

V3.130 Visiting academics

See also Immigration Act 2009, s 4

See also Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010 Schedule 2

- a. Visiting academics from countries whose nationals are people to whom a visa waiver applies (see E2.1), may be granted a three-month visitor visa and entry permission on arrival in New Zealand.
- b. Visiting academics from countries whose nationals are required to hold a visitor visa to travel to New Zealand must apply for a visitor visa before travelling to New Zealand.
- c. Visiting academics must apply for a work visa prior to travelling to New Zealand if they wish to:
 - i. stay in New Zealand for longer than three months; or
 - ii. make multiple visits with a total duration of more than three months in any calendar year; or
 - iii. undertake any activity that would fall within the definition of work and is not listed at (f) below.
- d. Applicants must provide a letter of invitation from the tertiary education institute or institutes where they plan to undertake academic work, confirming:
 - i. the name of the applicant; and
 - ii. that the applicant is a person specified at (e) below; and
 - iii. the activity or activities the applicant will undertake while in New Zealand; and
 - iv. the dates or duration of the activity or activities to be undertaken.

Note: Tertiary education institutes include New Zealand universities, institutes of technology and the three wananga (Te Wananga o Raukawa, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, and Te Wananga o Aotearoa).

- e. Visiting academics must be:
 - i. well-qualified in their field; and
 - ii. either employed by an overseas academic or research institution, or have wide experience in such employment; and
 - iii. undertaking activities of a pedagogical, educational, professional management or research nature.
- f. Pedagogical, educational, professional management or research activities are excluded from the definition of work. These include:
 - i. collaborating on research projects with academics working at New Zealand tertiary education institutes, including publishing work with New Zealand academics; and
 - ii. presenting at one-off seminars or conferences organised by the institution; and
 - iii. providing teaching or tutoring for short courses in specialised areas that New Zealand academics do not have the subject knowledge in; and
 - iv. sourcing research material only available in New Zealand (including literature) or conducting research only able to be undertaken in New Zealand; and
 - v. planning and management (including designing, developing, implementing and reviewing/auditing academic and research courses, programmes and resources; professional development, including teaching methods and curriculum development; and sourcing resource materials for academic and research programmes); and
 - vi. meeting with a post-graduate student who they co-supervise if the student is enrolled at a New Zealand institution from which they will be receiving their qualification, if successful; and
 - vii. undertaking performance classes (e.g. in theatre, dance or music) or studio master classes (i.e. recording and mastering music); and
 - viii. participating on assessment panels for oral or practical examinations, including for theses; and
 - ix. study tours.

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Visa-waiver countries

People from some countries don't need to apply for a visa to travel to New Zealand. However, they are still required to provide:

- travel tickets or evidence of onward travel arrangements, and
- evidence of funds for maintenance (for more details go to Operations Manual [E4.50](#))

Short visits

If you are visiting for three months or less and are from a country in the list below, you will not need to apply for a visa.

Andorra	Argentina	Austria
Bahrain	Belgium	Brazil
Brunei	Bulgaria	Canada
Chile	Cyprus	Czech Republic
Denmark	Estonia*	Finland
France	Germany	Greece*****
Hong Kong**	Hungary	Iceland
Ireland	Israel	Italy
Japan	Korea (South)	Kuwait
Latvia*	Liechtenstein	Lithuania*
Luxembourg	Malaysia	Malta
Mexico	Monaco	Netherlands
Norway	Oman	Poland
Portugal***	Qatar	Romania
San Marino	Saudi Arabia	Singapore
Slovak Republic	Slovenia	South Africa
Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Taiwan	United Arab Emirates	United States of America****
Uruguay	Vatican City	

* Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's (non-citizen's) passports issued by these countries.

** Residents of Hong Kong travelling on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or British National (Overseas) passports.

*** Portuguese passport holders must also have the right to live permanently in Portugal.

**** Including nationals of the USA.

***** Greek passport holders whose passports were issued on and after 1 January 2006. (Greek passports issued before 1 January 2006 are not acceptable for travel after 1 January 2007).

United Kingdom and Australia

British citizens and other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the UK can visit for up to six months without a visa.

Australian citizens and people who hold a current Australian permanent residence visa or a current Australian resident return visa do not need a New Zealand visa to enter New Zealand.