

# Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Sponsorship Form

Section 28, Immigration Act 1987, and Government Residence Policy



New Zealand  
Immigration Service  
*Te Ratonga Manene*

## INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS

This form is for sponsoring a person who is applying for:

- a temporary work visa or permit under the **Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy** allowing a stay of 30 months in New Zealand, **or**
- a residence permit under the **Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Policy**.

### What are the sponsorship requirements?

#### ***New Zealand organisation of national repute***

A person applying for a work visa and permit or a residence permit under one of the above policies must be sponsored by a "New Zealand organisation of national repute". This is defined as an organisation which:

- has a nationally recognised record of excellence in a field of art, culture or sport, **or**
- has a nationally recognised record of excellence in fostering exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport.

The NZIS may, where it considers it necessary, make enquiries with persons and organisations (including Creative New Zealand and the New Zealand Academy of Sport) associated with the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport, to determine whether the sponsoring organisation is a New Zealand organisation of national repute.

For a sponsoring organisation to undertake sponsorship of an applicant for a work visa and permit **or** a residence permit, a person with authority to make representations and enter into agreements on behalf of that organisation must complete this sponsorship form and give it to the visa or permit applicant. The person completing the sponsorship form must:

#### ***For an applicant for a work visa or permit***

1. confirm the sponsoring organisation's support for the applicant's application for a work visa and permit, **and**
2. state the reasons why the sponsoring organisation considers the applicant's presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport, **and**
3. provide a signed personal undertaking from a personal sponsor who meets the requirements below that they will meet the applicant's requirements for maintenance, accommodation, and repatriation if necessary  
[maintenance involves undertaking to make available to the applicant, if necessary, funds in New Zealand at the rate of:  
(i) a minimum of NZ\$1,000 per month (if accommodation is not available for the applicant at no cost to him or her), or  
(ii) a minimum of NZ\$400 per month (if accommodation is available for the applicant at no cost to him or her)], **and**
4. attach evidence, information and submissions which demonstrate that the sponsoring organisation meets the definition of an "organisation of national repute".

The NZIS may request evidence that the personal sponsor who provides the personal undertakings set out above is able to meet those undertakings if necessary.

#### ***For an applicant for a residence permit***

1. confirm its support for the applicant's application for a residence permit, **and**
2. state the reasons why it considers that the applicant's presence in New Zealand will continue to enhance the quality of New Zealand's accomplishments and participation in the applicant's declared field of art, culture or sport, **and**
3. provide a signed personal undertaking from a personal sponsor who meets the requirements below that they will:
  - ensure that adequate accommodation in New Zealand is and continues to be available for the applicant, **and**
  - provide accommodation during the first 24 months of the applicant's residence in New Zealand if necessary, **and**
  - provide financial support during the first 24 months of the applicant's residence in New Zealand if necessary, **and**
  - repay to the Crown any costs to the Crown which result from their failure to meet their obligations as a sponsor, and acknowledge that if those costs are incurred they become a debt to the Crown.

### Personal sponsor requirements

A person giving a personal undertaking relating to an applicant for a work visa or permit or a residence permit on behalf of a sponsoring organisation must:

- be in New Zealand, **and**
- be a New Zealand or Australian citizen or the holder of a current residence permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987\*, **and**
- have been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a residence permit or a returning resident's visa for at least three years immediately preceding the date the application under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work or Residence Policy is made, **and**
- in each of the three 12 month portions within that three year period, have spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand.

\*(Where a residence permit is subject to section 18A requirements, this is 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 these requirements cease to apply.)

## Who qualifies for a work visa or permit under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy?

Non-New Zealand citizens or residents who:

- have exceptional talent in a declared field of art, culture or sport, **and**
- are sponsored by a New Zealand organisation of national repute, **and**
- are aged 55 years or younger, **and**
- meet immigration health and character requirements, **and**
- are bona fide applicants intending to abide by their visa and permit conditions.

