

Long Term Business Visa (LTBV)

Long Term Business Visas and/or Permits are a category of work visa and/or permit which allows you to stay in New Zealand as a self-employed person for up to three years.

If your application is approved under the Long Term Business Category, you will be granted a Work Permit that expires after nine months. This allows you the time to take steps to establish your business. Before the nine months have expired you can apply for a further Work Permit to take your stay up to a total of three years.

You can apply for a Long Term Business Permit as a step towards gaining residence in New Zealand through our [Entrepreneur Category](#).

Please note:

Any documents not written in the English Language must be accompanied by a full English translation and 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	✓
<i>Fully completed and signed application form</i>	If there are any gaps, please put "N/A" (not applicable)	
<i>Application fee</i>	Bank draft for NZ\$2,800 made out to the "New Zealand Immigration Service". This fee is subject to change.	
<i>Medicals & 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 three months before the application is lodged. (Please note that children under 12 years and women who are pregnant are not required to undergo an x-ray).	
<i>Full Birth Certificates</i>	Each person included on the application	
<i>Evidence of relationship to the principal applicant</i>	Refer to our "Requirements for Partners" infosheet	
<i>Police reports</i>	Each person included on the application and aged 17 years or older must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A police certificate from their country of citizenship; and • Police certificates from any country they have lived in for more than 12 months (collectively) in the past 10 years. All certificates must be no older than six months at the time the application is lodged.	
<i>Passport photos</i>	Attach two passport-sized photographs for each person included on the application.	
<i>Passports</i>	If you are unable to supply your passport, you are required to submit a certified copy. If you need to keep the original, we will return the passport to you after which we make a certified true copy	

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<i>English language</i>	<p>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; or</p> <p>Evidence of an English speaking background Acceptable evidence includes either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, or • A certificate, or certificates showing completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand forms 3 to 7 or year 9 to 13) at schools using English as the language of instruction, or • A certificate showing that a course of at least three years duration, leading to the award of a tertiary qualification at institutions using English as the medium of instruction, was completed; etc 	
<i>Work Experience</i>	<p>Please supply original (and 2 certified copies of) evidence of all work experience (e.g. Letters of reference from employers on company letterhead, certificates confirming service, job descriptions, notices of appointment, pay slips, tax records, job specifications or performance assessments, photos taken at work, business cards etc.) for principal applicant only.</p>	
<i>Business experience documents</i>	<p>Documents that show that you own the business, such as company incorporation docs, tax records, annual reports, letters from Chartered Accountants and lawyers confirming the operation of the company</p>	
<i>Evidence of Capital required for starting Business:</i>	<p>Bank statements, titles/deeds/mortgages, valuation reports, share information etc</p>	
<i>Maintenance Funds on top of capital required to start up business</i>	<p>Should be at least \$1,000 per person, per month (e.g. Bank statements, titles/deeds/mortgages, valuation reports, share information etc</p>	
<i>Additional</i>	<p>Please supply only if requested to do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original passport; • Evidence of any financial and/or legal obligation towards custody, including any custody order; <p>Evidence to show the genuine partnership relationship with your spouse.</p>	

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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