

Self-Assessment Guide for
Residence in New Zealand



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Introduction

This leaflet gives you a brief summary of the immigration requirements you need to meet to be able to live in New Zealand. It is designed to enable you to decide if you wish to obtain the full information necessary to make an application for residence in New Zealand.

If, after reading this leaflet, you want to get full details about applying for residence, you should request a residence application pack from the New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS), using the coupon on the back of this leaflet.

Residence in New Zealand

Under the Immigration Act 1987, every person who wishes to immigrate to New Zealand needs to apply for residence. Residence entitles you to live, study and work indefinitely in New Zealand.

If you wish to leave New Zealand temporarily, you must have a valid returning resident's visa in your passport to ensure your re-entry to New Zealand as a resident. You will be issued your first returning resident's visa when residence is approved.

New Zealand citizenship enquiries

In New Zealand, residence and citizenship are different. If you are granted residence, you retain your original citizenship, and may apply for New Zealand citizenship later.

The NZIS does not administer citizenship law. Enquiries about New Zealand citizenship and passports should be addressed to the Department of Internal Affairs or the appropriate section of a New Zealand consular or diplomatic office.

Do you need to apply for residence?

Under the Immigration Act 1987, some people do not have to apply for residence to live in New Zealand. They include:

- New Zealand citizens, who must show a valid New Zealand passport on entering New Zealand; and
- Australian citizens, who must show a valid Australian passport on entering New Zealand.

Australian permanent residents entering New Zealand with a current Australian resident return visa will be granted a residence permit on arrival. Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents are subject to section 7 of the Immigration Act 1987, which relates to good character (see page 6).

How are applications assessed?

Applications for residence are assessed by the NZIS. Under the Immigration Act 1987, the Minister of Immigration sets Government residence policy. The NZIS assesses applications according to the rules of this policy, and is not allowed to make exceptions. If an application is declined, the applicant may ask the independent Residence Appeal Authority to review the decision.

Applications must have a high standard of documentation to be accepted for processing, so it is important that you read and understand the information available, especially the ***Application Guide for Residence in New Zealand***. You are responsible for supplying information which demonstrates that you meet the requirements of policy.

You may apply for residence from inside New Zealand if you are in New Zealand lawfully, on a temporary permit. You may also apply for residence from outside New Zealand.

There is an application fee for all categories of residence application. These fees are not refundable and can change without notice. Outside New Zealand, fees are usually paid in local currency. Fees information is included in the residence pack, or by contacting the NZIS.

Which category applies to you?

The following are the six main categories for residence application:

General Skills category

The General Skills category is a points system. Applicants score points for a number of factors such as qualifications, work experience and age.

Investor category

The Investor category is a points system. Applicants score points for factors such as investment funds, business experience and age.

Entrepreneur category

The Entrepreneur category is available to those applicants who:

- Have successfully established a business in New Zealand; and
- The business is benefiting New Zealand in some way.

Employees of businesses relocating to New Zealand

This category is available to those applicants who do not qualify for residence under any existing categories. Applicants must demonstrate that they are a key employee of a business relocating to New Zealand.

Family category

The Family category is available to those applicants who:

- Are in a genuine and stable marriage or de facto relationship with a New Zealand citizen or resident; or
- Have immediate family members who are New Zealand citizens or residents and who live permanently in New Zealand.

Humanitarian category

The Humanitarian category is available to those applicants:

- Who have the support of a close family member who is a New Zealand citizen or residence permit holder; and
- Whose circumstances are causing serious physical harm or serious emotional harm to the applicant or a New Zealand party that can only be resolved by the applicant being granted residence in New Zealand.

Family members included

Principal applicant

The principal applicant is:

- The person assessed against the policy criteria; and
- The primary contact person.

Spouses and partners

A spouse who is legally married to the principal applicant may be included in the application. A de facto partner may be included if the principal applicant and de facto partner have been living in a genuine and stable relationship for at least two years at the time of application.

