



IMMIGRATION NEW ZEALAND UPDATE

Information about eVisas

November 2015

Applications for New Zealand student, visitor and work visas can now be made using Immigration New Zealand's Immigration ONLINE services.

Immigration New Zealand is also progressively expanding its use of passport-free applications and label-less visas (eVisas) for applicants who use Immigration ONLINE.

eVisa implementation

New Zealand visas are recorded electronically by Immigration New Zealand. Where an eVisa is issued, the visa holder will not have a visa label in their passport but will receive electronic notification of their visa approval. This notification contains visa details, including travel and other visa conditions. Visa holders are advised to carry this notification when they travel.

Online systems (New Zealand Advance Passenger Processing and TIETAC NZ) are available for airlines to confirm that a person can travel to New Zealand. INZ is also extending VisaView, its online visa enquiry system, to additional user groups. VisaView is currently only available to New Zealand employers.

eVisas are currently available to work visa applicants from visa-waiver countries, and most visitor visa applicants* if they apply to extend their visas using Immigration ONLINE from within New Zealand.

In late 2015/early 2016, INZ is planning to extend eVisas to:

- student, visitor and work visa applicants* who apply to renew their visa while in New Zealand using Immigration ONLINE
- student, visitor and work visa applicants from visa-waiver countries who apply from offshore using Immigration ONLINE.

Next steps

Immigration New Zealand is planning to progressively expand the use of label-less visas to non-visa waiver countries beginning in 2016, although in some cases a person may still be required to produce their passport for verification.

For more information: www.immigration.govt.nz/eVisas

*For now, eVisas will not be available to Chinese nationals, although Immigration New Zealand is working towards enabling this.

New Zealand visitor visa approval

Application number [Application Number] for a New Zealand visa has been approved. If this application has been made through an immigration adviser, lawyer or other representative who is exempt from licensing, this entire document must be provided to the applicant.



Visitor Visa details

Applicant:

[Client First Name] [Client Middle Name] [Client Last Name]

[Secondary Applicant 1]
[Secondary Applicant 2]
[Secondary Applicant 3]
[Secondary Applicant 4]

Date of Birth:

[Date of Birth]

[SecondaryApplicant1DateOfBirth]
[SecondaryApplicant2DateOfBirth]
[SecondaryApplicant3DateOfBirth]
[SecondaryApplicant4DateOfBirth]

Principal applicant's details

Gender: [Sex]

Nationality: [TravelDocumentCountry]

Passport number: [Passport Number]

Client number: [Client Number]

The start date of your visa is: [VisaStartDate]

You must arrive in New Zealand before: [FirstEntryBefore]

The number of times you may enter New Zealand during the validity of your visa is: [NumberOfVisaEntries].

The last date that you may travel to New Zealand is: [VisaExpiryDateTravel]

Your visa expires and you must leave New Zealand on or before: [VisaExpiryDateStay]

The conditions of your visa: [VisaConditions]

PRINT THIS DOCUMENT AND CARRY IT WITH YOUR PASSPORT

These details reflect the electronic record of your visa held by Immigration New Zealand (INZ). Any attempt to alter this document may put your immigration status at risk. It is an offence under the Immigration Act 2009 to use a document that you know has been altered.

The visa details listed above MUST match the details shown in the passport you are entering New Zealand with or your travel to New Zealand may be disrupted. Please check all your visa details before you travel.

Airline staff may ask to see this document when you check in for your flight to travel to New Zealand. You may also be asked to show this to a customs or immigration officer when entering New Zealand. Failure to show this may result in the airline refusing to allow you to board your aircraft or may cause delays.

You can only hold one visa at a time. Any previous visa you held is now void and has been replaced by the visa referred to in this letter.

Do you need information about living in New Zealand, the conditions of your visa, or extending your time in New Zealand?

To understand your visa conditions, apply to change those conditions, or extend your time in New Zealand go to www.immigration.govt.nz/alreadyherevisit

Do you have a new passport?

If you obtain a new passport, you must transfer your visa. INZ's website has information on transferring a visa to a new passport.

You must not remain in New Zealand after your visa expires

You must hold a valid visa at all times and depart New Zealand before it expires. If you remain in New Zealand after it expires, you will be in New Zealand unlawfully and will be liable for deportation. If you are deported from New Zealand, you will be unable to return until after any prohibition period and until you have paid any deportation costs. If you are in New Zealand unlawfully and depart before you are served with a deportation order, you may still be deemed to be deported, but you will not be subject to any prohibition period.

If you wish to appeal against your liability for deportation, you may appeal on humanitarian grounds no later than 42 days after first being in New Zealand unlawfully. Further information on how to appeal to the Immigration and Protection Tribunal is available at www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/ipt.

Message for carriers and border staff

This letter notifies the holder of the approval of a visa for entry to New Zealand. We request your assistance in facilitating travel to New Zealand for this person, in accordance with the conditions of the visa detailed above. Details of this visa can be confirmed through the New Zealand Advance Passenger Processing (APP) system. If this system is not available to you, the visa can be confirmed if necessary with your partner airline or the Immigration Border Operations Centre.

Need further information?

Find answers to frequently asked questions or lodge an email enquiry online at immigration.govt.nz/knowledgebase or call our Immigration Contact Centre on 0508 55 88 55 from outside Auckland, 09 914 4100 from inside Auckland or +64 9 914 4100 from outside New Zealand.