



Immigration New Zealand - Official Average Processing Times

Correct as at 23 November 2009

Warning: Please note that the processing times below are provided as an indication only and are subject to change at any time without prior notification. (The following processing times are based on 50% of applicants receiving their visas in the time indicated). Please contact your registered Migration Agent for an update.

For applicants resident in....applying under Visa Category	Assigned Immigration NZ Office
UK, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Poland The Netherlands, Austria or Switzerland	Skilled Migrant or Family	London
Middle East or Asia	Skilled Migrant or Family	Beijing or Shanghai - depending on case load
New Zealand	Skilled Migrant or Family	Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Palmerston North or Auckland (Manukau, Central or Henderson) - depending on nearest location
All	Business or Investor	Wellington, New Zealand

Note: For all applicants from a country of residence or visa category that is not specified above, please contact the Visa Centre for further information.

London Office

Visa Category	Assessment of EOI – Immigration Authorities	INZ – Immigration Authorities
Skilled Migrant	1 - 3 months	1 - 3 months
Family (Parent)	-	19 - 21 months
Spousal	-	1 - 4 months
Temporary entry (work permit)		2 - 4 weeks

Beijing or Shanghai Offices

Visa Category	Assessment of EOI – Immigration Authorities	INZ – Immigration Authorities
Skilled Migrant	1 - 3 months	9 - 18 months
Family (Parent)	-	30 - 48 months
Spousal	-	6 - 12 months
Temporary entry (work permit)*		2 - 4 weeks

Wellington Office

Visa Category	Assessment of EOI – Immigration Authorities	INZ – Immigration Authorities
Business	-	75% decided within 3 months from lodgement 90% decided within 6 months from lodgement
Investor	1 - 3 months	75% decided within 3 months from lodgement 90% decided within 6 months from lodgement

Christchurch

Visa Category	Assessment of EOI – Immigration Authorities	INZ – Immigration Authorities
Skilled Migrant	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months
Family (Parent)	-	21 - 24 months
Spousal	-	12 - 15 months
Work visas/permits*		10 - 30 days

* Priority is given to Work to Residence (Talent and Long Term Skill Shortage) applications and applicants with jobs on the skills shortage lists.

For more information and assistance, please contact the **Visa Centre** – www.visacentre.com