A de facto partner is a partner in a heterosexual or same-sex relationship.

Dependent children

Dependent children of the principal applicant or spouse/partner may be included if they:

- Are single and aged 19 years or younger; and
- Have no children of their own; and
- Are totally or substantially reliant on their parents or guardians for financial support (whether living with them or not).

Custody of dependent children

If the parents of a dependent child included in a residence application are separated or divorced, the applicant parent must have the right to remove the dependent child from the country in which rights of custody or visitation have been granted. Such dependent children will not be granted residence unless satisfactory evidence of the right to remove the child is submitted.

Customary adoptions

Children who have been adopted, informally and according to custom, at an early age by members of their extended family are regarded as members of the host family into which they were adopted.

Good health

You and your accompanying family members must be in good health, whichever category you apply under. This is to ensure that you:

- Are not likely to be a danger to public health; and
- Are not likely to be a burden on the health services; and
- Are fit for the purpose of entry.

In order to check that you and your family are in good health, you are required to undergo medical examinations and tests in order to complete the NZIS medical and chest x-ray certificates. In some countries these certificates must be completed by doctors nominated by NZIS. For details, check with your nearest branch or the NZIS website <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>. These certificates will be referred to an NZIS consultant physician for an opinion if necessary.

Good character

You and your accompanying family members must be of good character, whichever category you apply under.

In order to prove that you and your family are of good character you are required to provide, for everyone 17 years of age and over:

- Police certificates from your country of citizenship; and
- Police certificates from any country you have been in for 12 months or more in the last 10 years, whether in one or more visits.

The residence pack contains information on how to obtain a police certificate from most countries. Among the good character requirements are those found in section 7 of the Immigration Act. Some of the people who may be refused residence under section 7 are those who:

- Have ever been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more;
- Have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months or more during the preceding 10 years;
- Have ever been deported from New Zealand or any other country;

- There is reason to believe may be associated with criminal groups, or may constitute a danger to New Zealand.

English language requirements

All principal applicants and non-principal applicants aged 16 years and over must meet the specified standard of English language if applying under the General Skills and Business categories.

Some applicants are permitted to pre-purchase ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) tuition. After residence has been approved, applicants can take up ESOL tuition in New Zealand. The money you pay for ESOL tuition will be taken by the NZIS on behalf of Skill New Zealand. Skill New Zealand is the government education support agency which will arrange your ESOL tuition.

If applicants are outside New Zealand when they pay for ESOL tuition, they have three and a half years to complete the tuition. If they are in New Zealand when they pay, they have three years to complete the tuition. If the tuition is not taken up within the time limits, there is no refund.

ESOL tuition in New Zealand (Skill New Zealand)

Skill New Zealand is the government agency that is responsible for purchasing and managing quality English tuition for new migrants. When you pay your English language tuition fees you would have signed a contract. This contract describes Skill New Zealand's responsibilities as well as setting out the conditions attached to the uptake of English language tuition.

Skill New Zealand has contracted a range of training organisations around New Zealand to provide English language tuition. You will therefore have a choice of good quality tuition available to you. The choice of which organisation you wish to provide your English language tuition does not have to be made until you arrive in New Zealand. Further information about how you gain access to your English language tuition will be provided by NZIS once your application for residence has been approved.

General Skills category

Principal applicants

Principal applicants in the General Skills category must meet

a minimum standard of English. Residence will be declined if the principal applicant does not meet the minimum standard of English. However, principal applicants may pre-purchase ESOL tuition and be approved if they:

- Have been working lawfully in New Zealand for the 12 months prior to the date the residence application is lodged; and
- Meet all other residence requirements for approval.

Non-principal applicants

Non-principal applicants aged 16 years and over included in General Skills category applications may either show that they meet a minimum standard of English or pre-purchase ESOL training.

