

Student Visa and Post Study Information ANZA 2024



Student visa processing

Applications are made online via www.immigration.govt.nz.

You need a RealMe account to apply for visas: [RealMe](#)

Please refer to the [Student Visa Information sheet](#) before you apply for a student visa.

Apply early and do not confirm travel before the visa is granted.

Times increase significantly during peak periods such as October – February and June – August.

Allow for **a minimum of 8 weeks processing during these periods** but please apply as early as possible.

Important information to remember when applying for student visas

Please provide English translations for supporting documents that are not in English.

Make sure documents and evidence are as recent as possible, as close to the date you lodge the application.

Include a cover letter from the student that explains why they want to study in New Zealand, and what they plan to do after study.

New Zealand looks for honesty in the cover letter. If a student wants to apply for a post study work visa after study – declare that.

If the study start date passes while the application is underway – upload a new offer of place/new study dates.

Declaring involvement

Agents offshore can provide advice on student visas (only) without being a licensed immigration advisor, but you must declare involvement in the application and complete the [student visa declaration form INZ1226](#)



[Information for education agents | IAA](#)

The following screenshot shows how to complete the 'Apply on Behalf/Assist' section of the student visa application form when you are an **offshore education agent** and you have provided immigration advice to the student visa applicant. You must also provide a completed [Student Visa Declaration Form \(INZ 1226\)](#) for the visa applicant.

Apply on Behalf / Assist

Provide information about any person assisting with this application by providing immigration advice, explaining, translating or recording information on the form for the applicant(s).

Are you completing this form on behalf of someone else? ☒ Yes ☐ No *You are only completing this form on behalf of someone else if you are not included in the application. Select 'No' if you are applying for a visa for yourself and have included additional people on the same application.*

In what capacity are you completing this form? ☐ Licensed immigration adviser ☒ Exempt from licensing (lawyer, offshore student agent, informal advice or other exemption) ☐ Parent or guardian of a dependent child who is under 18 years of age ☐ Assisting the applicant with recording information on the form

What type of exemption do you have? ☐ Informal advice: I provided immigration advice in an informal or family context only, not systemically or for a fee ☐ Lawyer: I hold a current practicing certificate as a barrister or barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand ☒ Offshore student agent: I provide advice outside New Zealand with respect to student visa applications only ☐ Foreign diplomat/consular staff: I am diplomatic or consular staff accorded protection under New Zealand law ☐ Citizens advice bureau: I work/volunteer at a New Zealand citizens advice bureau ☐ Community law centre: I work/volunteer at a qualifying New Zealand community law centre

We publish education agent approval rates and volume ranges for key markets

Volume and approvals – offshore student visa applications

1 October 2023 – 9 April 2024*

School sector – Top 5 volume			
Nationality	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approval Rate
China	958	774	97%
Japan	927	885	99%
Germany	618	554	99%
South Korea	499	483	99%
Brazil	329	322	99%

Te Pūkenga – Top 5 volume			
Nationality	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approval Rate
India	1,813	684	49%
Sri Lanka	318	187	84%
Nepal	267	74	41%
China	203	153	90%
Philippines	92	49	65%

Private Training Establishment (PTE) sector – Top 5 volume			
Nationality	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approval Rate
India	1,936	405	30%
Nepal	612	112	30%
Thailand	540	360	81%
China	464	303	82%
Philippines	421	184	62%

Universities – Top 5 volume			
Nationality	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approval Rate
China	3,755	3,101	95%
India	1,602	990	74%
USA	1,315	1,162	99%
Japan	336	308	99%
Vietnam	256	218	95%

* For applications submitted from 01 October 2023 to 9 April 2024. Some applications submitted are still in progress. The approval rate is taken from decided applications. We have included submitted here to give you an idea of the volume by nationality.

Financial support requirements

Tertiary and English language students

NZ\$20,000 per annum
for 36+ weeks study,
pro-rated for shorter study

School students year 1-13

NZ\$17,000 per annum
for 36+ weeks study,
pro-rated for shorter study



Immigration Officers look for available funds for the first year and a credible 'payment plan' for the remaining years.



