Immigration for New Zealand

The Skilled Migrant Class
Getting Immigration always helped to make New Zealand’s economy strong and significant. To continue this tradition, New Zealand encourages professional skilled worker to apply for Permanent Residence from people with skills, education, language proficiency and work experience that will contribute to the New Zealand economy.

How to apply
There are two steps:

1. You complete an Expression of Interest, telling us about yourself, your family, your skills and your experience.
2. If you have enough points, NZ will accept your Expression of Interest, and send you an Invitation to Apply. You complete it, and return it to NZ with your supporting documents.

Minimum standard of English language for principal applicants

1. Applications under the Skilled Migrant Category must be declined if the principal applicant has not met the minimum standard of English.
2. Principal applicants under the Skilled Migrant Category meet the minimum standard of English if they provide a Test Report Form (no more than 2 years old at the time the application is lodged) from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), showing they achieved an overall band score of at least 6.5 in the IELTS General or Academic Module.
3. Notwithstanding (b) above, an immigration officer may, on a case by case basis, consider the following as evidence of the principal applicant meeting the minimum standard of English if:
   1. they provide evidence that their recognized qualification(s):
      ▪ was gained as a result of a course or courses of study in which English was the only medium of instruction; and
      ▪ (if that qualification was gained in New Zealand) the qualification had a minimum completion time of at least two years and is at least a bachelor degree or it is a post-graduate qualification and the applicant has an undergraduate qualification that qualifies for points; or
   2. they have current skilled employment in New Zealand for a period of at least 12 months that qualifies for points (see SM7); or
   3. they provide other evidence which satisfies an immigration officer that, taking account of that evidence and all the circumstances of the application, they are a
competent user of English. These circumstances may include but are not limited to:

- the country in which the applicant currently resides;
- the country(ies) in which the applicant has previously resided;
- the duration of residence in each country;
- whether the applicant speaks any language other than English;
- whether members of the applicant's family speak English;
- whether members of the applicant's family speak any language other than English;
- the nature of the applicant's current or previous employment (if any) and whether that is or was likely to require skill in English language;
- the nature of the applicant's qualifications (if any) and whether the obtaining of those qualifications was likely to require skill in the English language.

4. In any case, an immigration officer may require an applicant to provide an IELTS certificate in terms of paragraph (b). In such cases, the IELTS certificate will be used to determine whether the principal applicant* meets the minimum standard of English.

**English language requirements for non-principal applicants**

1. Unless SM5.15 applies, partners and dependent children aged 16 and older, who are included in Skilled Migrant Category applications, must:
   1. show that they meet a minimum standard of English to enable successful settlement in New Zealand; or
   2. pre-purchase ESOL training; or
   3. provide other evidence which satisfies a visa or immigration officer that, taking account of that evidence and all the circumstances of the application, they are a competent user of English (see SM5.5 (c)(iii)).

2. Non-principal applicants meet the minimum standard of English if:
   1. they provide a Test Report Form (no more than 2 years old at the time the application is lodged) from IELTS, showing they achieved an overall band score of at least 5 in the IELTS General or Academic Module; or
   2. (if they are the partner of a principal applicant), they have current skilled employment in New Zealand for a period of at least 12 months that qualifies for points (see SM10); or
   3. they provide evidence of one of the following:
      - completion of all primary education and at least 3 years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 5 or years 9 to 11) at schools using English as the language of instruction;
      - completion of at least 5 years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13) at schools using English as the language of instruction;
      - completion of a course of at least 3 years duration leading to the award of a tertiary qualification at institutions using English as the language of instruction;
      - that the applicant holds General Certificate of Education (GCE) "A" Levels from Britain or Singapore with a minimum C pass (the passes must
specifically include the subjects English Language or Literature, or Use of English);
- that the applicant holds International Baccalaureate – full Diploma in English Medium;
- that the applicant holds Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English – minimum C pass;
- that the applicant holds Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations (HKALE) including a minimum C pass in Use of English;
- that the applicant holds STPM 920 (Malaysia) – A or B pass in English Literature;
- that the applicant holds University of Cambridge in collaboration with University of Malaya, General Certificate of English (GCE) "A" levels with a minimum C pass. The passes must specifically include the subjects English or General Paper;
- that the applicant holds South African Matriculation Certificate, including a minimum D pass in English (Higher Grade);
- that the applicant holds South African Senior Certificate, including a minimum D pass in English (Higher Grade), endorsed with the words 'matriculation exempt';
- that the applicant holds a New Zealand Tertiary Entrance Qualification gained on completing the seventh form.