Minimum standard of English

Applicants in the General Skills category meet the minimum standard of English, if they provide:

- A certificate (no more than two years old) from the International English Language Testing System, (IELTS), which shows a minimum band score of five on each of the four components of the IELTS General or Academic Module; or
- Evidence that they have an English-speaking background. A full list of acceptable evidence is found in the Application Guide. However, NZIS may still require applicants to provide an IELTS certificate subject to the same requirements above.

ESOL pre-purchase

The amount of ESOL tuition that must be pre-purchased under the General Skills category is determined by the applicant’s average score across all four bands of IELTS, according to the table below. The charge to be paid includes the applicant’s ESOL tuition entitlement and administration costs. **If IELTS results are not submitted for an applicant, the maximum charge applies.**

IELTS score (average)	Charge to be paid	ESOL entitlement
4.5 or more	NZ\$1,700	NZ\$1,500
4 or more but less than 4.5	NZ\$3,350	NZ\$3,000
3.5 or more but less than 4	NZ\$5,000	NZ\$4,500
Less than 3.5	NZ\$6,650	NZ\$6,000

Business categories

Principal and non-principal applicants

Both principal applicants, and non-principal applicants aged 16 years and over, in the Business categories may either show they meet a minimum standard of English or pre-purchase ESOL tuition.

Minimum standard of English

Applicants in the Business categories meet the minimum standard of English, if they provide:

- A certificate (no more than two years old) from the International English Language Testing System, (IELTS), which shows a band score of four on each of the four components of the IELTS General or Academic Module; or
- Evidence that they have an English-speaking background. A full list of acceptable evidence is found in the *Application Guide*. However, NZIS may still require applicants to provide an IELTS certificate subject to the same requirements above.

ESOL pre-purchase

The amount of ESOL tuition that must be pre-purchased under the Business categories is determined by the applicant's average score across all four bands of IELTS, according to the table below. The charge to be paid includes the applicant's ESOL tuition entitlement and administration costs. **If IELTS results are not submitted for an applicant, the maximum charge applies.**

IELTS score (average)	Charge to be paid	ESOL entitlement
3.5 or more but less than 4	NZ\$1,700	NZ\$1,500
Less than 3.5	NZ\$3,350	NZ\$3,000

Migrant levy

A migrant levy is levied on all successful principal applicants and accompanying family members in the **General Skills, Investor, Entrepreneur** and **Employee of Business** categories. The migrant levy is NZ\$180 for each person included in an application, up to a maximum of NZ\$720 for each application. The migrant levy must be paid before residence is granted. Outside New Zealand, the levy is usually paid in local currency.

Settlement information fee

A settlement information fee applies to all successful principal or sole applicants except citizens of Samoa and refugees. The fee is NZ\$90 and must be paid before residence is granted. Outside New Zealand, the fee is usually paid in local currency.

Income support

You are expected to have sufficient personal resources to maintain yourself and your dependants for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand. During this period, income support will only be granted in cases of hardship.

General Skills category

The objective of the General Skills category is to select migrants who will:

- ☐ Increase New Zealand's levels of human capital, enterprise and innovation; and
- ☐ Foster international linkages.

To be granted residence under the General Skills category you must score enough points to meet the passmark that applies at the time your application is accepted, and meet all other requirements.

Applications under the General Skills category with a points score of 24 or less will be declined. Applications scoring 25 points or more will only be approved if they meet the relevant weekly passmark. **Applicants who do not score points for qualifications and at least 1 point for work experience will not be approved.** However, applicants are not required to score 1 point for work experience if they hold a New Zealand qualification which is eligible for points, and did not receive New Zealand Overseas Development Assistance (NZODA) funding to gain the qualification.

The passmark is recalculated for the start of each week. Contact the NZIS for the current passmark or check the internet: <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>.

After each section there is a box in which you can record your score. The charts provided will help you calculate your score so you can decide if you want to pursue an application.

