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*For more information about New Zealand's immigration policies, contact the New Zealand Immigration Service or visit our website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)*

## Introduction

This guide lists the fees charged by the New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) for processing your application or registration. If your application or registration is declined, the fee will not be refunded as the processing cost is the same whether or not it is approved.

## Family applications

### Residence Applications

Your partner (in relation to an applicant, means the spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner of the applicant, which may include same sex couples) and any dependent children under 17 years of age who are not married or in a civil union do not need to make a separate application or pay a separate fee if they are included in your application for a residence visa or permit.

Children who are 24 years of age or younger who are **not** dependent and children who are 25 years of age or older must make their own application for a residence visa or permit and pay a separate fee.

### Visitor/Returning Resident's/Transit/Limited Purpose Applications

Your partner and any unmarried dependent children 19 years of age or younger do not need to make a separate application or pay a separate fee if they are included in your application for a Visitor/Returning Resident's/Transit/Limited Purpose Visa or Permit.

Children who are 19 years of age or younger who are **not** dependent and children who are 20 years of age or older must make their own application for these types of visas or permits and pay a separate fee.

### Other Applications

For all other application types, partners and children regardless of age or dependency must make their own application for a visa or a permit and pay the required fee.

## Payment methods in New Zealand

Fees must be paid in New Zealand dollars.

The following payment methods are preferred:

- Bank Cheque/Bank Draft
- Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- EFTPOS for those paying over the counter

The following payment methods can be used but are not recommended for the reasons set out below:

- Cash should not be sent through the mail for security reasons
- Personal Cheques may extend the processing time for your application as it will not be processed until the cheque has cleared.

Fees for Expressions of Interest under both the Skilled Migrant and Investor Categories that are lodged on a paper form can be paid by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars. Fees for Expressions of Interest under the Skilled Migrant Category can also be paid by bank draft in United States dollars.

## Payment methods outside New Zealand

Fees must be paid in the local currency of the country in which your application is to be lodged. Acceptable methods of payment vary from country to country to reflect local banking systems. Check the NZIS website or with your nearest diplomatic office for the specific acceptable payment methods.

These include:

- Bank Cheque/Bank Draft
- Credit Cards are accepted at some offices (please check with the local diplomatic office)
- Cash

Fees for Expressions of Interest under both the Skilled Migrant and Investor Categories lodged on a paper form from outside of New Zealand can be paid by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars. Fees for Expressions of Interest under the Skilled Migrant Category can also be paid by bank draft in United States dollars.

## Payment methods for online applications

### Online Services

If you are in New Zealand you can use NZIS Online Services to lodge a further visitor permit application. Fees for such applications may only be paid by MasterCard or Visa.

### Online Expressions of Interest

You may lodge your Expression of Interest under the Skilled Migrant Category online. Fees for Expressions of Interest may be paid either by credit card or bank draft.

## What do I pay?

The amount of fee payable is based on the applicable receiving office for the principal applicant's country of citizenship, unless the application is lodged in New Zealand (see note 1. below).

### Receiving office

The relevant receiving office is the location of the NZIS, diplomatic or consular office responsible for processing applications for your country of citizenship.

For the location of the designated receiving office for your country of citizenship, contact your nearest NZIS, diplomatic or consular office. This information may also be found on our website at: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

### Location fees

Application fees are set out by three locations as shown on the fees table on page 6 (Columns A-C).

1. If a principal applicant is physically present in New Zealand at the time an application is lodged, the fee payable in New Zealand dollars is as listed in column A.

2. All other fees are based on the applicable receiving office for the principal applicant's country of citizenship. The respective fees apply regardless of the office at which the application is actually lodged.

*Example 1:* A US citizen physically present in New Zealand applying for a Residence Permit under the Skilled Migrant Category pays NZ\$800 (Column A).

*Example 2:* A Fijian citizen living in China applying for a Residence Visa under the Skilled Migrant Category to the office in Beijing pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$800 (Column B).

*Example 3:* A UK citizen living in Sydney applying for a Residence Visa under the Skilled Migrant Category pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1500 (Column C).

*Example 4:* An Indian citizen living in London applying for a Residence Visa under the Skilled Migrant Category pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1500 (Column C).

**Note:** the fee payable at each office may differ slightly due to exchange rates. Contact your nearest office for the applicable fee in local currency.

### Group Visas

There is a special group visitor visa fee for applicants applying through Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei and Bangkok offices only. All group visa applications lodged at these offices will pay the equivalent fee of NZ\$75 per person.

### Dual citizenship

Those applicants who have dual citizenship pay the fee applicable to the passport in which the visa is to be issued.

## Migrant Levy

All successful principal applicants and accompanying family members under the following categories are required to pay a migrant levy unless they have already paid it prior to a work visa or permit being granted under the Work to Residence (Skilled Migrant Category) Policy:

Category	Migrant levy per successful applicant (NZ\$)	Maximum payable for family members included in a single application (NZ\$)
Family Category*	300	1200
Family Quota*	300	1200
Pacific Access Category	150	600
Skilled Migrant Category	300	1200
Business Investor Category	300	1200
Entrepreneur Category	300	1200
Employees of Relocating Business Category	300	1200
Residence from Work Category	300	1200
Special residence policy for Zimabwean citizens	300	1200

\* **excluding** applicants who are citizens of Samoa and the family members of refugees, whether those family members arrive at the same time or later than the refugees.

