



IMMIGRATION LAW IN NEW ZEALAND

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If you are not a New Zealand or Australian national you will need a valid visa to live and work in New Zealand. New Zealand provides different immigration pathways for those with the capital or the right skills.

HOW TO OBTAIN A VISA TO WORK OR LIVE IN NEW ZEALAND?

There are mainly two ways for you to obtain a visa in New Zealand; you can do this by either:

- Investing in New Zealand
- Bringing to New Zealand with the right type of work skills.

If you fall into one of the categories, you may be able to obtain either an investor visa or a working visa provided that other relevant conditions are met.

Working visas are not discussed in details here, if you have any queries, our team at Buddle Findlay will be happy to provide you with further information or advice.

WHAT VISAS ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE AN INVESTOR?

If you have investment plans in New Zealand, you may be able to obtain residence under either the 'Investor Plus' (Investor 1) or 'Investor' (Investor 2) category.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR AN 'INVESTOR PLUS' VISA?

This category of investor visa requires applicants to invest an 'acceptable funds' exceeding NZ \$10m in New Zealand. You will only need to stay for a minimum of 44 days in New Zealand in each of the last two years during the three-year investment period.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR AN 'INVESTOR' VISA?

This category of investor visa only requires the applicant to invest NZ \$1.5m of 'acceptable funds', however it requires a longer minimum time in New Zealand. You will need to have stayed a minimum of 146 days in the country in each of the last three years during the four-year investment period.

It also imposes additional requirements, including the applicant's business experience, age, English language ability, and a settlement fund of NZ \$1m.

DO ALL INVESTMENTS QUALIFY AS 'ACCEPTABLE FUNDS'?

Not all types of investments will qualify as 'acceptable funds' under the investor visa scheme. Your investment will only be eligible if it falls within the legally prescribed list of investment types. Below are some examples of acceptable funds:

- Equity investments in New Zealand firms
- Bonds issued by government or local authorities
- New residential property development projects.

若您不持有新西兰或者澳洲国籍，那您需要拥有有效的签证才能在新西兰生活或工作。新西兰为海外人士提供了不同种类的移民渠道，无论您是拥有一定的资产或者适用的技能，都能够找到适合您的移民道路。

如何获得在新西兰生活或工作的签证？

您可以通过两种主要渠道申请新西兰签证，您可以：

- 在新西兰投资
- 为新西兰提供短缺的工作技能

若您的个人情况符合上述两类中的任何一种，并且您能够满足其它的相关规定，那您就有可能可以申请获得投资移民签证或工作移民签证。本文并未具体讨论工作移民签证的要求，若您有任何疑问，百德芬德利的律师团队将很乐意为您提供法律咨询。

作为投资人的您能够申请何种签证？

如果您计划在新西兰作投资，您将可以作为‘高额投资类别’ (Investor Plus) 申请人或者‘普通投资类别’ (Investor) 申请人来申请新西兰的居留权。

如何满足‘高额投资类别’的签证申请要求？

该类签证申请要求申请人在新西兰投资至少1千万纽币的‘可接受资金’，同时您只需在这三年投资周期的后两年中每年在新西兰居境内居住至少44天的时间。

如何满足‘普通投资类别’的签证申请要求？

该类签证申请仅需申请人在新西兰投资至少150万纽币的‘可接受资金’，但对申请人在新西兰的居住时间有更高的要求——在四年的投资周期内，您在后三年中需要每年至少的在新西兰境内居住146天。该类签证也对申请人的商务经验、年龄、英语水平有额外的要求。同时，您也必须拥有100万纽币的置业资金才能满足申请规定。

是否任何投资资金都属于‘可接受资金’？

并不是任何投资都属于投资移民规定下的‘可接受资金’。新西兰的投资移民条例列举了符合法律要求的投资类别，而您的投资资金必须属于这些法定类别才能被归为‘可接受资金’。以下是一些属于‘可接受资金’的例子：

- 购买新西兰公司的股权或股票
- 购买政府或地方当局所发行的债券
- 投资新的居民住宅开发项目

WILL INVESTMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR PERSONAL USE QUALIFY?

If you are only investing in residential properties in New Zealand for private use, this type of investment will not qualify as acceptable funds.

Your application may take 3-6 months to be processed, the quality of your application form or documents will affect the outcome. It is strongly recommended that you consult an immigration advisor prior to your application to ensure satisfactory outcomes.

IMMIGRATION ADVICE

The only people legally able to give immigration advice in New Zealand are licensed immigration advisers with certain exemptions (including New Zealand solicitors). Immigration New Zealand will not accept applications made through unlicensed advisers.

ABOUT BUDDLE FINDLAY

Buddle Findlay is one of New Zealand's leading commercial and public law firms, with offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, and a global reach of contacts and experience. Our team has extensive experiences on advising overseas investors, we will be happy to provide you with legal advices to ensure the success of your investment in New Zealand.

投资私用居住房产是否属于‘可接受资金’？

如果您仅仅是为私人用途投资新西兰的居住房产，那您的投资将不会被归为‘可接受资金’的类别。

如何申请投资移民？

一旦您符合了所有申请要求，您便可以填妥所需表格以开始您的申请步骤。所有申请人都必须在申请时按规定提供健康和品行方面的相关证明。不同种类的签证可能会对申请文件有不同的具体要求。投资移民的申请通常会花三到六个月的时间，您的申请表格以及相关文件的质量将会影响到您的申请结果。我们建议您在申请前向移民顾问咨询相关信息。

移民顾问与咨询

在新西兰，只有顾问拍照持有者和个别法定豁免人（包括新西兰律师）才能为您提供合法的移民咨询服务。新西兰移民局不会接受通过非法移民顾问提交的移民申请。

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