Employability factors

Qualifications

You can be allocated points for a fully completed qualification that is comparable to a New Zealand standard. Points are allocated according to the New Zealand qualification to which your qualification is comparable. The comparable New Zealand standard will be determined by the NZIS. You may be required to obtain a qualifications assessment from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to assist this determination.

You can only be allocated points for either one qualification, or a series of qualifications, accepted as being comparable to one New Zealand qualification. Partially completed qualifications will not be accepted. **You must score a minimum of 10 points for qualifications.** You can score a maximum of 12 points for qualifications.

If you are claiming points for a qualification in an occupation where professional registration is required by law in New Zealand, you must:

- Gain full registration; or
- Have an offer of employment (where points have been awarded) in an occupation that does not require registration, and the occupation is assessed as relevant to the qualification for which points are claimed, before points can be awarded.

The occupations with compulsory registration are:

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| ■ Architects | ■ Midwives |
| ■ Chiropractors | ■ Nurses |
| ■ Clinical dental technicians | ■ Occupational therapists |
| ■ Dental technicians | ■ Optometrists |
| ■ Dentists | ■ Pharmacists |
| ■ Dietitians | ■ Physiotherapists |
| ■ Dispensing opticians | ■ Plumber, gasfitters and drainlayers |
| ■ Electricians | ■ Podiatrists |
| ■ Electrical service technicians | ■ Psychologists
(registration required if employed in the state services or in a licensed institution under the Mental Health Act) |
| ■ Enrolled nurses | ■ Real estate agents |
| ■ Environmental health officers | ■ Teachers in primary and secondary schools and free kindergartens |
| ■ Lawyers | ■ Veterinarians |
| ■ Line mechanics | |
| ■ Medical laboratory technologists | |
| ■ Medical radiation technologists | |
| ■ Medical practitioners | |

Points are scored as follows:

New Zealand base qualification: a degree, diploma or trade certificate of a minimum of 3 years training, study or work experience	10 points
New Zealand advanced qualification: a minimum of 1 year of training, study or work experience and builds on a base qualification	11 points
New Zealand masters degree or higher	12 points

How many points will you be claiming for qualifications?

New Zealand qualifications

You can be allocated an additional 1 point if you have completed a qualification in New Zealand for which you have been, or could have been, awarded qualifications points. However, this point is not available if you received NZODA scholarship assistance to complete the New Zealand qualification.

A New Zealand qualification is defined as a qualification:

- Conferred by a New Zealand institution; and
- With at least half the course time undertaken by the applicant in attendance at the institution in New Zealand.

Points are scored as follows:

New Zealand qualifications	1 point
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Work experience

You can be allocated up to a maximum of 10 points for work experience. **You must score a minimum of 1 point for work experience.** However, you are not required to score 1 point for work experience if you hold a New Zealand qualification which is eligible for points, and you did not receive NZODA assistance to gain the qualification. You cannot count work experience which was an integral part or course requirement of the qualification for which you are allocated points.

If you **are not** awarded points for a job offer, then only your work experience relevant to your qualification will

count for points. If you **are** awarded points for a job offer, then your work experience does not have to be relevant to your qualification to count for points.

All work experience must be sound to be eligible for points. Work experience is sound if it is of an acceptable standard, as evidenced by work references. Work experience is not sound if it was:

- Gained before the age of 20, unless it was gained after the qualification for which points are awarded;
- Gained during compulsory military or community service, unless you can show that the work experience is relevant to the qualification for which points are awarded; or
- Of such a low standard as to lead to your dismissal.

Points are allocated on the basis of work experience for 30 hours or more per week. Work experience for less than 30 hours per week may be awarded points on a pro rata basis. You can claim 1 point for every two complete years work experience.

Points are scored as follows:

2 years	1 point
4 years	2 points
6 years	3 points
8 years	4 points
10 years	5 points
12 years	6 points
14 years	7 points
16 years	8 points
18 years	9 points
20 years	10 points

*How many points will you be claiming for
work experience?*

Offer of employment

You can be allocated 5 points if you have a genuine offer of employment in New Zealand.

