluate eligibility. This system particularly applies to those seeking residence based on their skills and qualifications.





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I want to live in New Zealand. What visa types can I apply for?

New Zealand's visa system offers a variety of pathways, each tailored to specific needs and criteria. Here are some key options you might consider:

- **Partnership Visa:** For partners of New Zealand workers, students, residents or citizens.
- **Skilled Migrant Visa:** For those with skills in shortage areas.
- **Family Visa:** For individuals with close family in New Zealand.
- **Investor Visa:** For investments between NZ\$5 million and NZ\$15 million.
- **Entrepreneur Visa:** For those starting or buying a business in New Zealand.
- **Green List Visa:** For those with in-demand skills, possibly leading to fast-tracked residency.

Each pathway has its own set of requirements, so it's important to find the one that aligns best with your circumstances.

I want to work in New Zealand. What visa types can I apply for?

If your qualifications align with what New Zealand employers are seeking, you have the opportunity to work in the country, either on a temporary or permanent basis. Here are some of the visa options that might be relevant to you:

- **Specific Purpose Work Visa:** For fixed-term assignments or employers' specific projects.
- **Accredited Employer Work Visa:** For skills scarce in the local market.
- **Green List Residence Visa:** For specialist skills, with a potential residency path.
- **Student Visa with Work Rights:** For higher-level students to work part-time.
- **Working Holiday Visa:** For 18-30 or 35-year-olds (country-dependent) looking to work and travel.

Each of these visas caters to different scenarios, so it's important to choose the one that best fits your qualifications and work aspirations.



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What can go wrong with my visa application?

Navigating immigration policies can feel like a maze, with rules that often change and can be hard to grasp. We've seen many applicants struggle with this, sometimes submitting paperwork that's not quite complete or failing to build a case that ticks all the boxes for the rules in place.

Here's a heads-up: Immigration officers handle heaps of applications and won't be able to give you personal advice on your application's chances before your fee is processed. It's up to you to show them that you're ticking all the right boxes for the visa you're after.

If any of these challenges resonate with you, it might be wise to seek some professional help. We're here to guide you through.

Here's some things to keep in mind:

Some common stumbling blocks that lead to applications being turned down include:

- Applying for a visa you don't qualify for.
- Not providing enough evidence to meet the standards set by Immigration New Zealand.
- Submitting incomplete or inappropriate documentation.
- Having a complex case that needs a more thorough explanation.
- Not clearly explaining how you meet the visa criteria.
- Facing character or health issues, either yourself or your family members, that make the process trickier.

Remember, there are no refunds for declined applications, and this applies across the board. It really pays to double-check your eligibility and make sure you're going for the right visa.

Temporary Entry Visitor Visas

Overview

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Length of stay	Up to or either 6 or 9 months
Cost	From NZD \$211
Processing time	90% within 33 weekdays

In New Zealand, there's a variety of visas designed specifically for visit opportunities. Among the available options, let's spotlight a few notable visitor visas.

General Visitor Visa

Come to New Zealand as a visitor. You can study for a short time or attend a job interview. You may be able to travel to New Zealand with an NZeTA instead of a visitor visa.

Partnership Visitor Visa

This visa allows you to visit New Zealand if you have a partner who is a work visa holder, student visa holder, New Zealand citizen or resident.

Dependent Child Visitor Visa

This visa allows you to visit New Zealand if you have a parent who is a work visa holder, student visa holder, New Zealand citizen or resident.

Group Visitor Visa

This visa is for groups travelling to New Zealand for the same purpose and with the same travel arrangements. You must have a group leader organising the trip.

Business Visitor Visa

Apply if you want to visit New Zealand for business reasons. You must have enough money to live on while you are here or have the financial support of your employer.

Things to note

Some people including citizens of visa waiver countries can travel to New Zealand with an NZeTA instead of a visa.

How long you can stay

How long you can stay depends on if you have a multiple journey or a single journey visa.