3. In any case, an immigration officer may require an applicant to provide an IELTS certificate in terms of paragraph (b)(i). In such cases, the IELTS certificate will be used to determine whether the applicant meets the minimum standard of English.

New Zealand Qualifications Framework

The New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) is available at: [www.nzqf.govt.nz](http://www.nzqf.govt.nz)

To determine the Skilled Migrant Category points available for recognized qualifications at each level on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework see Recognized Qualification.

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**Skilled employment**

- 50 points: job offer
- 50 points: working in a skilled job in New Zealand for less than 12 months
- 60 points: working in a skilled job in New Zealand for more than 12 months.

**Bonus points**

- 10 points: work in an identified future growth area
- 10 points: work in an area of absolute skills shortage
- 10 points: work in a region outside Auckland
- 20 points if partner has a skilled job or job offer.

**Work experience in skilled employment**

- 10 points: 2 years
- 15 points: 4 years
- 20 points: 6 years
- 25 points: 8 years
- 30 points: 10 years.

**Bonus points for work experience in New Zealand:**

- Five points: one year
- 10 points: two years
- 15 points: three or more years.

**And if the work experience is in an identified future growth area:**

- 10 points: 2 to 5 years experience
- 15 points: 6 or more years experience.

**And if the work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage:**

- 10 points: 2 to 5 years
- 15 points: 6 or more years.
Qualifications

- 40 points: recognized level 4-6 qualification (e.g. trade qualification, diploma)
- 50 points: recognized level 7 or 8 qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, bachelor degree with honours)
- 60 points: recognized level 9 or 10 post-graduate qualification (masters degree, doctorate)

Bonus points for qualifications:

- 10 points: two years full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized bachelor degree New Zealand qualification
- 10 points: One year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized post-graduate New Zealand qualification
- 15 points: two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized post-graduate New Zealand qualification
- 10 points: qualification in an identified future growth area
- 10 points: qualification in an area of absolute skills shortage
- 10 points if your partner holds a level 4-6 qualification
- 20 points: if your partner holds a level 7+ qualification.

Work experience

You may be able to claim points for your previous work experience. However, your experience must be relevant. It must be:

- in the same field as your recognized qualification, or
- in the same field as your current employment in New Zealand/your offer of skilled employment in New Zealand.

Another way you can get points for your work experience is if the work experience required, or helped you gain, specialist, technical, or management skills and experience. Those skills and experience must be relevant to an occupation that may be considered skilled employment.

Quick Check for Point Calculator

Your application to come to New Zealand as above mentioned class will also be assessed against a point system consisting of six selection factors. The six selection factors are:

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Total Maximum 185 points

Pass Mark For skill category - 100 points

You can assess your eligibility using the skilled worker self-assessment test from by sending your CV to our web site http://www.saavisa.com or even government web site of Citizenship and Immigration New Zealand.

Requirements:

a. You have to have honours with Master degree and must be assessed by the NZQA
b. You must have job experience in the relevant field at least 6 yrs+ or even in NZ
c. You must have language proficiency in GT/Academic module with a score in average 6.5
d. You need your spouse qualification at least a degree with an average IELTS (5.5)
e. Your occupation must be matched with NZ occupation shortage lists
f. If you have your 1st blood relative reside in New Zealand

How to apply:

To begin your process, you need to have all your completed supported documents verified, legalized, attaching with written immigration proposal, Assessing Authority’s Approval, New Zealand Standard Resume, cover letter, Job Reference letter from Employer, Current Job Statistics in New Zealand, Statement of Purpose, Bank support with proper immigration fees for New Zealand (DIAGOVTNZ). All these facilities you can obtain from us SA ASSOCIATES with secured and trusted policy.