

NEW ZEALAND

Investor Visa (Investor 1)



Advantages

- Duration of visa: Indefinite
- Spouse and children up to 24 years of age may be included
- Healthy and pleasant environment
- Stable regulatory regime
- Beautiful location with an amazing wildlife and diverse landscapes
- 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 to live there

General Requirements

- Investment of NZ\$10 million must be made into an acceptable investment for a minimum of three years – NB: there is no specification of a minimum investment amount for each category)
- Physical residence of a minimum of 44 days in each of the last two years of the three-year investment period; or 88 days at any time over the three-year investment period if you have invested a minimum of NZ\$2.5 million in growth investments
- At the end of your 3-year investment period, subject to all criteria, you can apply for a permanent resident visa for you and any family member included in your application

Investment fund requirements

- Proof that the applicant is the lawful owner of the funds
- The applicant must prove that assets or funds have been acquired legally
- Sufficient unencumbered funds to make the investment
- Funds transferable through the banking system
- The investment needs to be capable of a commercial return
- The funds have to be invested in New Zealand currency
- The investment cannot be used for a personal purpose

Acceptable Investments

- New Zealand government bonds or local authorities, bonds issued by New Zealand registered banks
- Equity in New Zealand firms, public/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

- Complete application forms together with payment of all fees
- Consideration of application and supporting documentation
- Transfer of the nominated investment funds along with the supporting documents showing that the transferred funds came from the funds with which the applicants is nominated
- The investment must be transferred within 12 months of the Approval in Principle (possible extension to 18 months under certain circumstances)