

STUDY, WORK & LIVE IN NEW ZEALAND

**UPDATED
VERSION**

New Zealand Licensed
Immigration Adviser



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Opportunities for Study, Training, Work and Migration

If you have no degree

STUDY
(Student Visa - work 20 hours/week)
Level 4-6 Qualifications (2 years) | Bachelor Degree

JOB HUNTING / WORK
Post Study Work Visa (Open)*
Any job, anywhere, any hours

If finished Level 4-6 qualification (s), in Auckland	If finished Level 4-6 qualification (s), outside Auckland**	If finished Bachelor's degree qualification
1 Year	2 Years	3 Years

If you have a degree or high level diploma

STUDY (1 year minimum)
(Student Visa - work 20 hours/week)
Level 7-10 Diploma or Degree

JOB HUNTING / WORK
Post Study Work Visa (Open)*
Any job, anywhere, any hours

If finished Level 7 qualification, in Auckland	If finished Level 7 qualification, outside Auckland**	If finished Level 8-10 qualification
1 Year	2 Years	3 Years

WORK
Essential Skills Work Visa*

Conditions:

- Employer must prove they cannot find a suitable New Zealander
- You are qualified for the job (NZ or overseas qualification or work experience)

Lower Skill	Higher Skill
1 Year	3 Years

WORK
Work to Residence Visa*

Conditions:

- Employer is "Accredited" (proven skills shortage)
- Skilled job meeting salary threshold

2.5 years

RESIDENCE
Eligible to apply if offered a skilled job and reached the minimum points

RESIDENCE
If work for Accredited Employer for 2 years

* You can only apply for Post Study Work Visa (Open) once, unless you complete a second higher qualification that is either a New Zealand bachelor's degree or post-graduate qualification, which you spend at least 30 weeks in New Zealand studying for. When on a work visa, you may be able to bring your partner with an Open Work Visa, and with that, your children can attend school for (almost) free. Or your partner can come before that on a visitor visa, and for certain limited courses, they can get a work visa.

** You must have successfully completed your qualification(s) by 31 December 2021.

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