

Partners of New Zealand Citizens or Residents

(For length of intended stay up to a maximum of 2 years)

The following documents should be returned to this office:

- () Completed work visa application signed and dated by applicant.
- () Your original passport (must be valid for three months beyond your intended date of departure from New Zealand.
- () One recent passport sized photograph with your name signed on the back.
- () **WORK VISA APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE:**
 - **No work visa fee is required for the holders of the following passports:**
Finland, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, and USA
 - An application fee of US\$155 is required for all other passport holders.

As we do not have credit facilities, all visa fee payments must be by Money Order or Bank Cashiers Cheque.

- () Evidence of your partner's New Zealand citizenship or New Zealand residence status, i.e. - original passport.
- () Evidence that your application is supported by your partner. (Your partner must be an eligible sponsor and intend to reside with you, in New Zealand for the same period of time.)
- () Only if applicable in your case, the original or a certified true copy of your Marriage Certificate.
- () Sufficient evidence to prove that you and your New Zealand citizen or resident partner are **living together** in a genuine and stable relationship.

(If you have been living in a genuine and stable relationship with a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand permanent resident for a period less than 12 months, the maximum work visa validity we are able to consider is 12 months. For relationships in excess of 12 months, 2 year work visas may be considered.)

Evidence may include, but is not limited to:

Original photos of the couple

Original proof of shared accommodation (e.g., joint mortgages or joint tenancy agreement/rent book)

Original proof of shared bank accounts (e.g., statements or bankbooks showing joint accounts are held)

Wills or Insurance policies which name the partners as benefactors.

Original certificates for any children of the relationship

Proof of children living with the couple

Please refer overleaf for more requirements

Any evidence of public or family recognition of the relationship (e.g., letters addressed to the couple either jointly or separately at the same address.)
Original letters of support from mutual family and friends attesting to the genuineness, stability and duration of the relationship.

- () If you intend spending **more than 6 months in New Zealand and less than 12 months**, you may be asked to provide a chest X-ray report. Please refer to the instructions contained in your Work Visa application form and Guide for Working in New Zealand.
- () If you intend to stay in New Zealand for **longer than 12 months**, you are required to provide a Immigration New Zealand, Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate NZIS 1007
- () If you are a citizen of the United States and are 17 years and older and intend spending **more than 24 months** in New Zealand, you are required to submit with your application an FBI Police clearance and an original Police clearance from any country you have lived in 5 or more years since attaining the age of 17.
- () Non US Citizens who are 17 years and older and intend spending **more than 24 months** in New Zealand, should contact our office to discuss how you can obtain your relevant Police clearance.
***Please note that Police clearances must be less than 6 months old when your application is lodged.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please note that the onus is on you and your partner to prove to the New Zealand Immigration Service that your partnership is genuine and stable and, where applicable, the relationships duration.
- You and your partner may be required to appear before a Visa Officer for an interview, and/or to provide evidence your partner is an eligible sponsor, and/or to provide evidence your partnership meets the minimum requirements for recognition of partnership
- ***When submitting original evidence of your relationship, please include with your original documentation, a clear and complete photocopy. Your original documents will be returned to you and the photocopy retained on your file.***
- Visa applications sent to this office, which are incomplete, will be returned.
- ***To enable the safe return of your passports and original documents, please provide a self-addressed, prepaid courier airway bill and envelope (For example, Federal Express or UPS) or a Money Order for US\$16.*** The New Zealand Embassy is NOT responsible for any documents or passports lost in transit.
- Please allow, at least, 15 working days for your work visa to be processed. If, however, we are unable to determine whether or not you are in good health, our processing time may take up to 2 to 3 months.
- Visa application forms and information on our current Immigration Policies may be found on the New Zealand Immigration Service website at: **www.immigration.govt.nz**

**New Zealand Consulate-General
Los Angeles
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