

SPONSORSHIP FORM for Residence in New Zealand



New Zealand
Immigration Service
Te Ratonga Manene

Notes for Sponsors – Please Read

- This form is for sponsoring an applicant for New Zealand residence under the **Family Category** of New Zealand Government Residence policy. If you wish to register as a sponsor under the **Family Quota Category** you must use the form **Registration Form for Family Quota Sponsor** (NZIS 1088). If you wish to register as a sponsor under the **Refugee Family Quota Category** you must use the form **Registration Form for Refugee Family Quota Sponsor** (NZIS 1094).
- Please complete this form in **English** and in **ink**.
- Children aged 16 years or younger are not eligible to be sponsors.
- People aged 17-24 years will be acceptable as sponsors only where they can satisfy the New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) that they are able to meet the undertakings given in the sponsorship form.
- Where this form refers to “principal applicant” this means the person declared to be the principal applicant in the form **Application for Residence in New Zealand** (NZIS 1000). “Applicant” means any person included in that residence application.
- Completing this sponsorship form does not mean that the residence application of the person(s) you are sponsoring will be approved. Residence applicants must meet all the requirements of the policy they are applying under before they will be granted residence in New Zealand.
- For full details of the policy which must be met by applicants sponsored for New Zealand residence, please read our leaflet **Self Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand** (NZIS 1003).

To Sponsor a Person Under Family Category – Parent Policy

If you wish to sponsor a person under Family Category – Parent Policy, please answer these questions.

- Are you over 17 years of age? Yes No
- Are you sponsoring your parent(s)
or, if both your parents are deceased – your grandparent(s),
or, if both your parents were deceased before you reached the age of 20 years – a person who
was appointed your legal guardian before you reached the age of 20 years? Yes No
- Are you currently living in New Zealand? Yes No
- Are you a New Zealand citizen, an Australian citizen, or the holder of a current New Zealand
residence permit which is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration
Act 1987? Yes No
- Will you have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen, and/or the holder of a current
New Zealand residence permit or New Zealand Returning Resident’s Visa for at least 3 years
immediately prior to the date the person(s) you are sponsoring will make their residence application? Yes No
- Will you have spent 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those 3 years? Yes No

If you answered **No** to any of the above questions, you do not meet the requirements to be a sponsor under the Family – Parent policy.

If you answered **Yes** to all of the above questions, please now complete **Sections A, B and C** of this sponsorship form.

*Note: If your residence permit is subject to section 18A requirements you will be notified of this by the NZIS and it will generally be stated on the residence visa or permit label and returning resident’s visa label in the holder’s passport. Holders are advised in writing by NZIS when the NZIS is satisfied that the requirements have been met and their residence is confirmed.

To Sponsor a Person Under Family Category – Sibling and Adult Child Policy

If you wish to sponsor a person under Family Category– Sibling and Adult Child policy, please answer these questions.

- Are you over 17 years of age? Yes No
- Are you the brother, sister, or parent of the person you wish to sponsor? Yes No
- Are you currently living in New Zealand? Yes No
- Are you a New Zealand citizen, an Australian citizen, or the holder of a current New Zealand residence permit which is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987? Yes No
- Will you have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen, and/or the holder of a current New Zealand residence permit or New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa for at least 3 years immediately prior to the date the person(s) you are sponsoring will make their residence application? Yes No
- Will you have spent 184 days or more in New Zealand in each of those 3 years? Yes No

If you answered **No** to any of the above questions, you do not meet the requirements to be a sponsor under the Family – Sibling and Adult Child policy.

If you answered **Yes** to all of the above questions, please now complete **Sections A, B and C** of this sponsorship form.

*Note: If your residence permit is subject to section 18A requirements you will be notified of this by the NZIS and it will generally be stated on the residence visa or permit label and returning resident's visa label in the holder's passport. Holders are advised in writing by NZIS when the NZIS is satisfied that the requirements have been met and their residence is confirmed.

