

Immigration New Zealand - Official Average Processing Times

Correct as at 1st January 2011

Warning: Please note that the processing times below are provided as an indication only and are subject to change at any time without prior notification. Please contact your Migration Bureau agent for an update.

For applicants resident in....applying under Visa Category	Assigned Immigration NZ Office
UK, Ireland & most of Europe	Skilled Migrant or Family	London
Middle East or Asia	Skilled Migrant or Family	Beijing or Shanghai - depending on case load
New Zealand	Skilled Migrant or Family	Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin.
All	Business or Investor	Wellington, New Zealand

Note: For applicants from other countries or for other visa categories, please contact the Migration Bureau.

London Office

Visa Category	Assessment of your Expression of Interest	Time to be allocated to an immigration officer	Decision on your lodged application after allocation
Skilled Migrant with job offer	Within 10 days of fortnightly pool draw	Within 5 days	1 - 3 months
Skilled Migrant – no job offer	Within 1 month of fortnightly pool draw	Within 3 weeks	1 - 3 months
Family (Partner or Child)	-	Within 1 month	Within 3 months
Family (Parent) - capped	-	18 – 24 months	4 – 6 months
Temporary entry (work permit)			87% within 2 weeks

Beijing or Shanghai Offices

Visa Category	Assessment of your Expression of Interest	Time to be allocated to an immigration officer	Decision on your lodged application after allocation
Skilled Migrant with job offer	Within 1 month of fortnightly pool draw	1 - 3 months	1 - 3 months
Skilled Migrant – no job offer	Within 1 month of fortnightly pool draw	2 - 4 months	2 - 4 months
Family (Partner or Child)	-	2 months	Within 6 months
Family (Parent)	-	18 - 24 months	6 - 9 months
Temporary entry (work permit)	-		70% within 2 weeks

Wellington Office

Visa Category	Assessment of EOI	Decision on your lodged application after allocation
Business	-	75% within 3 months / 90% within 6 months
Investor	1 - 3 months	75% within 3 months / 90% within 6 months

Christchurch

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Skilled Migrant	Within 10 days of fortnightly pool draw	Within 5 days	1 - 3 months
Family (Partner or Child)	-	Within 1 month	Within 3 months
Family (Parent) - capped	-	18 – 24 months	4 – 6 months
Temporary entry (work permit)			87% within 2 weeks

** Priority given to Work to Residence (Talent & Long Term Skill Shortage) applications*

For more information and assistance, please contact the **Migration Bureau** – www.migrationbureau.com