“As members of the PBA Motoclub, we had the unique pleasure of travelling to New Zealand for a basketball exhibition event in September. This exciting venture was made effortlessly possible by the exceptional services provided by NZ Immigration Help Service (NZIHS). Under the expert guidance of Licensed Immigration Adviser Mr. Dean Patrick Weischede, and the invaluable support of Ms. Majorie Casado, our visa applications were handled with utmost professionalism and efficiency.”

The PBA Motoclub
Sports Event Group Visitor Visas
PBA Professional Basketball Players

Temporary Entry Student Visas

Overview

QUICK FACTS

Length of stay	From 3 months
Cost	From NZD \$375
Processing time	From 11 weekdays

In New Zealand, there's a variety of visas designed specifically for study opportunities. Among the available options, let's spotlight a few notable student visas.

Fee-paying Student Visa

You can apply for a visa to study full-time in New Zealand. You will need to pay the full cost of your courses and enrol with an approved education provider.

Dependent Child Student Visa

The dependent children of certain kinds of work and student visa holders can apply for a student visa to allow them to go to a primary or secondary school in New Zealand.

Pathway Student Visa

You may be able to study up to 3 consecutive courses in New Zealand on a single student visa. You may be able to study for up to 5 years, and work while you are studying.

Child of a Refugee Claimant Student Visa

School-aged children of refugee or protection status claimants who want to study at a primary or secondary school in New Zealand may be granted student visas.

Things to note

- If you want to bring your partner or children with you, they can apply for visas based on their relationship to you.
- Your student visa is normally for the same length of time as the study you have paid for. It may be issued for a shorter time if your passport expires before the end date of your study.
- Your ability to speak or write English is not a student visa application requirement. Check with the education provider to see if they are required for an offer of a place on their course.



"I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to Sir Dean Weischede of NZIHS for his invaluable guidance throughout my immigration process. His expertise and support made a significant difference, and I am truly thankful for the seamless journey he helped me navigate. His professionalism, attention to detail, and genuine care for his clients are truly commendable. After we submitted all the required documents to the immigration, the following day, my visa was promptly approved. I feel fortunate to have had his guidance, and I am now in a better place because of his efforts."

Crystal Ballerda

Fee-Paying Student Visa

Diploma in Healthcare, Aging and Disability Services

Temporary Entry Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV)

Overview

QUICK FACTS

Length of stay	Up to 3 or 5 years
Cost	From NZD \$750
Processing time	From 20 weekdays

Want to live and work in New Zealand? If you have a certain skillset, you may qualify for the Accredited Employer Work Visa. This guide explains the application process and what to expect.

What is an Accredited Employer Work Visa?

The Accredited Employer Work Visa is a fantastic opportunity for up to three to five years of living and working in New Zealand. If your job is on "The Green List," you might even qualify for immediate residency, or after two years of work in NZ. This visa is perfect for those with skills highly sought after in New Zealand but not readily available locally.

What is the application process and how long does it take?

You apply online. Immigration New Zealand has said it takes 20 – days (on average) and up to 44 working days to process the visa application. Once you have a job offer, it's wise to promptly organize your documents. This includes work verification, qualification evidence, police clearances, and medical and X-ray certificates. Getting everything ready early can smooth out your application process.

Common reasons for rejection

- Applicants may not be able to prove their ability to do the job at the level required
- Job experience or skills achieved overseas may not match the criteria of the job check application or fail to meet the standards required
- Character or health requirements are not met

Often, applicants and employers misread INZ's rules, leading to unmet requirements.

Things to note

- If your employer is hiring you on an Accredited Employer Work Visa they must meet NZ employment law and other commitments, including giving you specific settlement support.
- Migrant workers have the same rights as New Zealand workers and your employer must comply with New Zealand employment laws and standards.

How we can assist

We can review your application and suggest the right evidence to strengthen your case. It's key to have all documents accurate and current for smooth processing, as employers may not wait if visa issues arise.