To Sponsor a Person Under Family Category - Partnership Policy

If you wish to sponsor 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) for residence under the Family Category – Partnership Policy, please answer these questions.

- Are you a New Zealand citizen, or the holder of a New Zealand residence permit, or the holder of a current New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa, or the holder of a valid Australian passport? Yes No

If you:

- hold a valid Australian passport but do not hold a current New Zealand residence permit or Returning Resident's Visa, or
- hold a New Zealand residence permit or Returning Resident's Visa which was issued on the basis that you were the holder of an Australian Resident Return Visa,

you must prove that New Zealand is your primary place of established residence at the time your partner's application is made and assessed. For a list of acceptable evidence, please see the **Guide to Applying for Residence in New Zealand (NZIS 1002)**.

- Are you the partner of the person you wish to sponsor? Yes No
(Under New Zealand Government Residence policy a 'partner' means a partner either legally married, or in a civil union, or in a de facto relationship (whether opposite or same sex.)

If you answered **No** to any of the above questions, you do not meet the requirements to be a sponsor under the Family Category – Partnership policy.

If you answered **Yes** to all of the above questions, please read the note below before completing **Sections A, B and D** of this sponsorship form.

Note:

Applications for residence under the Family Category – Partnership policy will not be approved if the New Zealand sponsor:

- has previously supported or sponsored more than one other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy, or
- has previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy in the five years immediately preceding the date the current application is made, or
- was the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence which has resulted in the grant of a residence permit to a person under the special policy for victims of domestic violence. (A person is considered to be the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence if they have been convicted of domestic violence or they were the subject of a complaint of domestic violence against such a person investigated by the New Zealand Police where the New Zealand Police are satisfied that such domestic violence has occurred), or
- was a successful principal applicant under Partnership policy:
 - if less than five years has elapsed since the date they were granted residence under Partnership policy, or
 - if they have previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy.

All references to Partnership policy applications above includes any applications made under the Family Category Spouse De Facto Partner policies in force before Partnership policy took effect.

Section A. Sponsor's Details

1. I wish to sponsor a person who is applying for residence in New Zealand under the:
(please mark the one box which applies to you):

Family Category – Partnership policy Family Category– Parent policy

Family Category – Sibling and Adult Child policy

2. If you wish to sponsor a person who is applying for residence in New Zealand under the Family Category - Partnership policy have you previously supported or sponsored a partner whose application for residence under Partnership policy was successful? Yes No

If you answered Yes please state the full names of former partners and their dates of birth here:

Family Name:	Given Names:	Date of Birth:

3. Your name? (as shown in your passport or other identity document)

Family Name: Given Names:

4. Your gender? Male Female

5. Your date of birth?

Day	Month	Year

6. Your country of birth?

7. Your country (or countries) of citizenship?

8. Are you currently in New Zealand?

Yes No

9. Are you a New Zealand residence permit holder?

Yes No

If Yes, what date were you first granted residence in New Zealand?

Day	Month	Year

10. Is your residence permit subject to requirements under Section 18A of the Immigration Act? Yes No

11. If:

a) you hold a valid Australian passport but do not hold a current New Zealand residence permit or a current New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa, or

b) you hold a New Zealand residence permit or Returning Resident's Visa granted on the basis that you were the holder of an Australian Resident Return Visa,

is New Zealand your primary place of established residence?

Yes No

12. Your address (or agent's details) for correspondence about this sponsorship form?

Address for correspondence:	Telephone (day):
	Telephone (night):
	Email (if any):
	Fax (if any):

13. Your current home address and telephone number? (if different from address at Question 12)

Home Address:	Telephone (day):
	Telephone (night):
	Email (if any):
	Fax (if any):

Section B. Details of Person(s) Being Sponsored

14. Name of the principal applicant you wish to sponsor? (as shown in passport or other identity document)

Family Name:	<input type="text"/>	Given Names:	<input type="text"/>
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15. Family members who will be included in the residence application?

