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New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) visa (subclass 461)

Features

This visa allows a non-New Zealand family member of a New Zealand citizen to live and work in Australia for up to five years.

Requirements

You might be able to get this visa if:

- you are not a New Zealand citizen
- you are a member of the family unit of a New Zealand citizen
- Your New Zealand citizen family member is living in Australia on a Special Category visa (subclass 444) or will be travelling with you to Australia and will be granted a Special Category visa (subclass 444) on arrival.

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About this visa

Visa applicants

Visa holders

The New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) visa (subclass 461) allows someone who is not a New Zealand citizen to live in Australia with a family member who:

- is a New Zealand citizen
- either
 - holds a Special Category visa (subclass 444) and is living in Australia, or
 - is eligible to hold a Special Category visa (subclass 444) and is accompanying you to Australia.

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for this visa.

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What this visa lets you do

This visa allows you to:

- work and study in Australia
- travel to, enter and remain in Australia for five years from the date the visa is granted.

Before you apply

Your passport

If you plan to get a new passport, you should do so before applying for your visa. In most cases, you and your family members must have valid passports to be granted this visa.

Cost

The visa application charges are listed in [Fees and charges](#).

Other costs

You might have to pay other costs, such as the costs of health assessments, police certificates, or any other certificates or tests. You are responsible for making the necessary arrangements.

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[Partner migration booklet \(543KB PDF\)](#)

[Child migration booklet \(510KB PDF\)](#)

[Change of Address/Passport details form \(88KB PDF\)](#)

[Change of circumstances form \(77KB PDF\)](#)

[Request for international movement record form \(107KB PDF\)](#)

Estimate the cost of your visa

What date will you be lodging your application?

How many additional applicants will be 18 years of age or older when you lodge your application?

How many additional applicants will be younger than 18 years of age when you lodge your application?

Please select a currency you would like the price displayed in?

* Price will be displayed in Australian dollars unless changed.

[Get Estimate](#)

The following Visa Pricing Estimator requires you to answer the questions as accurately as possible to provide you with an estimate for lodging a visa application. The estimator does not include the second instalment of the visa application charge which is payable for some visas. Please note this is an estimate for a visa application, if you have already lodged your application and you want to change/add applicants please refer to the Visa Pricing Table. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection Visa Pricing Estimator will give you an estimate of the charges you need to pay to lodge a visa application. This is paid after you have made your application but before the visa can be granted. Read the department's full disclaimer. The Commonwealth of Australia does not guarantee the accuracy, currency or completeness of any material in the Visa Pricing Estimator.

You need to provide documents to prove the claims you make in the application. The documents are listed in the Document checklist.

Some documents could take some time to obtain. You should have them ready when you lodge the application to reduce any delays in processing.

Lodge your application

To apply you must complete:

-  [Form 147 Application for a New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship \(subclass 461\) visa](#) (254 kB PDF)

You must provide all relevant documents and pay the visa application charge when you apply.

In Australia:

If you are in Australia, lodge your application by post or courier to the [Sydney office](#) in New South Wales - attention NZ Family Relationship Visa Centre.

Outside Australia:

Lodge your application at one of the [immigration offices outside Australia](#), which will tell you how you can pay. There is also information at [Method of Payment Accepted at Australian Missions](#).

More information

Please refer to [preparing your application](#), for information on:

- certifying and translating documents into English
- communicating with us
- using a migration agent
- authorising another person to receive information from us
- receiving assistance with your application.

After you have applied

After you have lodged your application and documents, we will acknowledge that we have received your information.

Wait for a decision

We have [visa processing times](#) for each visa.

Your application could take longer if you need character or health checks (including x-rays), if you need to provide more information, or if your application is incomplete.

Outside Australia:

If you apply for this visa from outside Australia, do not make arrangements to travel to Australia until you are advised in writing that you have been granted a visa. Wait for a decision from us before you leave your job, sell your home or book your travel.

In Australia:

If you apply for this visa in Australia, you could be eligible for a Bridging visa that allows you to stay in the country lawfully while your application is processed. If you are given a Bridging visa A, you can apply for a [Bridging visa B \(B/B\)](#) to travel outside Australia while you wait for a decision.

Provide more information

You can provide more information to us, at any time until a decision is made on the application. If you want to correct information you provided, use:

-  [Form 1023 - Notification of incorrect answer\(s\)](#) (59KB PDF)

We could also ask you for more information. You will have to respond by a set date. After that date, we can make a decision about your application using the information that we have.

If another person gives us information that could result in you being refused a visa, we will usually give you the opportunity to comment on the information.

You might also be interviewed. If you are asked to attend an interview in person, bring your passport or other identification and any requested documents to the interview.

Report changes in circumstances

You must tell us if your circumstances change. This includes a new residential address, a new passport, or a pregnancy, birth, divorce, separation, marriage, de facto relationship or death in your family.

Please report changes in your circumstances via ImmiAccount. If you are not able to use ImmiAccount, you can use the following forms:

-  [Form 929 - Change of address and/or passport details](#) (86KB PDF) — if you move to a new address or change your passport
-  [Form 1022 - Notification of changes in circumstances](#) (77KB PDF) — if there are other changes in your circumstances.

If you do not provide us with the details of any new passport issued to you, you could experience significant delays at the airport and may be denied permission to board your plane.

Withdrawing your application

You can withdraw the application at any time before we make a decision about it. To do this, send us a letter or email to ask for the withdrawal. Your request must include your full name and date of birth. You should also include your file reference number, client ID, or a Transaction Reference Number.

All applicants 18 years of age or older, wishing to withdraw, must sign the request for withdrawal.

Visa decision

If the visa is granted, we will let you know:

- when you can use the visa
- the visa grant number
- any conditions attached to the visa.

If the visa is not granted, we will let you know:

- why the visa was refused
- your review rights (if any)
- the time limit for lodging an appeal.

Document checklist

You need to provide documents to support your application for this visa. We can make a decision using the information you provide when you lodge your application, if it is in your interest to provide as much information as possible with your application.

Provide certified copies of original documents. Do not include original documents unless we specifically ask for them. Police certificates should be original documents. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations.

Use this checklist to make sure your application is complete.

Forms

-  [Form 147 Application for a New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship \(subclass 461\) visa](#) (254 kB PDF)

Receiving assistance

- If someone gives you advice or lodges your application for you:
 - [Form 956 Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance](#) (133KB PDF) (the agent or exempt person completes the form and you must sign it).
- If you would like someone else to receive correspondence from us on your behalf:
 - [Form 956a Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient](#) (116KB PDF) (the recipient completes the form and you must sign it).

Charges

- Pay the [visa application charge](#).

Personal documents

- Certified copies of the biographical pages of the current passports or travel documents of all people included in the application (these are the pages with the holder's photo and personal details and the issue/expiry dates).