"One thing that stood out to me was their unwavering commitment to meeting my specific needs. I had an urgent situation with my NBI expiration, and they immediately took action to prioritize my visa application. Their attention to detail and quick response time alleviated my concerns, and I was impressed by their ability to accommodate my request. Within just 2 working days, my Accredited Employer Work Visa was approved, which left me pleasantly surprised and immensely satisfied."

Jefferson Permalino
Accredited Employer Work Visa
Anti-corrosion Spray Painter

Residence Family Category Resident Visas

Overview

QUICK FACTS

Length of stay	Indefinitely
Cost	From NZD \$2750
Processing time	From 10 months

What is a family visa?

Navigating the family visa category in New Zealand can feel a bit like exploring a map with multiple routes. It's not just one visa, but a whole spectrum of options designed for a variety of applicants and their family members, whether they're coming to visit, work, or settle down. In fact, INZ offers over 20 different types of family visas!

Why so many, you ask? Well, this category caters to a diverse group – from dependent children of residents or citizens, to partners of workers, and sometimes even extended family members. Each visa is tailored to the specific needs of the sponsor and the sponsored, considering what they'll be doing in New Zealand, and how long they plan to stay. This category also includes partnership visas for work or residence.

If you're wondering which visa might fit your unique situation, INZ has a handy tool called 'Explore Family Visa Options'. It's a great way to filter through the choices based on your and your family member's status. Plus, it's updated with the latest information, including any suspensions due to COVID. Give it a try to see which paths you might be eligible to explore!

What are the criteria?

Choosing the right family visa depends on your role in the family and the immigration status of the person supporting your application. Income might also be a factor. Given the variety of options and visa types, a chat with an immigration expert can provide you with tailored advice, ensuring you pick the visa that best suits your specific needs.

When to get help

Applying for a visa for your loved ones – be it your partner, children, or parents – can often feel overwhelming, stressful, and costly. You're eager to have your family join you in New Zealand, but what are the pitfalls to watch out for in a Family Visa application?

Commonly, folks run into issues like:

- Not correctly figuring out if their family member qualifies.
- Choosing the wrong visa category.
- Submitting weak or insufficient evidence.
- Not meeting health requirements, which can lead to all family members' applications being declined.
- Not fulfilling the English language requirements.
- Struggling during INZ interviews.

These hurdles can be tricky, but being aware of them is the first step to a smoother application process.



"I would like to express my gratitude for this early Christmas gift you have given me and my family – the approval of my whole family's visa. I thank God for this wonderful chance to be residents of NZ> We waited for the right time, place and people to guide us throughout our application journey. Once again, thank you so much."

Jay Abellano
2021 Resident Visas - Family Category
Father, Husband, and Carpenter

Residence Skilled Migrant Resident Visa

Overview

QUICK FACTS

Length of stay	Indefinitely
Cost	From NZD \$4890
Processing time	From 6 weeks

Are you a specialist or highly skilled professional looking to live in New Zealand? You might qualify for a Skilled Migrant resident visa.

What is a Skilled Migrant Visa?

The Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) visa is for those with skills vital for New Zealand's economic growth. It offers permanent residency, allowing you to live, work, and study indefinitely in New Zealand.

This direct-to-residence pathway is for skilled individuals with New Zealand job offers who meet age and English language requirements, along with skill criteria. Since October 2023, a simplified points system focuses on qualifications, registration, or income thresholds, targeting medium-to long-term skill needs hard to fill from the local labor market.

What are the criteria?

To qualify for the SMC visa under the new points system, you need at least 6 points. Here's how you can earn them:

- 1. Income:** Earn 3-6 points based on your income above New Zealand's median wage. Full-time work (minimum 30 hours per week) with an accredited employer is required.
- 2. Qualifications:** Get 3-6 points depending on your highest qualification level.
- 3. Occupational Registration:** Points are available if your occupation is on the eligible list, with more training earning more points.

If you don't reach 6 points from the above, you can earn additional points through skilled work experience in New Zealand. Remember, a job offer and meeting English language requirements are also necessary.

