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Friendly and welcoming, New Zealand has something to offer everybody. Its wonderfully varied unpopulated scenic landscapes, beaches, farmlands, gardens, vibrant multicultural cities etc, New Zealand is proud of its nuclear free image.

People from different ethnic groups and social classes live here with far fewer problems than found in most other countries. There is a liberal democracy with strong tradition of respect to human values, human rights and freedom.

New Zealand has a relatively strong economy which is growing day by day.

New Zealand has an excellent education system, which is highly respected internationally. The New Zealand government has strong quality assurance systems to ensure high quality education at all levels of the education system including both public and private. In addition to this NZ offers a safe learning environment and institutes are known to offer high quality education.

New Zealand institutes and universities offer wide variety of courses like architecture, accounting, business, hospitality, information technology, cyber security, business analytics, biotechnology, environmental science, law, teaching, early childhood, veterinary science, social work, electronic engineering, mechanical engineering, automotive, multimedia, animation, logistics, nursing, horticulture, travel and tourism etc...

Facts about New Zealand

- New Zealand is one of the least corrupt countries in the world.
- New Zealand has the lowest unemployment rate in the world.
- New Zealand is the first country to allow women to vote.
- New Zealand is one of the safest travel destinations in the world, with very low crime rate and few epidemic diseases offering first class health care and accident compensation system.
- New Zealanders are also called Kiwis but kiwi is not a fruit. It is New Zealand's native flightless bird.
- Auckland's Sky Tower is the tallest freestanding structure in the Southern Hemisphere at 328 meters high.
- According to the United Nations Development program report 2016-17, New Zealand has a 99% literacy rate.
- New Zealand does not have any poisonous snakes or dangerous wild animals.
- According to the mercer quality life survey 2019, Auckland is rated as the third choice of the world's most liveable cities in the world (based on important factors like safety, education, hygiene, recreation, political economic stability, public transport and health).
- New Zealander's are heavily involved in outdoor activities like sports and leisure.
- There is a clock in Dunedin town which has been running since 1864, despite never having been wound since it was made.

Why should I study in New Zealand?

- English speaking country.
- Permission to work while you study.
- Globally recognised qualifications with high quality education system.
- Climate that suits every one. Great choice of locations like Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Napier, Wellington, Nelson, or Palmerston North.
- Availability of post-study work for international students.



Are the degrees recognised in India ?

All degrees from institutes/universities represented by Atlas Consultants are globally recognised. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the apex body in India has clarified that the recognised degrees in New Zealand are fully recognised in India. AIU has a memorandum of understanding with the new Zealand government and this enables mutual recognition of degrees. However please note that certain professional qualifications like medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, law etc require professional registration and process differs.

What does it cost to study in New Zealand?

The tuition fees also depend on your chosen subject and level of study. Generally the fee can vary from NZ\$ 15000 to NZ\$ 35000 per annum (INR 7 to 16 lakhs). The living expenses can be anything between NZ\$ 15000 to NZ\$ 20000 per year depending on your life style.



Can I work part-time while I study in New Zealand?

Yes, students are allowed to work for upto 20 hours per week during the term and full time during summer vacation.

Are English proficiency exams like IELTS / PTE or TOEFL mandatory for student visa application to New Zealand?

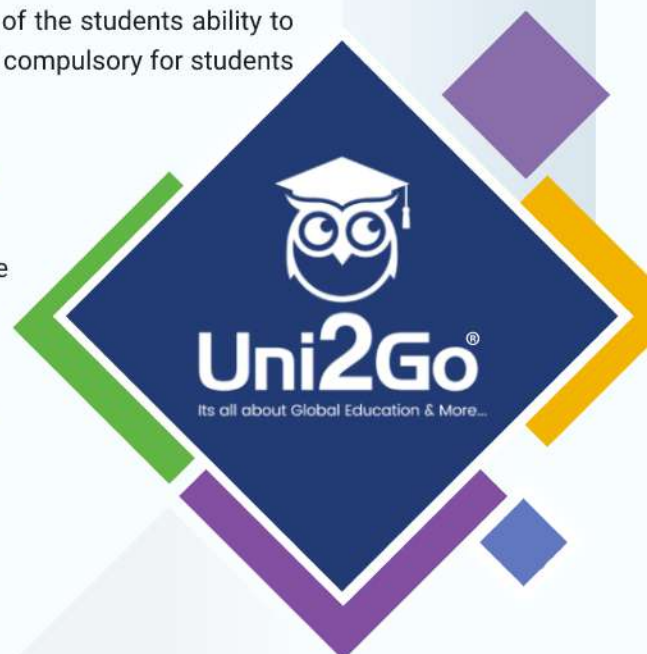
The test results give the visa officer a very good independent assessment of the students ability to manage the course of study in New Zealand. It is highly recommended and compulsory for students to get a decent score.