Applicants must apply at any offshore or onshore branch office of the NZIS and meet the relevant application requirements [completed application form and photos; fee, passport, acceptable medical and x-ray certificates, police certificates, sponsorship from a New Zealand organisation of national repute in their declared field of art, culture or sport, and any other documents or information required by the application form or the NZIS]. (See our **Guide for Working in New Zealand** (NZIS 1016) for further details.)

## What is “exceptional talent in a field of art, culture or sport”?

Applicants are considered to have exceptional talent in a declared field of art, culture or sport where the NZIS is satisfied that:

- they have an international reputation and record of excellence in their declared field, **and**
- they are still prominent in that field, **and**
- their presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand’s accomplishments and participation in that field.

The NZIS may, where it considers it necessary, make enquiries with persons and organisations (including Creative New Zealand and the New Zealand Academy of Sport) associated with the applicant’s declared field of art, culture or sport to determine whether the applicant has exceptional talent in that field.

People issued Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Visas and Permits are granted multiple entry work visas and permits enabling a stay of 30 months in New Zealand. Their visas and permits are endorsed with conditions that allow work for any employer.

## Who qualifies for a residence permit under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Policy?

Non-New Zealand citizens or residents who:

- have held a work visa or permit granted under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy for a period of at least 24 months, **and**
- during the currency of that visa and permit, have been actively engaged in their declared field of art, culture or sport throughout a period of 24 months, **and**
- are still prominent in that field, **and**
- whose continued presence in New Zealand will enhance the quality of New Zealand’s accomplishments and participation, **and**
- are sponsored by a New Zealand organisation of national repute in their declared field, **and**
- meet immigration health and character requirements, **and**
- have not, at any time since the grant of their permit under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy, applied for or been granted welfare assistance under the Social Security Act 1964.

See our **Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand** (NZIS 1003) for further details.

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1. Please answer all questions. If any question does not apply, please write "N/A" for "not applicable".
2. This form must be completed and signed by a person with authority to make representations and enter into agreements on behalf of the sponsoring organisation, and by any person giving a personal undertaking relating to the applicant being sponsored.

## A. Sponsor Details

I confirm that the Sponsoring Organisation named below supports the application for a permit or visa of the person whose details are given in Section B.

**A1** Name of Sponsoring Organisation

**A2** Name of person completing this form on behalf of sponsoring organisation

Family Name:  Given Names:

**A3** Position or title in sponsoring organisation

**A4** Sponsor's contact details for any communications about this application

Name of contact person: (If different from A2 above)	
Street Address:	
Postal Address: (if different from above)	
Telephone (Day):	Telephone (Night):
Business Fax:	Email address:

**A5** What field of art, culture or sport is your organisation involved in, and what is the nature of your organisation's involvement in this field? (If details are set out in an attached document please state this.)


## B. Details of Person Being Sponsored

**B1** Name of visa or permit applicant being sponsored

Family Name:  Given Names:

**B2** Applicant's date of birth (required)     
Day Month Year

**B3** Gender Male  Female

**B4** Applicant's country of birth

**B5** Applicant's citizenship



# D. Declaration of Undertaking for Applicant for Temporary Work Visa and Permit

Section 28, Immigration Act 1987

## D1 Full name of person completing sponsorship undertaking

Family Name:

Given Names:

## D2 Please answer the following questions

- Are you in New Zealand? Yes  No
- Are you a New Zealand or Australian citizen, or the holder of a current residence permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987? Yes  No
- Have you been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a residence permit or a returning resident's visa for at least three years immediately preceding the date the person being sponsored will make their application under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy? Yes  No
- have you, in each of the three 12 month portions within that three year period, spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand Yes  No

\*(Where a residence permit is subject to section 18A requirements, this is 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 these requirements cease to apply.)

**Note:** The NZIS may request evidence that the person giving these undertakings is able to meet them.

## D3 I am: a New Zealand citizen the holder of a New Zealand residence permit an Australian citizen

(Please attach evidence of your New Zealand or Australian citizenship or your New Zealand residence permit - such as a certified true copy of the front page of your passport [and the page containing your residence permit or returning resident's visa if an NZ resident], a Certificate of NZ Citizenship, a recent statement of your NZ citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs, or a New Zealand birth certificate. Please do not send original documents. Have the copies certified by the same person who witnesses this declaration.)