The offer of employment must be:

- For ongoing employment by a single employer; and

- For full-time employment; and
- Current at the time of application.

The employment must be permanent, for an indefinite term, or for a term of at least 12 months with an option of further terms after that. Positions of self employment, or payment by commission and/or retainer are not acceptable. You must obtain full registration if this is required by law to take up the offer of employment. If you are claiming points for a qualification in an occupation for which registration is required by law in New Zealand, you must provide an offer of employment in an occupation that:

- Does not require registration; and
- Is assessed as relevant to the qualification for which points are claimed.

An offer of employment is considered to be relevant to the applicant's qualification if:

- The qualification is an important factor in being able to obtain, continue or advance in the job offered; or
- The offer of employment is part of a career path which has advanced progressively from the immediate area in which you qualified.

Points are scored as follows:

Full time, permanent job offer	5 points	<input type="text"/>
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Age

You can be allocated points for your age at the time that you lodge your application. If you turn 25 years of age whilst your application is being processed, your points for age can be increased.

If you are 56 years of age or over, your application for residence under the General Skills category cannot be approved.

Points are scored as follows:

18-24 years	8 points
25-29 years	10 points
30-34 years	8 points
35-39 years	6 points
40-44 years	4 points
45-49 years	2 points
50-55 years	0 points

*How many points will you be claiming for **age**?*

Settlement factors

You can be allocated a maximum total of 7 points for settlement factors. Settlement factors are:

Settlement funds

You can be allocated a maximum of 2 points for settlement funds (i.e., cash, shares, stocks or any other assets). These funds must be transferred to New Zealand before residence will be granted and they must be free of debt. You need not transfer your funds to New Zealand until your application has been approved in principle. You have six months from the date of approval in principle to transfer your funds.

You can be allocated points if the funds are owned wholly by the principal applicant or spouse, or owned jointly by the principal applicant and spouse.

Points are scored as follows:

NZ\$100,000	1 point
NZ\$200,000	2 points

How many points will you be claiming for settlement funds?

New Zealand work experience

You can be allocated a maximum of 2 points for work experience gained lawfully in New Zealand. You can be allocated points for New Zealand work experience under both this section and the **Work experience** section. The rules about relevance and soundness found under **Work Experience** apply to New Zealand work experience. Points are allocated on the basis of work experience for 30 hours or more per week. Work experience for less than 30 hours per week may be awarded points on a pro rata basis. You can claim 1 point for each complete year of work experience.

Points are scored as follows:

1 year	1 point
2 years	2 points

How many points will you be claiming for New Zealand work experience?

Spouse or partner's qualifications

You can be allocated a maximum of 2 points for your spouse or partner's fully completed qualification, if it is comparable to a New Zealand standard. The comparability rules are the same as for the principal applicant's qualification, except that registration is not required.

Points are scored as follows:

Base qualification:	1 point
Advanced qualification or masters degree or higher:	2 points

How many points will you be claiming for your spouse or partner's qualifications?

Family sponsorship

You can be allocated 3 points for family sponsorship. Your family sponsor must:

- Be 17 years of age or over; and
- Be a New Zealand citizen or resident; and
- Have been lawfully and permanently living in New Zealand for at least three years; and
- Be a parent, brother, sister or child of the principal applicant or the principal applicant's spouse.

A family sponsor is responsible for:

- Providing information and advice about settling in New Zealand; and
- Ensuring financial support and accommodation is available to you for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand.

They must complete the NZIS ***Sponsorship Form for Residence in New Zealand*** and present it to an NZIS branch in New Zealand to have it endorsed.

Points are scored as follows:

Family sponsorship	3 points
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Add up all the boxes to get your total points score in the General Skills category.

