

## Entrepreneur Category

If you have successfully established, been self-employed or worked in a business that is benefiting New Zealand, you may be eligible for residence under the Entrepreneur Category. You must have successfully established a business that has been operating for two years.

You may have applied for, and gained, a Long-term Business Visa so you could establish the business, and now wish to apply for residence. If so, you:

- must have established, purchased, or made a substantial investment of at least 25 per cent in a business operating in New Zealand  
**and**
- must have been self employed or, if you're a part-owner, have worked, in that business for two years before you apply for residence as an entrepreneur  
**and**
- or any partner or children who are with you must not have sought social welfare assistance  
**and**
- need to show that you've met the requirements for establishing your business in New Zealand.

### CHECKLIST FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Any documents not written in the English Language must be accompanied by a full English translation. Translations must:

- be certified as a correct translation made by a person familiar with both languages and competent in translation work; **and**
- be prepared and certified by a recognised private or official translation service; **and**
- not be completed by an applicant's family member or a person with an interest in the outcome of the application: **and**
- be on the official letterhead of the translation service; **and**
- bear the stamp or signature of the translator.

All documents submitted in support of an application for residence must be originals or certified copies. To be accepted, certified copies must be stamped or endorsed as being true copies of the originals by a person authorised by law to take statutory declarations in the applicant's country or in New Zealand i.e. a lawyer, notary public, Justice of the Peace or court official.

Basic Requirements	Note	Tick
<i>Fully completed and signed application form</i>	If there are any gaps, please put "N/A" (not applicable)	

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<i>Application fee</i>	NZ\$2,800.00 (This fee is subject to change). Please complete the credit card authorisation in the application.	
<i>Medicals &amp; X-rays</i>	Each person included in the application is required to supply medical certificates. These medical certificates must have been completed no longer than <b>three months</b> before the application is lodged.  <i>(Please note that children under 12 years and women who are pregnant are not required to undergo an x-ray).</i>	
<i>Full Birth Certificates</i>	Each person included on the application	
<i>Evidence of relationship to the principal applicant</i>	See our “Requirements for Partners” information sheet	
<i>Police reports</i>	Each person included on the application and aged 17 years or older must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A police certificate from their country of citizenship; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Police certificates from any country they have lived in for more than 12 months (collectively) in the past 10 years.</li> </ul> All certificates must be no older than <b>six months</b> at the time the application is lodged.	
<i>Passport photos</i>	Attach two passport-sized photographs for each person included in the application.	
<i>Passports</i>	Original or a certified copy for each person included in the application	
<i>English language</i>	A certificate (no more than two years old) from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), showing a minimum band score of four in each of the four components; <b>or</b>  Evidence of an English speaking background Acceptable evidence includes either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate, or certificates, showing completion of all primary education and a minimum of three years secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand forms 3 to 5 or year 9 to 11) at schools using English as the language of instruction, <b>or</b></li> <li>• A certificate showing completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand forms 3-7 or year 9-13) at schools using English as the language of instruction, <b>or</b></li> <li>• A certificate showing that a course of at least three years duration, leading to the award of a tertiary qualification at</li> </ul>	

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	institutions using English as the medium of instruction, was completed; etc	
<i>Establishment of a business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Incorporation under the Companies Act 1993 for a limited liability company</li> <li>• Director and shareholder details from the Companies Office for a limited liability company</li> <li>• Copies of Annual Returns filed with the Companies Office under the Companies Act 1993 for a limited liability company</li> <li>• Copy of Sale and Purchase Agreement for purchase of an existing business</li> <li>• Partnership deeds/agreements for partnerships</li> <li>• Evidence of Sole Trader position</li> <li>• Copies of supply/distribution agreements</li> <li>• Details (i.e. receipts/leases/photos etc) for premises set up</li> <li>• Details of the business' advertising (i.e. brochures/menus, business cards, letterhead etc).</li> </ul>	
<i>Benefit to New Zealand</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original financial statements of profit and loss and cashflow for the New Zealand company or business for the last 2 years</li> <li>• Copies of all tax and GST returns for the New Zealand company or business for the last 2 years</li> <li>• Copies of PAYE returns for NZ company or business for last 2 years PAYE monthly schedules</li> <li>• Letter from Chartered Accountant confirming accounts, employment details and stating that the business is considered to be a going concern</li> <li>• Letters of support from NZ suppliers, distributors or customers in terms of on-going benefit to NZ</li> <li>• Letters of support from commercial premises landlord where appropriate, local MP where appropriate, regionally Chamber of Commerce (if a member) and other trade organisations (if a member)</li> </ul>	
<i>Additional</i>	<p>Please supply only if requested to do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of any financial and/or legal obligation towards custody, including any custody orders</li> </ul>	

**Advice and information**

**Queen City Law's** Immigration Team can advise on all aspects of Skilled Migrant applications – please contact **Marcus Beveridge**, **Bradley So** or **Rita Worner** for further information or assistance.

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