Financial support requirements

The Student Visa Information Sheet has more information on acceptable evidence of funds.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/assist-students/student-visa-info>

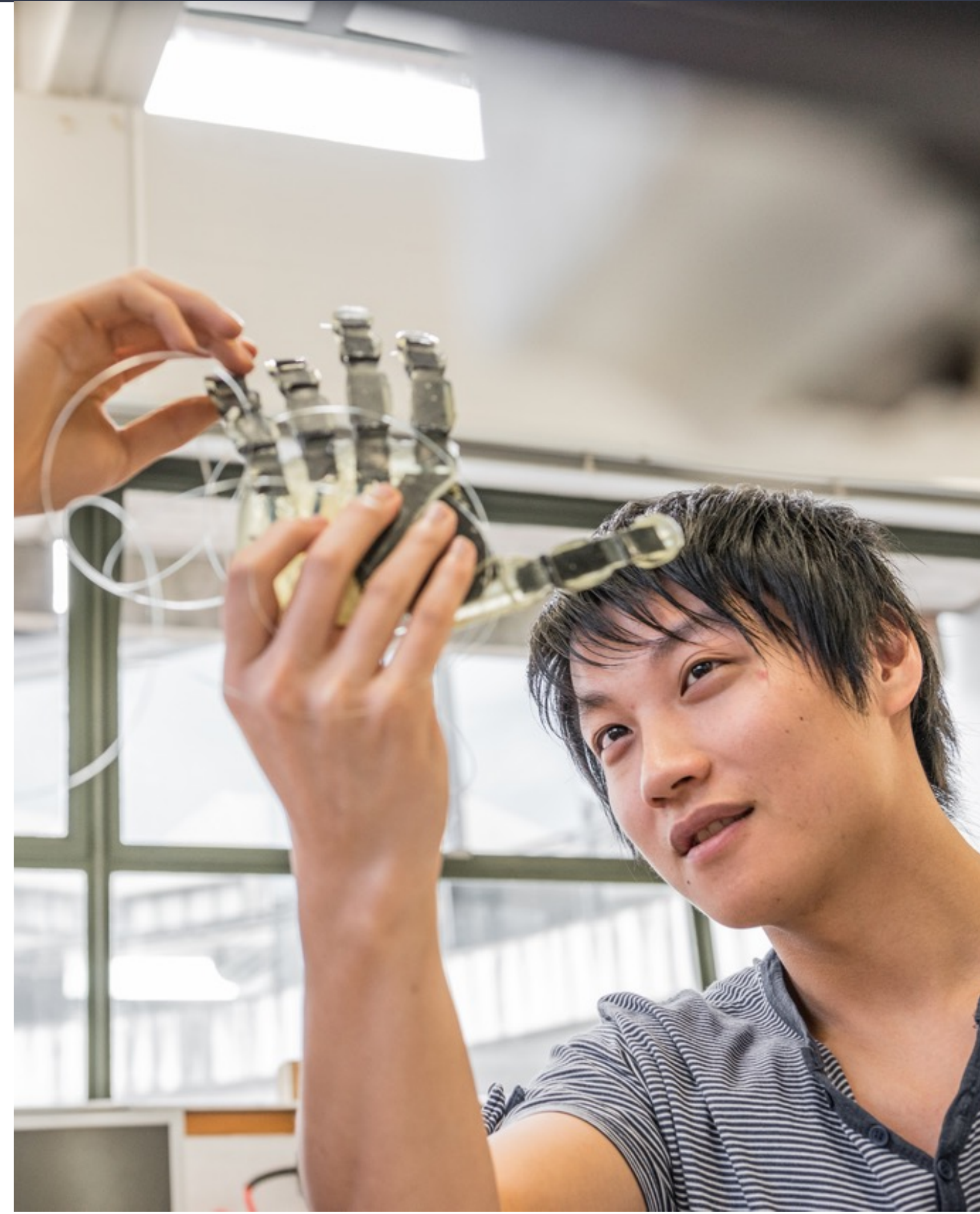
We look at funds very closely and have strict thresholds for evidence. This is to protect the integrity of the immigration system, and to protect the student from exploitation.