## D4 (The following 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 declaration before you sign this section.)

### SPONSOR'S UNDERTAKINGS

1. I undertake to meet the requirements for **maintenance, accommodation, and repatriation** if necessary of the applicant named in **Section B** of this form
2. In respect of the applicant's maintenance, I am able, if necessary, to make available to that applicant funds in New Zealand at the rate of:
  - (i) a minimum of NZ\$1,000 per month (if accommodation is not available for the applicant at no cost to the applicant), **or**
  - (ii) a minimum of NZ\$400 per month (if accommodation is available for the applicant at no cost to the applicant)

**Note 1:** Maintenance for the applicant is not considered to be necessary where the holder of a permit granted under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work Policy is in full-time employment in New Zealand.

**Note 2:** Under section 28(2) of the Immigration Act in the event of a sponsor failing to comply with the whole or any part of the above undertakings the sponsor shall be liable to pay the Crown all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Crown in respect of that failure.

I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (occupation)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

solemnly and sincerely declare that the information supplied on this form and in any attachments is true and correct, and that I will honour the undertakings given above in respect of the person 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 personal 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):
Email (if any):	Fax (if any):

### Signature of person authorised to take statutory declarations

# E. Declaration of Undertaking for Applicant for Residence Permit

NZIS client number (if known):

**E1** Your name?

Family Name:	<input type="text"/>	Given Names:	<input type="text"/>
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**E2** Your gender?  Male  Female

**E3** Your date of birth?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
day	month	year

**E4** Your country of birth?

Country:

**E5** Your country (or countries) of citizenship?

**E6** Your address for any communications about this declaration of undertaking?

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

**E7** Your current home address and telephone number (if different from address at **E6**)?

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

**E8** Please answer the following questions

- Are you in New Zealand? Yes  No
- Are you a New Zealand or Australian citizen, or the holder of a current residence permit that is not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987? Yes  No
- Have you been a New Zealand or Australian citizen and/or the holder of a residence permit or a returning resident's visa for at least three years immediately preceding the date the person being sponsored will make their application under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence Policy? Yes  No
- have you, in each of the three 12 month portions within that three year period, spent a total of 184 days or more in New Zealand? Yes  No

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**E9** I am:  a New Zealand citizen  the holder of a New Zealand residence permit  an Australian citizen

(Please attach evidence of your New Zealand or Australian citizenship or your New Zealand residence permit - such as a certified true copy of the front page of your passport [and the page containing your residence permit or returning resident's visa if an NZ resident], a Certificate of NZ Citizenship, a recent statement of your NZ citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs, or a New Zealand birth certificate. Please do not send original documents. Have the copies certified by the same person who witnesses this declaration.)



# Privacy Act

The information requested on this form is being collected so the New Zealand Immigration Service can determine whether the sponsoring organisation and personal sponsor(s) are eligible to sponsor an applicant for a visa or permit under the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Work policy or the Talent (Arts, Culture and Sports) Residence policy, 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 the 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.** (See “What To Do Next” below.)

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 access information about yourself or your organisation held by the New Zealand Immigration Service and to ask for any of it to be corrected if you consider that is necessary.

## More Information and Advice

You can get more information and advice from:

- 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.
- New Zealand diplomatic and consular offices.

All New Zealand Immigration Service forms and leaflets, and fee information, can be downloaded from the internet at: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

## What To Do Next

### Once the form is completed

Check that the form has been signed and dated on behalf of the sponsoring organisation at **Section C** on page 2.

Check that the person providing a personal undertaking at either **Section D** or **Section E** has provided evidence of their New Zealand immigration status as requested in that section, and that this evidence is attached.

Ensure that the undertaking declaration has been signed by the appropriate person(s), and duly witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations (such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a Notary Public). Then give the form **and any attachments** to the applicant to include with their application for a visa or permit.