

Investor (Investor 2) Category Requirements

1. Expression of Interest

This category uses a points system to judge the ability of a potential investor migrant to contribute to New Zealand businesses. Points are claimed on your Expression of Interest (EOI) for age, business experience, English language, and investment funds. All of the EOIs received are placed in a 'pool' – a collection of EOIs from interested people. Those with the highest points total in their EOIs may be invited to apply for residence. This policy is limited to 300 approvals per annum. (This is limited to the number of applications rather than the number of people).

An Expression of Interest is current for a period of six months from the date of initial submission to the Pool unless no Pool selection of Expressions of Interest has occurred within that six-month period. Where this is the case, the EOI is current until such time as a selection from the Pool has occurred.

2. Submission of Expression of Interest to the Pool

Expressions of Interest submitted in the prescribed manner may be entered into a Pool of Expressions of Interest (the Pool) if the person expressing interest:

- a) has confirmed that health and character requirements for entry to the Pool have been met; and
- b) has claimed points for a minimum overall band score of IELTS 3 for English language ability or has an "English Speaking Background"; and
- c) has confirmed they are 65 years and younger; and
- d) has claimed points for a minimum of three years of business experience (based in a lawful business with either five full time employees or an annual turnover of NZ \$1 million); and
- e) has claimed points for a minimum of NZ \$1.5 million of investment funds; and
- f) has confirmed that they legally own NZ \$1 million in settlement funds **in addition** to the \$1.5 million investment funds.

3. Checklist

Basic requirements	Note
<i>Fully completed and signed application form</i>	<p>Complete a <u>Investor (Investor 2 Category) Expression of Interest PDF</u>.</p> <p>Do not provide any documentation at this stage to support your claims you make in your EOI.</p> <p>Application fees of \$3,400.00 if applying outside in New Zealand and \$3,500.00 if applying within New Zealand. This fee is subject to change so please check with us.</p> <p>We would require a photocopy of your completed EOI form and will provide you with full assistance in completing the EOI. Care needs to be taken as simple mistakes or omissions can potentially have</p>

	<p>disastrous results. If you are invited to apply for residence, we will need to refer to this form and confirm that your circumstances are the same, or inform INZ of any changes that may affect your application. Our immigration laws (Immigration Act 2009) place a positive obligation on all applicants to disclose any such changed circumstances.</p> <p>Once you have been invited to apply for residence the real work being as BMB/ INZ will provide a comprehensive checklist requesting substantial evidentiary documentation confirming the information contained in the EOI.</p>	
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4. Further information and advice

Queen City Law has considerable experience in various Investor Categories that have been in place in NZ for at least a decade and will be able to add significant value to your application.

We also provide all other relevant legal services and assist you with matters including due diligence, sale and purchase of businesses and property, all commercial, company, tax, asset protection and other legal aspects inherent in your investment in NZ. Therefore, we are able to provide highly effective one stop shop. These measures are able to provide unique and highly specialized professional services to you. We look forward to discussing your requirements.

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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