When to get help

Many applicants in the Skilled Migrant category face unsuccessful outcomes, often due to misunderstandings or incomplete paperwork. It's clear that a lack of experience and missing information can derail an application.

Frequent errors include:

- Claiming points they're not eligible for.
- Misjudging their job or work experience as 'skilled' when it doesn't fit the criteria.
- Offering a vague job description that fails to clearly define their role for INZ.

Considering what's at stake, taking the risk of going it alone might not be the best choice. Why not seek help to get it right?



"NZIHS helped me through my registration with the Electrical Workers Registration Board from the Philippines to facilitate my work visa up to securing my and my family's residence visa. With the overload of information on the internet, it was great to have someone I can validate whether that information was correct or not. The team provided superb assistance and was there from start to finish."

Brian Ubaldo
Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa
Father, Husband, and Electrician

Getting Started

Our 5-Step Workflow

Get ready for your NZ visa journey! There are five key stages to tackle. From that first chat to the ultimate outcome, each step zooms you closer to making your dream of living, working, or studying in New Zealand a reality.

1

The Initial Consultation

It's the starting line! We sit down (virtually or in person) for a good chat. You tell us your dreams about living, working, or studying in New Zealand, and we'll figure out the best pathway for you.

2

The Engagement Agreement

Think of this like making things official. We lay out all the terms and conditions in an agreement, so you know exactly what we'll do, and you're ready to dive into the process together.

3

The Documentation Preparation

Time to get your paperwork game strong! This step is all about gathering the right documents. We'll orient you through what's needed, so you're all set when it's time to hit submit.

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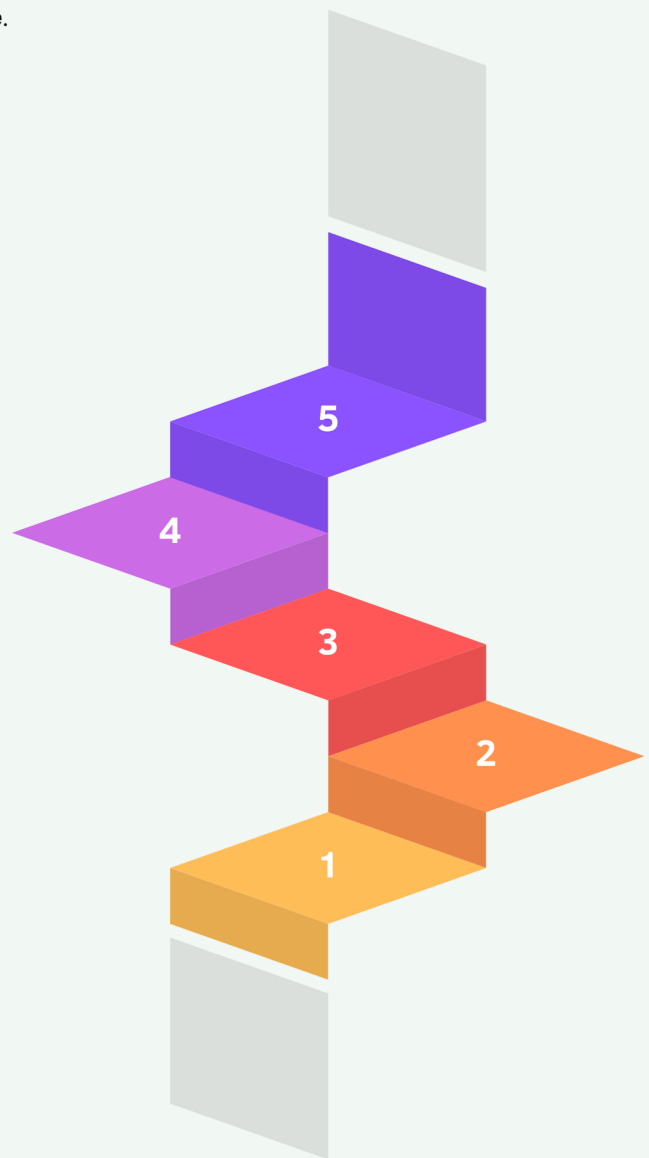
The Submission

Here's where we send in your application. We'll confirm it with you to make sure it's all good to go, and then send it off to the visa folks in charge.