How much time does it take for processing of student visa application to New Zealand?

The average student visa processing time frame can vary from case to case and is generally between 3 weeks to 12 weeks.

I want to study in New Zealand and want my spouse to accompany me. Can she/he apply for a work visa?

Your spouse can apply for work visa only if you are studying towards a Level 7 or 8 qualification on the Long Term Skill Shortage List or any Level 9 or 10 qualification in New Zealand.





Do I get post study work visa after completing the course?

Yes, If you have achieved a New Zealand qualification, you may be able to apply for a post study work visa that lets you stay in New Zealand between 1 to 3 years depending on the level of your qualification and where you studied. This will allow you to get some practical work experience.

If your work is in an occupation that has skill shortages, this improves your chances of finding a job in New Zealand. You may be eligible to apply for a further work visa or residence visa.

Why choose Atlas Consultants when there are so many consultants in the market offering the same services?

Atlas Consultants is a one stop shop for students wanting to study in New Zealand or Australia. We see that the student gets unbiased detailed honest advice on all aspects of studying in New Zealand.

The Directors of the company Mr Nishidhar Reddy is a New Zealand citizen and resident of Australia. He has over 18+ years of experience with student visas and good understanding of the education system in New Zealand and what it can offer Indian students in terms of education, employment or immigration.

All staff members at Atlas are well trained and most of them have visited all the institutes we represent. We help students in finding the right course which fits their career goals and budgets. We are well aware of the student visa policy and other regulations set by Immigration New Zealand.

New Zealand Student Visa Application Requirements

Student visa application can be made online via the Real Me Portal. Here is the checklist of the documents needed. The information below will help you understand the process so you can plan ahead and have the best chance of submitting a complete application.

1. Passport or travel document

Students will need to submit original and neat photocopy of all pages of the passport. Passports must be valid for 3 months beyond intended date of departure from New Zealand.

2. Photograph

Two recent passport size photographs (Must be less than 3 months old) with light background.

3. Offer Letter from NZ institute

Letter of offer from New Zealand institute / university and must clearly mention the full name of the course, duration of the course, fee and other details.

4. Education Certificates

Neat photocopies of all education certificates with transcripts attested. If the certificates are in other language then English translation is required.

5. English proficiency test score report

Neat copy of the IELTS or PTE or TOEFL score report. Its strongly recommended that students submit this report with their visa application.

6. Evidence of Employment

If the student is working and/or have work experience in past, do provide all work references including salary slips and salary bank account where the salary is credited as evidence. In addition to this please provide the name of the supervisor/manager including his phone number and email id.

7. Sponsor Income Documents

- a) Neat copy of last 2 years Income Tax returns of the sponsors
- b) Other evidence like employment (salary slip, PF account) or business (business registration certificate, GST number, business bank account statement) and /or agriculture income certificate (from government authority)

8. Financial Documents

Students must submit evidence of sufficient funds for tuition fee and other living expenses while they study in New Zealand. The following documents are needed as evidence of the funds:

- a) Financial undertaking form/s.
- b) Affidavit of Support from Guarantors authorising Immigration New Zealand to verify their financial documents on their behalf. This document must mention the name of the bank, address, phone number, email id and contact person name.
- c) The student must provide evidence of funds upfront for the 1st year of study inclusive of living expenses (NZD 15000 p.a) in New Zealand. If the duration of the course is longer students must provide a plan of payment to show that they have access to the funds and ability to meet the rest of the course cost and living expenses. INZ accepts the following as evidence of funds:
 - i. Education loan sanction letter
 - ii. Latest bank statements for past 6 months. It should be less than one week old at the time of lodgement of the application. The funds must be held with a commercial bank in India
 - iii. Fixed deposit: In case of fixed deposits as evidence of funds, please ensure copy / counter foil of the deposit along with a letter from bank giving details of the deposits is provided.
 - iv. Post office account

Please note that the telephone numbers along with STD codes of the bank / financial institute where the funds are held should be provided with the financial documents

9. Statement of Purpose

Must be around 1000 to 1200 words outlining career aims and reasons for choosing the country /course / institute and must mention how the applicant will support self with other family details.

10. Health Check-up report

This is mandatory lodgement requirement

Students who intend to be in New Zealand for more than 6 months but less than 12 months must undergo TB screening X-Ray unless:

- a) They are pregnant.
- b) They are under the age of 11 years of age.

