

## NEW ZEALAND WORK VISAS

Visa Type	How to lodge?	Processing time	Validity	Comments
Essential skills (work visa)	Online Or Manual	Most online applications are processed within 25 days, and most paper applications within 23 days, but it can take longer in some situations. (varies depending upon health & character checks)	You can stay in New Zealand for up to 5 years on an Essential Skills Work Visa, depending on your circumstances. <a href="#">Length of stay information</a>	Health & Character checks required as stay exceed more than 12 months. Click on below hyperlink for more info <a href="#">Meeting the criteria</a>
<b>Essential Skills Policy visa</b> - this type of application requires a job offer from a NZ employer and the process will center around the nature of the job, your work experience, qualifications and the supporting information from your NZ employer.				
Working Holiday	Online only	Five working days	For up to 12 months from date of arrival in NZ	Click on below hyperlink for more info <a href="#">Working Holiday Visa</a>
<b>Working Holiday program</b> - this program is only available to selected countries that have a reciprocal agreement with New Zealand for a Working Holiday Scheme. Applicants must be citizens of those countries and aged between 18 and 30. There are also additional requirements for each of the selected countries that you must meet. A job offer is not required for this application. See if you are from a eligible country of citizenship: <a href="#">visa options</a>				
Variation of condition (work visa)	Manual	Most applications are processed within 25 days.	Will continue with the validity of current visa held. If visa is expiring soon – need to apply for a new work visa	Check here if this applies to you: <a href="#">Variation of work visa</a>
<b>Variation of conditions</b> – Need to apply under this category when the applicant's (Resident Medical Officer) circumstances change; their occupation, employer or place of employment, in order to remain lawful and to amend their visa accordingly.				

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