5

The Outcome

This is the big moment! We wait for the decision. Fingers crossed for good news! Once we've got the verdict, we'll let you know the news and guide you on the next steps, whatever they may be.



"Our special thanks goes to the NZIHS staff, to Atty. Maricel for answering all our queries and guiding us in the process. And last but not the least, to our Adviser Sir Dean, thank you so much for all the help we got for the application, for always being available even in the odd hours whenever we're stuck with something. For being so hands on in Kim's application, you are not only our adviser, but you also became a friend. We really appreciate everything you have done to help Kim with his visa. Your team is highly recommended. Thank you for being a blessing to others. May God bless your team more."

Caryl Pasion-Julio c/o Kim Julio
Partnership Work Visa
Registered Nurse

Getting Started

Our Fee Structure

At NZIHS, our fee structure is designed to align with the stages of your immigration application. While most applications follow a three-stage fee model, certain cases may have tailored fee structures to accommodate specific requirements.

Stage 1 - Eligibility Assessment Fee

Payable upon the assessment of your eligibility for the intended application.

01

Stage 2 - Submission Fee

Payable upon the submission of the application.

02

Stage 3 - Application Decision Fee

Payable upon application decision, supporting ongoing communication and administrative assistance to INZ.

03



"I would like to thank Dean Patrick for all the assistance he made during my Student Visa application. He's been patient and accommodating, answering queries even after office. He provides updates throughout the process and thoroughly reviewed all the documents I sent before he submitted it to Immigration. All of these resulted to the approval of my visa. God bless and may you be a blessing to more people. Best of luck!"

Miq Palomique

Fee-Paying Student Visa

Master of Business Informatics

About NZIHS services

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the fees for NZIHS' services?

Our fees aren't set in stone because we tailor our services to each client's unique needs. The time required to address your specific concerns can differ. For a clearer idea of potential costs, we encourage a detailed conversation about your case, allowing us to provide you with a more precise fee estimate.

Can NZIHS get me a job offer?

While we don't offer direct job-seeker assistance, we can certainly guide you in the right direction. Our career services can help enhance your professional appeal, making you a more attractive candidate in your job search.

Can you guarantee that my application will be accepted?

No. We can only adhere strictly to best practices, offering you the necessary information and support for submitting a complete and relevant application that meets Immigration New Zealand's criteria.

If we believe your case has low chances of success, we'll explain why. And if applying doesn't seem like the right move, we'll be upfront about it.

Why should I use NZIHS?

Sometimes, applicants find out too late that they don't meet the visa criteria. This is where our expertise comes in handy. We can review your application and assess the likelihood of its success. Our insight could save you a significant amount in application fees, especially if your case isn't strong.

Let us examine your application and provide detailed advice on the best way forward. With our extensive experience in complex immigration cases, we're well-equipped to guide you on the most suitable path.

How long will my visa application take?

The time it takes to get a visa through NZIHS varies based on your individual situation and the type of visa you're applying for. It could range from a few weeks to several months, as each case is unique. When you partner with us, we'll give you a clear timeline for your specific process.

For additional details, check out the processing times on Immigration New Zealand's website.

About NZIHS services

Frequently Asked Questions

Is My Information Safe With NZIHS?

We prioritise the security of your data, employing robust systems and regular backups to safeguard all information.

What Support is Available During the Application Process?

You'll have dedicated support throughout. Our team remains available to address queries, provide updates, and offer guidance at every stage.

Do You Offer Post-Visa Application Support?

Yes, we can provide guidance post-approval, ensuring a seamless transition and assisting with any necessary follow-up steps.

