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Skilled Migrant Category to New Zealand

New Zealand offers many opportunities for skilled migrants, especially in industries and regions experiencing growth and skill shortages.

The Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) has been designed to give priority to meeting those needs and opportunities. If you are interested in migrating to New Zealand based on your skills that we may need, then please contact us so that we can make your dream come through.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- *Good health and good character
- *56 years or younger
- *English language requirements
- *Score at least a total of 100 points in skilled employment, work experience, qualifications and age.

THE PROCESS

Before you start, first check with your Immigration Adviser if you meet the required threshold of 100 points.

When you believe that it is worthwhile submitting an Expression of Interest, gather all the documents to complete the EOI hard copy of online. You will need at least 100 points to submit an EOI.

The EOIs are submitted into a

the pool and periodically selected as follows;

- 140 points or more are automatically selected
- more than 100 but less than 140 plus an offer of employment, or current skilled employment, are selected based on ranking

Once selected you may be Invited to Apply for Residency in New Zealand

When you receive an Invitation to Apply, you will need to send all the supporting and evidential documents confirming the points you have claimed in your EOI.

Medicals, character certificates and English language ability also need to be supported with the necessary documents.

When Immigration New Zealand is satisfied that you meet the criteria, you will get your residency in New Zealand, also known as PR.

What does this mean?

SMC - Skilled Migrant Category

EOI - Expression of Interest

ITA - Invitation to Apply for residence

PR - Permanent Residence

ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations

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SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Skilled Employment is employment that requires specialist, technical or management experience obtained through completion of recognised qualifications, or relevant work experience, or a combination of the above.

Skilled Employment is also measured and recognised in three manners;

- Educational level
- Level of salary/payment
- Job description with tasks and duties as per ANZSCO

This is the applicable points table for the Skilled Migrant Category where points are allocated based on the various factors. These points may be changed from time to time.

The minimum level of points is at least 100 points

Factors	Points
Skilled employment	
Current skilled employment in New Zealand for 12 months or more	60
Offer of skilled employment in New Zealand or current employment in New Zealand for less than 12 months	50
Bonus points for employment or offer of employment	
In an identified future growth area	10
In an area of absolute skills shortage	10
In a region outside Auckland	10
Partner employment or offer of employment	20
Relevant work experience	
Two years	10
Four years	15
Six years	20
Eight years	25
Ten years	30
Additional bonus points if work experience in New Zealand	
One year	5
Two years	10
Three years or more	15
Additional bonus points for work experience in an identified future growth area	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
Additional bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
Points for qualification	
Recognised level 4-6 qualification (e.g trade qualification, diploma)	40
Recognised level 7 or 8 qualification (e.g bachelor degree, bachelor degree with Honours)	50
Recognised level 9 or 10 qualification (e.g Masters degree, Doctorate)	60
Bonus points for qualifications	
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised bachelor degree (level seven on the NZQF) New Zealand qualification	10
One year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised New Zealand qualification	10
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised New Zealand qualification	15
Qualification in an identified future growth area	10
Qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage	10
Partner qualifications – recognised level 4-6 qualification	10
– recognised level 7 + qualification	20
Bonus points for family	
Close family in New Zealand	10
Points for age	
20 to 29	30
30 to 39	25
40 to 44	20
45 to 49	10