Business categories

The objective of the business immigration policy is to attract migrants who will contribute to New Zealand's economic growth by increasing the country's skills base, encourage enterprise and innovation and foster international linkages through the:

- Investor category;
- Long-term Business Visa (Temporary);
- Entrepreneur category; and
- Category for Employees of Relocating Businesses to New Zealand.

Investor category

Applicants applying under the Investor Category are assessed by a points system based upon a structure that awards points for age, business experience and investment funds. If you score less than the passmark, your application will be declined.

Scoring points

Points are awarded for three factors, but only if you provide acceptable evidence of these factors.

The points structure for the Investor category is as follows:

Age (years)	Business experience	Investment funds (NZ\$)
25-29 10	2 years 1	\$1,000,000 1
30-34 9	4 years 2	\$1,500,000 2
35-39 8	6 years 3	\$2,000,000 3
40-44 6	8 years 4	\$2,500,000 4
45-49 4	10 years 5	\$3,000,000 5
50-54 2		\$3,500,000 6
55-64 0		\$4,000,000 7
65-74 -2		\$4,500,000 8
75-84 -4		\$5,000,000 9
		\$5,500,000 10
		\$6,000,000 11

A pass mark is set annually by the Minister. The initial pass mark is set at 12 points. For an update on the passmark contact the nearest Immigration Office.

A minimum of one point for investment funds is required. Any applicant over the age of 84 may not be approved under this category.

All applicants must meet health and character requirements. Applicants aged 16 years and over must also meet English language requirements.

Long-term Business Visa (Temporary)

An applicant for a work (long term business) visa/permit is required to:

- Have a satisfactory business plan; and
- Have, in addition to investment capital, sufficient funds for the maintenance and accommodation of themselves and any non-principal applicants; and
- Meet health and character requirements.

Business proposal

A business plan is a proposal to establish a specific business in New Zealand and contains information as set out in the business plan form. The proposal form covers the following:

- An outline of the proposed business and its viability;
- Financial information (forecasts and financing options);
- The business experience of the applicant;
- The applicant's knowledge of the New Zealand market; and
- Other viability factors (including English language).

Entrepreneur

The Entrepreneur Category has been set up to grant residence to those people who have established a business in New Zealand successfully. An applicant is considered to have successfully established a business in New Zealand if:

- They have established or purchased, or made a substantial investment in a business operating in New Zealand; and
- The business has been established for at least two years; and

- The applicant has been self-employed in New Zealand in that business for at least two years.

The business may be deemed as benefiting New Zealand if it promotes New Zealand's economic growth through:

- Increased competition;
- Introduction of new technology, management or technical skills;
- Introduction of new products or services;
- Development of new export markets or increased market access;
- Creation of new job opportunities; and
- The revitalising of an existing business.

All applicants must meet health and character requirements. Applicants aged 16 years and over must also meet English language requirements.

Employees of businesses relocating to New Zealand

To assist the promotion of New Zealand as a place in which to invest and locate business, this category facilitates the granting of residence to employees of relocating businesses to New Zealand.

Employees of relocating businesses who do not qualify under other categories may be granted residence on a case by case basis by a person of the appropriate delegation.

Family category

The objectives of the Family category are to:

- Permit New Zealand citizens or residents to be joined by their eligible spouses, partners, parents, siblings and children; and
- Allow New Zealand citizens or residents to sponsor family members and help them settle.

Marriage and de facto relationships

You may be granted residence if you are:

- Married to and living in a genuine and stable relationship with a New Zealand citizen or resident; or
- Living in a genuine and stable de facto relationship of at least two years' duration with a New Zealand citizen or resident.

You and your partner may be called to an interview with the NZIS to assess if you are living together in a genuine and stable relationship.

If you have been in a de facto relationship of at least 18 months duration, you can apply for residence but your application may be deferred until you have been in the relationship for two years.

A de facto partner is a partner in a heterosexual or same-sex relationship.