## Fees in New Zealand dollars

Type of Application	Fee(\$) Location of designated Receiving office		
	A New Zealand	B Sydney, Apia, Nuku'alofa, or Suva	C Any other location
<b>EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST</b>			
<b>Skilled Migrant Category</b>			
i. paper form	460	460	460
ii. online	300	300	300
<b>Investor Category</b>			
i. paper form	460	460	460
<b>RESIDENCE (visa or permit)</b>			
§* Skilled Migrant Category ( <i>if invited to apply</i> )	800	800	1500
§* Business Investor Category ( <i>if invited to apply</i> )	1700	1700	1700
§* Entrepreneur	1700	1700	1700
§* Family	700	700	1200
§ Samoan quota	600	600	-
§* Pacific access	650	650	-
§* Family quota	630	630	1130
§* Refugee family quota	490	490	690
§* Residence from work	700	-	-
§* Any other residence	700	700	1200
Returning resident's visa	100	100	160
Confirmation of residence status under Regulation 11	80	-	-
<b>VISITOR</b>			
Visitor permit or visa	80	80	120
Group visitor visa, per person			
i. Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei	-	-	75
ii. Bangkok (Thai citizens only)	-	-	75
iii. ADS	-	-	40
iv. Other	80	80	120
<b>STUDENT</b>			
Student permit – Students Online via education provider	70	-	-
Student permit – Other	120	-	-
Student visa	140	140	200
<b>WORK</b>			
Work Permit -			
i. **Work to residence: Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, & Sports), and Long Term Skill Shortage List			
	180	-	-
ii. Other	120	-	-
Work Visa -			
i. **Work to residence: Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, & Sports), and Long Term Skill Shortage List			
	240	240	290
ii. Other	160	160	200
Working Holiday Scheme	120	-	120
**Long Term Business Visa or Permit	1700	1700	1700
<b>LIMITED PURPOSE (visa or permit)</b>			
Student visa	140	140	200
Further student permit	120	-	-
Other	80	80	120

**TEMPORARY - OTHER**

Special direction fee	140	140	140
Reconsideration	140	-	-
Variation of conditions	60	-	-
Request for approval in principle	120	-	-
Section 35 A permit	180	-	-

**OTHER**

***Transit visa	120	120	130
Appeal to Residence Review Board			
i. humanitarian category	700	-	-
ii. other	700	-	-
Appeal to Removal Review Authority	700	-	-
Call out fee, where office is opened outside ordinary opening hours in order to process application or other matter as requested	210	210	210
Transfer fee, where permit stamp or label is transferred from one passport or certificate of identity to another	40	40	100
Registration under Pacific Access Category			
i. first year's registration	50	50	-
ii. second and subsequent year's registration	20	20	-
Registration under Family Quota Category			
i. first year's registration	70	-	-
ii. second and subsequent year's registration	50	-	-
Registration under Refugee Family Quota Category			
i. first year's registration	70	-	-
ii. second and subsequent year's registration	50	-	-
Employer accreditation under Talent (Accredited Employer) Work Policy			
i. first year's accreditation	1400	-	-
ii. second and subsequent year's re-accreditation	400	-	-
iii. reconsideration of application from employer for accreditation	140	-	-
Investor Category - Business Plan (first, subsequent, or change of plan)	750	750	750

**NOTES:**

\* Samoan citizens and persons applying under the residence policy for Victims of Domestic Violence are entitled to a \$90 fee reduction on applications for residence. No one to whom this applies is entitled to more than a \$90 fee reduction on any single application.

§ Any residence applicant who, on or after 1 July 2003, has paid the fee specified in the table above for a long term business visa or permit, Talent (Accredited Employers), Talent (Arts, Culture, & Sports), or Long Term Skill Shortage List (*formerly Priority Occupations List*) application is entitled to a \$90 reduction of their residence application fee. No one to whom this applies is entitled to more than a \$90 fee reduction on any single application.

\*\* Citizens of Samoa are entitled to a \$90 fee reduction on all applications for long term business visas and permits and work visas and permits under the Talent and Long Term Skill Shortage List (*formerly Priority Occupations List*) work policies. No one to whom this applies is entitled to more than a \$90 fee reduction on any single application.

\*\*\* Citizens of Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tahiti, Marshall Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu, New Caledonia, Tonga, Nauru, Niue, Vanuatu, and Samoa transiting through New Zealand on their way to or from the Pacific Islands are exempted from the transit visa fee.

## Fee waiver countries

The New Zealand government has bilateral fee waiver agreements with certain countries. Citizens of those countries do not have to pay fees for certain visas and permits. These countries and the types of visas or permits that you do not have to pay fees for are:

Country	Type of visa/permit (No fee applies)
Austria	Residence Visa Returning Resident's Visa Visitor's Visa
Finland	Any type of visa or permit
Greece	Visitor's Visa Returning Resident's Visa
Iceland	Any type of visa or permit
Israel	Visitor's Visa Returning Resident's Visa
Italy	Visitor's Visa Returning Resident's Visa
Japan	Any type of visa
Mexico	Visitor's Visa Work Visa Student Visa
Philippines	Student Visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days) Visitor's Visa (for visits not exceeding 59 days)
Turkey	Visitor's Visa Returning Resident's Visa
USA	Visitor's Visa Work Visa Student Visa
Russia	Student Visa (where period of stay is less than 3 months) Visitor's Visa

**Information in this leaflet**

The information contained in this leaflet was, to the best of our knowledge, current at the time of printing. The fees may be reviewed at various times; therefore, you may wish to contact one of the offices below for details.

## Where can I get more information and advice?

You can get more information about Immigration's fees from:

- New Zealand diplomatic and consular offices; or
- Any of our NZIS branch offices, which are located in Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
- All New Zealand Immigration forms, leaflets and fee information can be downloaded from our website at: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)