

NEW ZEALAND

Investor Visa (Investor 2)



Advantages

- Duration of visa: Indefinite
- Spouse and children aged 24 and under may be included
- Healthy and pleasant environment
- Stable regulatory regime
- Beautiful location with an amazing wildlife and diverse landscapes with a high standard of living
- One of the most advanced education and healthcare systems in the world
- Multicultural society
- Possibility to apply for New Zealand citizenship after 5 years of permanent residency and intend to continue living there

General Requirements

- Investment of NZD 3 million made into acceptable investment for a minimum of 4 years; there is no specification of a minimum investment amount for each category
- The investment amount may be reduced to NZD 2.5 million if a minimum of NZD 1.5 million is invested into a 'growth' investment, such as real estate
- The applicant should be aged 65 years or under
- Demonstrate at least 3 years of business experience
- The applicant and any dependents aged 16 or older must satisfy English language requirements
- Meet New Zealand health and character requirements
- Points based application system
- Physical residence of a minimum of 438 days over the 4-year period (instead of 146 days in each of Years 2, 3 and 4) if NZD 750,000 are invested in 'growth' investments
- At the end of the 4-year investment period, subject to maintaining investment, the possibility to apply for a permanent resident visa for the applicant and any family member included in the application, and eventually citizenship

Investment fund requirements

- Proof of legal acquisition and ownership of the assets or funds
- Sufficient unencumbered funds to make the investment
- Funds transferable through the banking system
- Investment capable of a commercial return
- Funds invested in New Zealand currency
- Investment not used for a personal purpose

Acceptable Investments

- Bonds issued by New Zealand government, local authorities or New Zealand registered banks
- Equity in New Zealand firms, public or private
- Managed funds where the amount invested relates wholly to New Zealand companies
- New residential property developments, which are regularly approved by competent authorities
- Some commercial properties
- Philanthropic Investments

Process

- Submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and need to satisfy an eligibility point test
- The eligibility criteria are age, business experience, English language, and investment funds
- Receipt of an Invitation to apply in case of nominated applicants
- Submission of the application within 4 months
- Upon approval-in-principal, transfer of the funds and investment in acceptable investments within 12 months (possible extension to 18 months)
- Submission of documents supporting that the funds come from the same source than the one named in the application
- Visa granting