

NEW ZEALAND

Investor Visa (Investor 2)



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\$3 million must be made into an acceptable investment for a minimum of four years—NB: there is no specification of a minimum investment amount for each category)
- A NZ\$0.5m reduction in investment from NZ\$3m to NZ \$2.5m in total if more than 50% is invested into a growth investment such as real estate
- Physical residence of a minimum of 438 days over four years (rather than requiring 146 days in each of years two, three and four) on the basis that 25% of their funds is in 'growth' investments
- Demonstrate at least 3 years of business experience
- The applicant and any dependents aged 16 or older must satisfy English language requirements
- Aged 65 years or under
- The applicant must meet New Zealand health and character requirements
- Points based application system
- Quota of 400 residence applications per year, and selection based on highest points total

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

- Submit 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
- Nominated applicants will receive an Invitation to apply
- 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 must be submitted within 12 months (can be extended to 18 months)
- Possibility to apply for permanent residence at the end of the investment period, if the investment is maintained during 4-year period
- Possibility to apply for New Zealand Citizenship after 5 years of residency