What Happens if an Application is Denied?

In such cases, we assess the reasons for refusal and work on strategies for re-application or appeals, ensuring a proactive approach.

Can I Get Assistance if I'm Already in New Zealand and Need Visa Extension or Change?

Absolutely, we assist with onshore services, including visa extensions, changes, or transitioning to different visa categories.

What if I Need Urgent Assistance with an Immigration Matter?

We prioritize urgent matters, offering prompt assistance and guidance to address immediate immigration concerns.

Do You Offer Support in Preparing for Visa Interviews or Assessments?

Absolutely, we provide guidance and preparation tips to help clients perform well in visa interviews or assessments.

What if I Have Previously Been Denied a Visa? Can NZIHS Help?

Yes, we assess past denials and strategize on how to address concerns for re-application or appeals, aiming for a successful outcome.

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Is my family allowed to come with me?

Depending on the type of visa you're applying for, your family will generally be able to join you in New Zealand. However, there are limitations. Some are based on the remuneration level of your job offer.

However, if you apply for a Skilled Migrant residence visa, you can include your family in your application.

Will my job pay for relocation costs?

Should you receive a job offer in New Zealand, your employer might agree to cover your relocation expenses. This is a detail you'll need to negotiate directly with your employer.

If I receive a job offer, do I have to stay with that employer?

If you get a job offer and earn points for a Skilled Migrant Category visa based on that offer, your residence might require you to work for that employer for a set time. This condition will be specified on your Residence Visa.

On a working visa, you're usually expected to stay with the employer linked to your job offer. However, there are some work visas that permit employment with any employer.

I don't have any formal qualifications, but I do have skills and experience. Can I still get a work visa?

Having formal qualifications isn't mandatory for obtaining a work visa, but you must document your fulfilment of the criteria listed by the employer in the job description. However, not having formal qualifications could make it more challenging to qualify for residency if you're planning a permanent move.

Are my qualifications recognised in New Zealand?

New Zealand acknowledges various international qualifications, though some require assessment by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). NZQA offers a service, for a fee, to evaluate if your qualification is recognised in New Zealand.

Is there an age limit for visa applicants?

Different visa types have specific age requirements, so it's important to review the eligibility criteria before applying. For work visas, there's no age limit, but most residence visas usually require applicants to be under 55 years old.

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My partner lives in New Zealand and I'm in another country. Can I move over to live with them?

If you're applying for a visa based on your relationship, you and your partner will need to meet specific criteria in order to apply.

Is it cheaper to get a visa through Immigration New Zealand or through an immigration adviser?

In most cases, applying for a visa directly through Immigration New Zealand is the more cost-effective option. However, if you make errors in your application or miss required documents, it can lead to rejection or even a decline.

The visa application process is intricate and filled with potential challenges. This is where the expertise of an immigration adviser can be invaluable. When you submit your visa application, an immigration officer will carefully review your documentation to determine if you meet the criteria.

Unfortunately, many applicants submit incomplete documents or fail to present a strong and persuasive case that aligns with the relevant regulations.

What is the cost of living in NZ?

This will vary for each person. Use Immigration New Zealand's [Cost of Living Calculator](#) to get an idea of what your expenses will look like.

I've finished studying in New Zealand. What visa can I apply for to start working?

Having completed your studies in New Zealand and earned a recognised qualification, you might qualify for a work visa allowing you to work for any employer.

The duration of your work permit in New Zealand, which could be up to four years, depends on your qualification and could lead to potential residency.

How do I know whether I'm eligible?

The requirements you need to meet can vary based on the specific visa you're applying for.

Do I apply for a job or a work visa first?

In most cases, securing a job offer from a New Zealand employer is a key step in obtaining a work visa. However, there are some exceptions to this rule.

Are my skills in demand?

You can check whether your skills are in demand by visiting the [Immigration New Zealand website](#). If your skills are on the long-term shortage list, you have a possible pathway to residence after having worked in New Zealand for a period of time.

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