



## Immigration fees to increase from 5 November 2018

Immigration fees and levies are reviewed regularly to ensure they accurately reflect the cost incurred in providing immigration services. New fees and levies have now been confirmed, following public consultation earlier in the year. The new fees and levies will take effect from Monday, 5 November 2018.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has announced that immigration fees will increase for a number of visa categories, **effective for applications received on or after Monday 5 November.**

Nearly all visa application fees comprise of an application fee **plus** an immigration levy.

While not all application fees are increasing, the levy component of every visa is increasing significantly, by approximately 50%.

The levy component differs between visa types but ranges from 8% to 46% of the total fee payable.

The fee increases **for the main visa types for New Zealand-based applicants** are as follows:

- Visitor visa - from \$165 to \$211
- Student visa - from \$250 to \$275
- Essential Skills Work visa - from \$298 to \$495 (66% increase)
- Partnership Residence visa - from \$1,250 to \$1,480
- Skilled Migrant Category Residence visa - from \$2,470 to \$2,710

The fee and levy you pay is based on when INZ receives your application.

If you are applying online, the fee charged is the fee that is in force at the time you reach the online payment screen. For example, if you start your application on 4 November, but don't complete it until after midnight New Zealand time, then the new fee and levy will apply.

Annex One: Schedule of Individual Fees and Levies

Note: Proposed fees are rounded up to the nearest \$5 for fees under \$100 or the nearest \$10 for fees above \$100. As a result, the actual percentage change may be slightly different to the change described in the 'comments' column in the table below.

Fee (NZ\$)	Current fees			Proposed fees			Comment on change
	New Zealand	Pacific	Rest of World	New Zealand	Pacific	Rest of World	
<i>Residence class visa</i>							
Residence class visa application—Skilled Migrant Category	1,890	1,620	2,505	1,880	1,610	2,480	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Residence class visa application—Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	4,280	4,165	4,165	4,240	4,130	4,130	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Residence class visa application—Investor (Investor 2 Category)	4,280	4,165	4,165	4,240	4,130	4,130	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Residence class visa application—Entrepreneur Residence Category	3,340	3,340	3,340	3,310	3,310	3,310	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Residence class visa application—Family Category	970	970	1,670	1,070	1,070	1,840	10% increase for all other visa categories
Residence class visa application—Samoan Quota scheme	740	720	-	820	800	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Residence class visa application—Pacific Access Category	805	785	-	890	870	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Residence class visa application—Refugee Family Support Category	605	595	835	670	660	920	10% increase for all other visa categories
Residence class visa application—Residence from Work Category	970	-	-	970	n/a	n/a	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Residence class visa application—Parent Retirement Category	3,340	3,340	3,340	3,310	3,310	3,310	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas

Residence class visa application—any other residence category	970	970	1,670	1,070	1,070	1,840	10% increase for all other visa categories
Permanent resident visa application by person holding resident visa	190	190	190	210	210	210	10% increase for all other visa categories
Permanent resident visa application by person who previously held resident visa	190	190	190	210	210	210	10% increase for all other visa categories
Resident visa application by person who previously held resident visa	190	190	190	210	210	210	10% increase for all other visa categories
Variation of travel conditions of visa by person holding resident visa	190	190	190	210	210	210	10% increase for other immigration matters
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Skilled Migrant Category (physical)	680	680	680	680	680	680	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Skilled Migrant Category (electronic)	530	530	530	530	530	530	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence Visa
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Investor 2 Category	620	620	620	620	620	620	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Parent Category (physical)	440	440	440	490	490	490	10% increase for all other visa categories
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Parent Category (electronic)	345	345	345	380	380	380	10% increase for all other visa categories
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Pacific Access Category (first year of notification)	75	75	75	85	85	85	10% increase for all other visa categories
Notification of expression of interest in applying for residence class visa—Pacific Access Category (subsequent year of notification)	30	30	30	35	35	35	10% increase for all other visa categories

Temporary visa application—visitor visa	170	135	170	190	150	190	10% increase for all other visa categories
Temporary visa application—visitor visa (online)	151	116	151	190	150	190	Removal of online discount – applies hard-copy rate
Temporary visa application—student visa	260	205	280	250	200	270	6.5% reduction for student visa categories
Temporary visa application—student visa (online)	233	178	253	250	200	270	Removal of online discount – applies hard-copy rate
Temporary entry class visa application—limited visa: limited student visa	260	205	280	250	200	270	6.5% reduction for student visa categories
Temporary entry class visa application—limited visa: limited visa for recognised seasonal employer	280	240	280	310	270	310	10% increase for all other visa categories
Temporary entry class visa application—limited visa: any other category	170	135	170	190	150	190	10% increase for all other visa categories
Temporary visa application—student visa made online by education provider	100	-	-	110	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Temporary visa application—group visitor visa per person (made offshore only): approved destination status (China)	n/a	n/a	50	n/a	n/a	30	45% reduction for group visitor visa category
Temporary visa application—group visitor visa per person (made offshore only): other	85	85	85	50	50	50	45% reduction for group visitor visa category
Temporary visa application— Retirement Category visitor visa	3,340	3,340	3,340	3,310	3,310	3,310	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas
Temporary visa application—work visa under Silver Fern Job Search immigration instructions	260	260	260	410	410	410	54% increase for work visa categories
Temporary visa application—work visa under working holidaymaker extension	170	-	170	190	n/a	190	10% increase for all other visa categories