(If none, please state "none". Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Family Name	Given Names:	Relationship to principal applicant
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

16. Country of residence of the principal applicant?

17. This principal applicant is your:

(please mark one)

Partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brother	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sister	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Child	<input type="checkbox"/>
Father	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "Other" please state relationship:		<input type="text"/>			
						Legal Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. If the principal applicant you wish to sponsor is your partner please state the date your partnership commenced.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Day	Month	Year

19. Address of the principal applicant?

Address:	Telephone (day):
<input type="text"/>	Telephone (night):
<input type="text"/>	Email (if any):
<input type="text"/>	Fax (if any):

20. If applying to sponsor a person under the:

Please now complete

Family Category – Parent policy	Section C
Family Category – Sibling and Adult Child policy	Section C
Family Category – Partnership policy	Section D

Section C. Declaration by Persons Sponsoring an Applicant Under Family Category – Parent, or Sibling and Adult Child Policies

(This declaration must be witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations, such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a Notary Public. Make sure that you understand the declarations before you sign this section.)

I understand that if I make any false statements, or provide any false or misleading information I may be committing an offence and be liable to prosecution.

I understand the notes and questions given in this form and the information given about myself and the person(s) I wish to sponsor is true and complete.

If the person I agree to sponsor (or any other person included in their application for residence) applies to the Ministry of Social Development for, or is paid, any welfare assistance during the 24 month period in which residence is sponsored then I agree that:

- NZIS may provide any information that I have provided in this sponsorship form to the Ministry of Social Development for the purposes of assessing whether the sponsored person (or any other person included in their application for residence) should receive welfare assistance, and
- the Ministry of Social Development may provide the NZIS with any information it receives regarding my failure to meet any obligations as set out below.

I authorise the NZIS to make any enquiries it deems necessary regarding the information provided on this form and to share information about me with other government agencies to the extent necessary to make decisions about my eligibility to be a sponsor. I also consent to any organisation providing relevant information to the NZIS about me.

I understand that completing this sponsorship form does not mean that the people I have agreed to sponsor will be granted residence.

SPONSOR'S UNDERTAKINGS

1. I will ensure that adequate accommodation in New Zealand is and continues to be available for the person(s) I have agreed to sponsor in **Section B** of this form, **and**
2. I will provide accommodation in New Zealand for the first 24 months of the sponsored person(s)' residence in New Zealand if necessary, **and**
3. I will provide all necessary financial support to the sponsored person(s) for the first 24 months of their residence in New Zealand if necessary,* **and**
4. I undertake to repay to the New Zealand Government any costs to the New Zealand Government which result from my failure to meet my obligations as a sponsor,* **and**
5. I acknowledge that if I fail to repay any such costs to the New Zealand Government a debt for the amount of those costs is then due to the Crown which may then be enforced against me in the New Zealand Courts.*

* Note: Undertakings 3, 4 and 5 do not apply to persons who obtained New Zealand residence on the basis of their status as refugees and who are sponsoring applicants under the Family Category.

I _____, _____
(full name of sponsor) (occupation)

of _____
(address)

solemnly and sincerely declare that the information supplied on this form and in the attachments is true and correct, and that I will honour the sponsorship undertakings given above in respect of the person(s) I have agreed to sponsor in **Section B** of this form. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of sponsor

Declared at _____ this _____ of _____, _____
(place) (day) (month) (year)

before me _____, _____
(name of person authorised to take statutory declarations) (official designation)

Contact details of person authorised to take statutory declarations

Address for correspondence:	Telephone (day):
	Telephone (night):
	Fax (if any):

Signature of person authorised to take statutory declarations

Section D. Declaration for Persons Sponsoring Applicants Under Family Category – Partnership Policy

(This declaration must be witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations, such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a Notary Public. Make sure that you understand the declarations before you sign this section.)

I understand that if I make any false statements, or provide any false or misleading information I may be committing an offence and be liable to prosecution.

I understand the notes and questions given in this form and the information given about myself and the person(s) I wish to sponsor is true and complete.