This report must be no longer than 3 months old at the sate of submission and must be undertaken at a recognised panel physicians who is on the Immigration New Zealand approved list. All the all applicants must provide the following :



Panel physicians in most countries use e-Medical to send us medical information. If panel physicians in your country use e-Medical, you'll need to read a copy of the 'e-Medical consent and declaration' before your examination. During your examination you'll be asked to confirm that you understand it and then sign it in front of your physician. If you're aged 17 years or under, your parent or guardian will need to sign it for you.

After your examination, you'll be given an s reference number to include with your visa application.

11. Police Clearance certificate

All applicants who are over 17 years of age and intend to stay in New Zealand for more than 12 months must provide police clearance certificate. This certificate must be less than 6 months old at the time of submission. For Indian students police clearance certificates from the Regional Passport Office (Generally the passport office which issued your passport) or from the office of the Commissioner of Police are acceptable.

After the application is submitted

Interviews and/or further information

The average processing time for processing of the application can vary from 3 weeks to 12 weeks case by case. The visa officer will conduct detailed check of all the documents submitted including education certificates, work experience certificates and financial documents. In most cases students will also be required to attend a telephone interview to enable the visa officer to make the decision.

Applications Approved in Principle

Once the visa officer is convinced that all the requirements have been met, students will be advised in writing (via email) that their application has been approved in principle. Students will be given 28 days to submit the following:

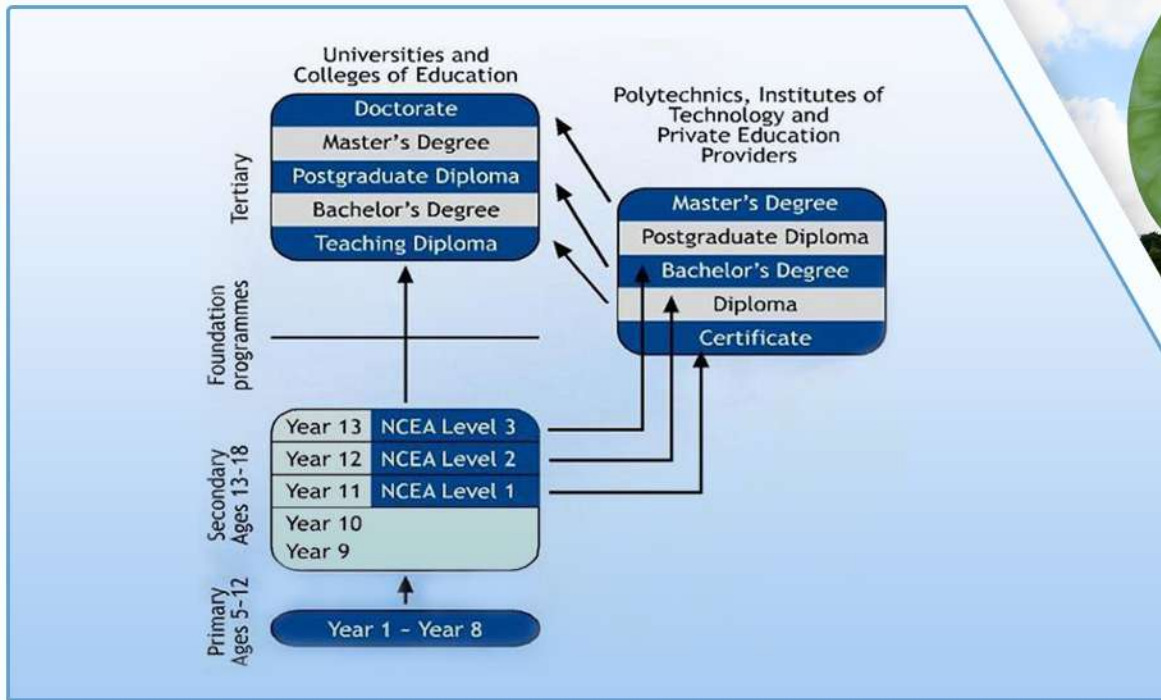
- a) Fee receipt (normally 1 full year fees) issued by the New Zealand Education Institute is accepted.
- b) Confirmation letter of living expenses under the Funds Transfer Scheme
(Confirmation from ANZ Bank)
- c) Any other requirement which needs to be fulfilled at that stage for the visa to be issued.

Please note: The visa will not be issued earlier than 30 days prior to the course commencement date.

Validity of the student visa: Please note that if the course duration in New Zealand is more than 1 year, the student visa will only be issued for 1st year of study. You will need to apply for extension for further work permit after the 1st year while in New Zealand. If the course duration is 1 year or less than 1 year then you will get visa for the duration of the course plus 2 months.



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