Funds that do not generally meet our threshold (this list is not exhaustive)

- Credit cards
- Show money loans
- Loans against gold or jewellery valuation
- Cash or photos of cash
- Crypto currency
- A bank balance without supporting evidence or history (we ask for 3 months)
- Funds from Non-Financing Banking Corporations / Companies / Institutions
- Statements stating a property may be sold to finance study
- Funds from co-operative societies
- Unsecured loans and loans where the repayments cannot be met

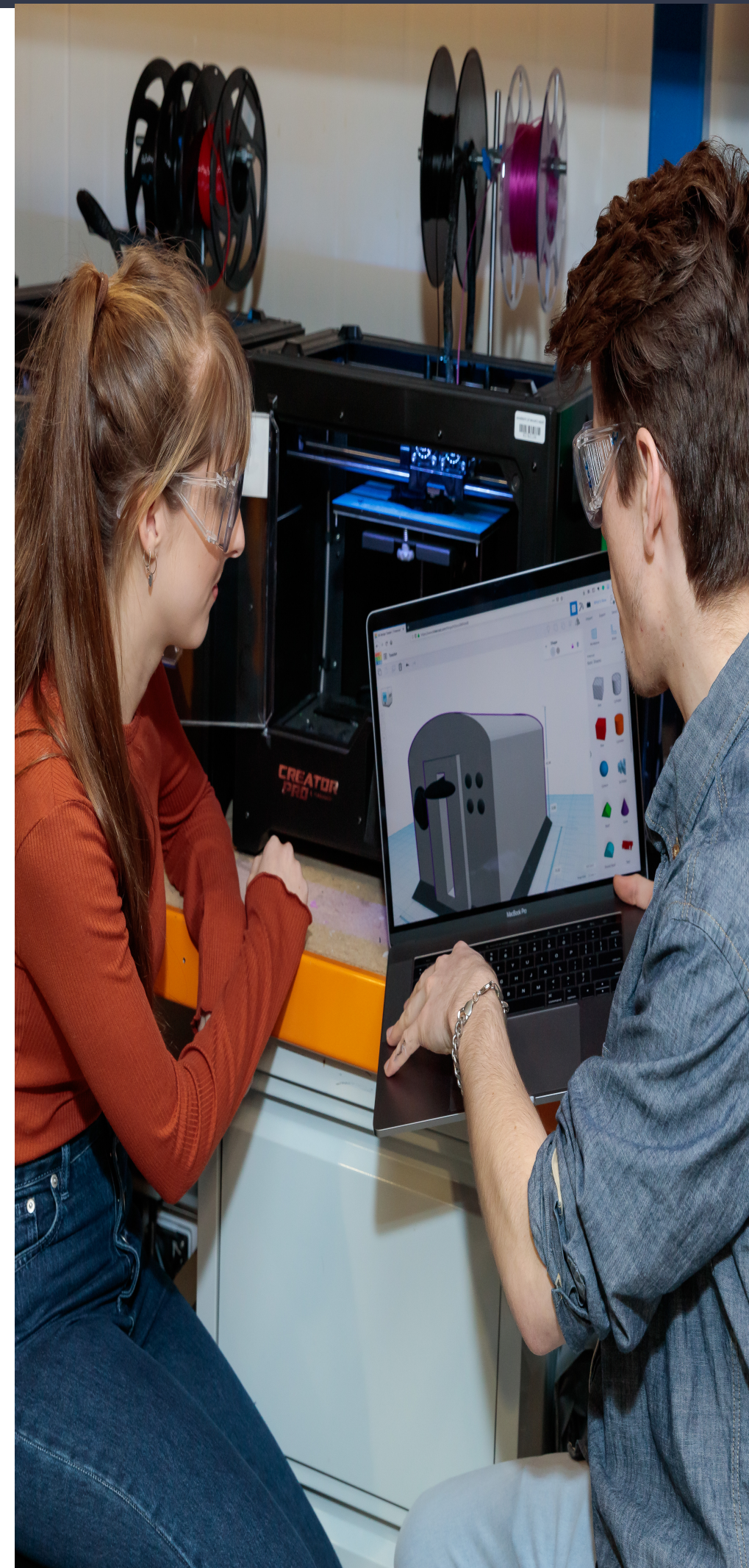
Tuition fees

- Students need to pay the first year or first programme tuition fees (whichever is shorter).
- Only some aviation students can pay by instalment.
- Tuition fees can be paid upfront or use the Approval in Principle (AIP) route, paying fees when advised to do so by INZ.
- **The source of funds that paid the tuition fees will be checked, so please include this.**
- AIP response times are 5 days for most markets, and 10 days for India. Request if you need longer. If the AIP deadline is missed, the application will likely be declined.