Parent

You may be granted residence if you have an adult child 17 years or over, who is a New Zealand citizen or resident living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand who is prepared to sponsor you, and

- *If you have no dependent children* - all of your adult children are living permanently outside your home country; or
- *If you have no dependent children* - you have an equal or greater number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand than in any other single country, including your home country; or
- *If you have dependent children* - you have an equal or greater number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand than in any other single country, including your home country. The number of your dependent children must be the same as, or

less than, the number of adult children living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand.

Your sponsor will be responsible for:

- If necessary, ensuring financial support and accommodation is available to you for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand.

Sibling/adult child

You may apply for residence under this category if you have a New Zealand citizen or resident parent, brother or sister who is living lawfully and permanently in New Zealand and who is prepared to sponsor you, and

- You are single (including widowed or divorced); and
- You have no children; and
- You have no other immediate family in your home country.

Your sponsor will be responsible for, if necessary, ensuring financial support and accommodation is available to you for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand.

Dependent child

You may apply for residence under this section if you are aged 19 years or younger, and

- You are single; and
- You have no children of your own; and
- You are totally or substantially reliant on your parents or guardians for financial support, whether living with them or not; and
- Your parent(s) live lawfully and permanently in New Zealand; and
- - You were born or adopted before your parents applied for residence, and you were declared on your parents' application for residence; or
 - You were born after your parents applied for residence; or
 - You were adopted by your parents as a result of a New Zealand adoption or an overseas adoption recognised under New Zealand law.

If your parents are separated or divorced, you must provide evidence that the custody or visitation rights of a parent living outside New Zealand would not be breached by you coming to New Zealand.

Humanitarian category

You may apply for residence under this category if:

- You or a New Zealand party are suffering serious physical harm and/or serious emotional harm; and
- You have a close family member who is a New Zealand citizen or resident who is prepared to sponsor you; and
- The only reasonable solution to the situation is the grant of residence; and
- It would not be contrary to the public interest to allow you to reside in New Zealand.

You are required to submit medical or psychiatric reports supporting your claim of serious physical or serious emotional harm.

Your family sponsor must be:

- Aged 17 years or over; and
- Either a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a New Zealand residence permit not subject to requirements under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987; and
- Your or your spouse's or partner's parent, adult sibling, adult child, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, grandparent or a person who has lived with and been part of your family for many years.

Your sponsor will be responsible for ensuring accommodation is available to you for at least your first 24 months as a resident in New Zealand.

Special categories

Samoaan Quota Scheme

This scheme applies to Samoan citizens living in Samoa or American Samoa who are aged between 18 and 45 years inclusive and who have an offer of employment in New Zealand. The scheme is administered by the Apia branch of the NZIS. Contact that branch if you want more information about the Samoaan Quota Scheme.

Pitcairn Islanders

New Zealand recognises that there are few employment opportunities on Pitcairn Island and therefore considers Pitcairn Islanders for residence under a special policy.

Pitcairn Islanders can be considered for residence if they:

- Complete the standard residence form and attach the standard supporting documents (fee, two photos, birth certificate(s), passport(s), medical and x-ray examinations, character reports; and
- Have a firm offer of employment in New Zealand.

Branch addresses

BRANCHES IN NEW ZEALAND

Level 3
450 Queen St
Private Bag
Wellesley Street
AUCKLAND

Leyton House
Great South Road
P O Box 76208
MANUKAU CITY

All Auckland and
Manukau phone
enquiries:
(09) 914 4100

Westpac Trust
Building
430 Victoria St
Private Bag 3013
HAMILTON
Ph: 64-7-838 3566
Fax: 64-7-838 0059

State Insurance
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Further information

If you want a residence application pack, complete the attached coupon and mail it with the required postage and envelope to the NZIS branch or agency at the nearest address listed on the facing page.

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How many people will be included in the application?

Tick the boxes of the categories under which are you most likely to apply:

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☐ Humanitarian

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Name

Country

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