

New Zealand Immigration's  
Guide *to Fees*



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Fees

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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 (either legally married or in an interdependent partnership akin to a marriage, heterosexual or same sex) and any unmarried dependent children 24 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 residence visa or permit.

Children who are 25 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 Visa/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.

Payment can be made in the following ways:

- Bank Draft;
- Cash;
- EFTPOS;
- Bank cheque;
- Personal cheque – please note your application may not be processed until funds have cleared;
- Visa, MasterCard (**not** Diners or Amex)

Fees for Expressions of Interest lodged on a paper form can only be paid by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars or by bank draft in United States dollars. Please note that we do not recommend paying with cash if you are sending any application to us through the mail.

# Payment methods outside New Zealand

Fees must be paid in the local currency of the country in which your application will be lodged. If you are unable to buy the local currency, contact the nearest New Zealand diplomatic or consular office for the US dollar amount.

Payment may be made in the following ways if these forms of payment are acceptable to the office at which you are lodging your application:

- Bank Draft;
- Cash;
- Bank cheque (if you are in the same country as the New Zealand diplomatic or consular office to which you are sending your application);
- Personal cheques **may** be acceptable at some offices (please check with the diplomatic or consular office); and
- Credit cards **may** be acceptable at some offices (please check with the diplomatic or consular office).

Fees for Expressions of Interest lodged on a paper form from outside of New Zealand can only be paid by credit card, bank draft or bank cheque in New Zealand dollars or 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 from early 2004. 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 country of citizenship of the principal applicant and the location of the relevant *receiving office* for that country of citizenship. The exception to this is that the same fee is payable for lodging an Expression of Interest under the Skilled Migrant Category wherever in the world you lodge it from (see page 6).

### 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 principal applicant's country of citizenship **and** the applicable receiving office for that country of citizenship.

*Example 1:* A US citizen physically present in New Zealand applying for a Residence Permit under the General Skills Category pays NZ \$700 (Column A).

*Example 2:* A Fijian citizen living in China applying for a Residence Visa under the General Skills Category to the office in Beijing pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$700 (Column B).

*Example 3:* A UK citizen living in Sydney applying for a Residence Visa under the General Skills Category pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1200 (Column C).

*Example 4:* An Indian citizen living in London applying for a Residence Visa under the General Skills Category pays a fee equivalent to NZ\$1200 (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 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.

### 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*	125	500
Family Quota*	125	500
Pacific Access Category	125	500
Skilled Migrant Category	235	940
Business Investor Category	235	940
Entrepreneur Category	235	940
Employees of Relocating Business Category	235	940
Residence from Work Category	235	940

\* **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>Expression of Interest for Skilled Migrant Category –</b>			
i. paper form	465	465	465
ii. online	315	315	315
<b>RES IDENCE (visa or permit)</b>			
§* Skilled Migrant Category ( <i>if invited to apply</i> )	660	660	1360
§* Business investor	2200	2200	2200
§* Entrepreneur	2200	2200	2200
§* Family	700	700	1200
§ Samoan quota	-	600	-
§* Pacific access	650	650	-
§* Family quota	630	630	1130
§* Refugee family quota	490	490	690
§* Residence from work	700	-	-
Returning resident's visa	100	100	160
Confirmation of residence status under Regulation 11	80	-	-
§* Any other residence	700	700	1200
<b>VISITOR</b>			
Visitor permit or visa	85	85	120
Group visitor visa, per person			
i. Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei	-	-	75
ii. Bangkok (Thai citizens only)	-	-	75
iii. Other	85	85	120
<b>STUDENT</b>			
Student permit	70	-	-
Student visa	140	140	200
<b>WORK</b>			
Work permit -			
i. **Talent (accredited employers), Talent (arts, culture, & sports), Priority occupations list	180	-	-
ii. Other	90	-	-
Work visa -			
i. **Talent (accredited employers), Talent (arts, culture, & sports), Priority occupations list	240	240	290
ii. Other	150	150	200
Working holiday scheme	120	-	120
**Long term business visa or permit	2300	2300	2300
<b>LIMITED PURPOSE (visa or permit)</b>			
Student visa	140	140	200
Further student permit	70	-	-
Other	85	85	120

**TEMPORARY -OTHER**

Special direction fee	140	140	140
Reconsideration	140	-	-
Variation of conditions	60	-	-
Request for approval in principle	120	-	-

**OTHER**

***Transit visa	120	120	160
Appeal to Residence Appeal Authority –			
i. humanitarian category	700	-	-
ii. other	700	-	-
Appeal to Removal Review Authority	700	-	-
Additional fee for urgent processing where priority requested and given in processing of application or other matter	50	50	100
Call out fee, where office is opened outside ordinary opening hours in order to process application or other matter as requested	50	50	100
Transfer fee, where permit stamp or label is transferred from 1 passport or certificate of identity to another	50	50	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	1900	-	-
ii. second and subsequent year's re-accreditation	400	-	-
iii. reconsideration of application from employer for accreditation	140	-	-

**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 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 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)