Part time work rights

- Year 12 or 13 school students - 20 hours per week and full time over the summer break with parental and school permission.
- Most tertiary students (level 4 qualifications and above) will have work rights of 20 hours per week.
- If studying for a year+ they can usually work full time during scheduled vacations and over the New Zealand summer break.
- Course-work Masters students have 20 hours per week + full time during summer and scheduled vacations. Masters Research and PhD students currently have no limit.
- English language students (20 hours per week):
 - ✓ *Studying 14 weeks or longer with a University or Category 1 English language provider*
 - ✓ *Studying 24 teaching weeks with a Category 2 or 3 provider and the student has IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent) at the time they apply for work rights.*
- **Students cannot 'bank' their 20 hours** (eg: work 10 hours one week, 30 hours the next week)



Prevention of exploitation

As education agents you have an important role to play and keep students safe.

- Students should be made aware of their rights under New Zealand's employment law.

employment.govt.nz/migrant-exploitation

- Education New Zealand has good information for students on life in New Zealand, including work related rights and tax information.

www.naumainz.co.nz





Guardian visas

- Available to the legal guardian of a student 17 years old or younger, or studying in Years 1 -13
- Must be the **legal guardian** and the one who normally cares for them in their home country.
- Grandparents do not meet the requirements, unless they are court appointed guardians
- The guardian must **live with and care for** the student in New Zealand.
- Guardian visa holders are not able to apply for an employer specific work visa nor a full student visa.
- Guardian visa holders can apply for part time work rights or part time study between 9.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Post study work visa (PSWV) eligibility

Level 10 / 9

Doctorate, Masters

- Minimum 30 weeks full-time study in NZ
- 3-year Post Study Work Visa
- Open work conditions – any employer, any location

Level 7 / 8

Postgraduate Diploma &
Bachelor Degree (incl Hons)

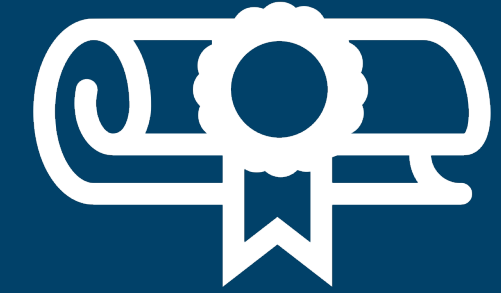
- Minimum 30 weeks full-time study in NZ
- PSWV duration mirrors time spent studying in NZ
- Open work conditions – any employer, any locations

Level 7 & below

Grad Diploma, Diploma,
Certificate specified on
Post Study Work Visa list

[www.immigration.govt.nz/
pswv-list](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/pswv-list)

- Whole qualification must be studied in NZ
- PSWV duration mirrors time spent studying full-time in NZ
- Work conditions are **specific to the occupation** in shortage, any location



All PSWV students:

- ✓ Must prove personal funds of at least NZ\$5000 when they apply
- ✓ Hold a PSWV once only
- ✓ Post Graduate Certificates do not generally qualify for PSWV – they are too short
- ✓ Skill shortage need is determined by Green List



Level 10

Doctorate

Level 9

Masters

Level 8

Postgraduate,
Bachelor Hons

Level 7

Bachelor, Grad
Diploma/Diploma



Green List

www.immigration.govt.nz/green-list

or



**Qualifications eligible for a
Post Study Work Visa list**

www.immigration.govt.nz/pswv-list

Open Work Visa – any employer, any location

For more info, visit

www.immigration.govt.nz/bringing-family-on-student-visa

Partner work rights



School aged children who are dependents of the work visa partner are domestic for fees at New Zealand schools.

The dependents can enrol in any school (though some schools may have zoning requirements) and pay domestic fees, but they must apply for and be granted a 'dependent student visa'.

Thank you for your time today

Please check the [INZ website](#) for the latest updates