Temporary visa application—work visa under Work Partnership/Work to Residence (Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), Talent (Employer Accreditation), or Talent (Long-term Skills Shortage List))	375	375	375	580	580	580	54% increase for work visa categories
Temporary visa application—work visa under Work Partnership/Work to Residence (Talent (Arts, Culture, and Sports), Talent (Employer Accreditation), or Talent (Long-term Skills Shortage List)) (online)	355	355	355	580	580	580	54% increase/Removal of online discount – applies hard-copy rate
Temporary visa application—work visa under any other category of immigration instruction	280	240	280	440	370	440	54% increase for work visa categories
Temporary visa application—work visa under any other category of immigration instruction (online)	260	220	260	440	370	440	54% increase/Removal of online discount – applies hard-copy rate
Temporary visa application—Entrepreneur Work Visa	3,340	2,820	3,340	3,310	2,800	3,310	1% overall decrease for Business/Skilled Residence visas (see para 35)
Temporary visa application—work visa under working holiday scheme	170	-	170	190	n/a	190	10% increase for all other visa categories
Application for reconsideration of decision to decline further temporary visa	195	-	-	220	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Transit visa application	145	145	145	160	160	160	10% increase for all other visa categories
Transit visa application—group Chinese nationals per person	85	-	85	95	n/a	95	10% increase for all other visa categories
Request for special direction	195	195	195	220	220	220	10% increase for other immigration matters
Residence class visa granted under section 61 of the Immigration Act	870	-	-	960	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Temporary entry class visa granted under section 61 of the Immigration Act	365	-	-	410	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories

Application for variation of conditions imposed on any type of temporary entry class visa	170	170	170	190	190	190	10% increase for other immigration matters
Request under immigration instructions by employer for approval in principle to recruit overseas workers	400	-	-	440	n/a	n/a	10% increase for other immigration matters
Labour hire company accreditation (Essential Skills Category immigration instructions)—first year of accreditation	1,775	-	-	1,960	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Labour hire company accreditation (Essential Skills Category immigration instructions)—subsequent year of accreditation	500	-	-	550	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Reconsideration of application from labour hire company for accreditation (Essential Skills Category immigration instructions)	195	-	-	220	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Request under immigration instructions by an employer for approval in principle to recruit overseas workers under foreign crew of fishing vessels instructions	5,115	-	-	5,630	n/a	n/a	10% increase for other immigration matters
Request under immigration instructions for supplementary seasonal employment approval in principle	260	-	-	290	n/a	n/a	10% increase for other immigration matters
Call-out fee where office is opened outside normal working hours in order to process immigration matter	290	290	290	320	320	320	10% increase for other immigration matters
Registration under Refugee Family Support Category	90	-	-	100	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Employer accreditation (under talent work immigration instructions)—initial accreditation	1,775	-	-	2,130	n/a	n/a	20% increase for Talent employer accreditation applications
Employer accreditation (under talent work immigration instructions)—subsequent accreditation	500	-	-	600	n/a	n/a	20% increase for Talent employer accreditation applications

Reconsideration of application from employer for talent employer accreditation	195	-	-	240	n/a	n/a	20% increase for Talent employer accreditation applications
Entertainment industry accreditation (under specific purpose or events immigration instructions)—first year of accreditation	1,775	-	-	1,960	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Entertainment industry accreditation (under specific purpose or events immigration instructions)—subsequent year accreditation	500	-	-	550	n/a	n/a	10% increase for all other visa categories
Recognised Seasonal Employer status	870	-	-	960	n/a	n/a	10% increase for other immigration matters
Agreement to recruit under Recognised Seasonal Employer work immigration instructions	230	-	-	260	n/a	n/a	10% increase for other immigration matters
Confirmation of immigration status	110	110	110	130	130	130	10% increase for other immigration matters
Transfer fee where visa stamp or label transferred from one passport or certificate of identity to another	110	110	110	130	130	130	10% increase for other immigration matters
First endorsement of New Zealand citizenship in foreign passport	135	135	135	150	150	150	10% increase for other immigration matters
Second or subsequent endorsement of New Zealand citizenship in foreign passport	85	85	85	95	95	95	10% increase for other immigration matters

Note: Proposed levies are rounded up to the nearest \$1 for first seven.

Proposed levies are rounded up to the nearest \$10 for remaining categories.

The figures assume that the increases proposed in this paper are agreed in full.

<b>Category of applicant</b>	<b>Current Levy (NZ\$)</b>	<b>Proposed Levy (NZ\$)</b>
Applicant for group visitor visa	10	15
Applicant for visitor visa: any other category	14	21
Applicant for student visa	17	25
Applicant for work visa	38	55
Applicant for limited visa: limited visa for recognised seasonal employer	10	15
Applicant for limited visa: limited student visa	17	25
Applicant for limited visa: any other category	14	21
Applicant for resident visa—Skilled Migrant Category	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Investor Plus (Investor 1 Category)	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Investor (Investor 2 Category)	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Entrepreneur Residence Category	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Residence from Work Category	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Employees of Relocating Business Category	580	830
Applicant for resident visa—Family Category	280	410
Applicant for resident visa—Pacific Access Category	280	410
Applicant for resident visa—Parent Retirement Category	280	410
Applicant for resident visa—Pitcairn Islanders	280	410
Applicant for permanent resident visa—Family Category	280	410
Applicant for permanent resident visa—Residence from Work Category	580	830