

IMMIGRATION LAW

RESIDENCE - PARENT CATEGORY

You can apply for residence under this category if you wish to move to New Zealand to be close to your New Zealand citizen/resident children. You must meet health, character and English language requirements, and will only be eligible if you do not have any dependent children. Your sponsor also needs to meet eligibility requirements, namely that they are of good character and have held a resident visa for at least three years.

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	✓
Fully completed and signed application and sponsorship forms	If there are any gaps, please put "N/A" (not applicable)	
Application fee	NZ\$930 - \$1,600 depending on location (this does not include the Expression of Interest fee). This fee is subject to change.	
Passport photos	Attach two passport-sized photographs for each person included in the application.	
Passports	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	
Full Birth Certificates	Each person included in the application	
Evidence of relationship to the principal applicant	Refer to our "Partnership Recognition" infosheet.	
Police reports	<p>Each person included in the application and aged 17 years or older must provide:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All certificates must be no older than six months at the time the application is lodged.</p>	
Medicals & X-rays	<p>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.</p> <p>(Please note: children under 11 years and women who are pregnant are not required to undergo an x-ray).</p>	

English language	<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 two of the four components; or</p> <p>Evidence of an English speaking background</p>	
Evidence of sponsor's immigration status	Certified copy of passport and residence visa.	
Evidence of your relationship with your sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates establishing the relationship or • Household registration documents, if these establish the relationship or • Evidence of adoption which establishes the relationship. 	
Evidence of Tier 1 requirements (if applicable)	<p>Sponsor's income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal tax returns or tax certificates • Pay slips • Employment contract • Bank statements showing receipt of earnings <p>Guaranteed lifetime minimum income Pension certificates</p> <p>Settlement funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank books/statements • Title deeds, valuation report and mortgage documents or statements showing any liability incurred on the property. • Share certificates • Evidence of ownership of other assets e.g. gold bullion with a recent independent market valuation. <p>All documents provided as valuations of assets must be no more than three months old when you make your residence application and must be produced by a reliable, independent agency.</p>	
Evidence of Tier 2 requirements (if applicable)	<p>'Home alone' evidence Documentation to demonstrate that your other adult children are not living in your country of lawful and permanent residence.</p> <p>Sponsor's income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal tax returns or tax certificates • Pay slips • Bank statements showing receipt of earnings 	

Advice and information

Queen City Law's Immigration Team can advise on all aspects of residence applications.