I authorise the NZIS to make any enquiries it deems necessary regarding the information provided on this form and to share information about me with other government agencies to the extent necessary to make decisions about my eligibility to be a sponsor. I also consent to any organisation providing relevant information to the NZIS about me.

I understand that completing this sponsorship form does not mean that my partner will be granted residence.

I CONFIRM THAT

1. I support the application for residence of my partner named in **Section B** of this form, **and**
2. I have not previously supported or sponsored more than one successful principal applicant under Family Category - Partnership policy in the five years immediately preceding the date my current partner's application for residence is made, **and**
3. I have not perpetrated an incident of domestic violence that resulted in the grant of a residence permit to a person under the policy for victims of domestic violence, **and**
4. I am an eligible sponsor, **and**
5. I am living in a genuine and stable partnership, with the person named in **Section B** of this form, that meets the minimum requirements for the recognition of partnerships.

I _____, _____
(full name of sponsor) (occupation)

of _____
(address)

solemnly and sincerely declare that the information supplied on this form and in the attachments is true and correct. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of sponsor

Declared at _____ this _____ of _____, _____
(place) (day) (month) (year)

before me _____,
(name of person authorised to take statutory declarations) (official designation)

Contact details of person authorised to take statutory declarations

Address for correspondence:	Telephone (day):
	Telephone (night):
	Fax (if any):

Signature of person authorised to take statutory declarations

Section E. Sponsor's Checklist

Please ensure you attach all the required documents to this sponsorship form. If you fail to attach any necessary documents your sponsorship form may be returned to you.

For speed of application processing and security of your documents we recommend that you provide certified true copies instead of original documents for any attachments.

1. Is this sponsorship form signed by you and witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
HAVE YOU ATTACHED THESE DOCUMENTS?	
2. Evidence of your immigration status in New Zealand . Evidence you are a New Zealand citizen can be certified true copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a valid New Zealand passport, or a certificate of New Zealand citizenship, or• a recent official statement of citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs, or• a New Zealand birth certificate. Evidence you are a New Zealand resident can be certified true copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a current New Zealand residence permit which is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act, or a Returning Resident's Visa which is not subject to section 18A requirements in your passport or travel document, or• a valid Australian passport. Note: Evidence that New Zealand is your primary place of established residence if you are a sponsor who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• holds a valid Australian passport but does not hold a current New Zealand residence permit or a current New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa, or• holds a New Zealand residence permit or Returning Resident's Visa issued on the basis that you were granted an Australian Resident Return Visa, can be submitted with this form or at the time of lodgement of your spouse or partner's application. For a list of acceptable evidence, please see the Guide to Applying for Residence in New Zealand (NZIS 1002).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

When you have completed this sponsorship form, give the completed form to the person(s) you wish to sponsor. The person(s) you are sponsoring should include the form with their application for residence.

Section F. Privacy Act

The information about you and your family requested on this form is being collected so the NZIS can determine whether you are eligible to sponsor a person for residence in New Zealand, and to ensure that you meet your sponsorship obligations should the person you are sponsoring be granted a permit to be in New Zealand.

The main recipient of this information is the New Zealand Immigration Service of the Department of Labour, but it may also be shared with other Government agencies which are entitled to this information under applicable legislation.

The address of the New Zealand Immigration Service is PO Box 3705, Wellington, New Zealand. **This is not where your application should be sent.**

The collection of the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 1987 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act.

You have the right to see information about you held by the NZIS and to ask for any of it to be corrected.

More Information and Advice

You can get more information and advice from:

- New Zealand diplomatic and consular offices.
- Any of our NZIS branch offices overseas. We have overseas offices in Apia, Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Moscow, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Shanghai, Singapore, Suva, Sydney, Taipei and The Hague.
- Any of our NZIS branch offices in New Zealand, which are located in Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

All New Zealand Immigration Service forms, leaflets, and fee information can be downloaded from our website at www.immigration.govt.nz.



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