

Studying in New Zealand

The following documents must be forwarded to the Consulate General in Los Angeles for processing:

- () Completed student visa application signed and dated by applicant.
- () A recent passport size photograph with applicants name printed on the back of it.
- () Passport (**must be valid three months beyond the intended date of departure from New Zealand.**)
- () **STUDENT VISA APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE:**
 - **No student visa fee is required for holders of the following passports:**
Finland, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, U.S.A
**Philippines where the period of stay is less than 59 days and Russia where the period of stay is less than 60 days*
 - An application fee of US\$115 is required for holders of the following passports:
Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia Federation, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu.
 - An application fee of US\$155 is required for all other passport holders.

As we do not have credit card facilities, all visa payments are by Money Order or Bank Cashiers Cheque.

- () An offer of a place, or letter of acceptance from an educational institution in New Zealand in a course which meets foreign student policy requirements.
 - NOTE: Must specify the following:
 - name of course and minimum time required for completion
 - that the course meets foreign student policy requirements
 - the fee for the full course and the annual fee for the course if it is longer than 1 year.
 - YOU MUST PROVIDE EITHER THE RECEIPT OR EVIDENCE THAT THE TUITION HAS BEEN PAID. IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION.**
- () If the course of study is for less than 12 months then we require a flight itinerary from a travel agent or carrier confirming the purchase of a round trip ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.
- () **Non United States Citizens: If returning to the U.S applicants must produce evidence of their right of entry, i.e. either a valid visa or a notarised copy of both sides of their alien registration card.**
- () Evidence of funds for maintenance while in New Zealand.
 - Students undertaking courses lasting less than 36 weeks must demonstrate that they have, at least, NZ\$1,000 available to them per month for maintenance and accommodation, or NZ\$400 per month if the accommodation is prepaid.
 - Students undertaking courses lasting 36 weeks or longer must demonstrate that they have, at least, NZ\$10,000 available to them per year.
 - Funds for maintenance in New Zealand may be demonstrated either:
 - a letter or certificate from a New Zealand or United States or other overseas bank confirming the amount of funds available to the student.
 - OR
 - a letter from the educational institution confirming that accommodation and other living expenses are included as part of a pre-paid package (e.g. exchanges)
 - OR
 - a sponsorship form (Financial Undertaking for a student) guaranteeing the students maintenance while in New Zealand. These must be signed and stamped by the guarantor's bank.

Please see overleaf for more requirements

- () If you are a citizen of the United States and are 17 years and older and intend spending **more than 24 months** in New Zealand, you are required to submit with your application an FBI Police clearance and an original Police clearance from any county you have lived in 5 or more years since attaining the age of 17. Non US Citizens who are 17 years and older and intend spending **more than 24 months** in New Zealand, should contact our office to discuss how you can obtain your relevant Police clearance.
***Please note that Police clearances must be less than 6 months old when your application is lodged.**
***Please note that it can take up to four (4) months to obtain an FBI clearance. Information on how to obtain an FBI clearance can be found on the New Zealand Immigration website: www.immigration.govt.nz**
- () If you intend to stay in New Zealand for longer than 12 months, you are required to provide a New Zealand Immigration Service, Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate (NZIS 1007)
- () If you intend spending **more than 6 months in New Zealand**, you may be asked to provide a chest X-ray report. Please refer to the instructions contained in your Student Visa application form and Guide for Studying in New Zealand.
- () For students under 17 years of age, we require a notarised letter of consent from both parents/guardian allowing travel to New Zealand. Students should provide full ORIGINAL birth certificate to show the relationship of the parties concerned.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ All applications must be accompanied by a self-addressed, prepaid courier envelope (For example, Federal Express or UPS) for the safe return of your passport and original documents.
- ◆ Incomplete visa applications will be returned to you.
- ◆ The New Zealand Consulate General is NOT responsible for any documents or passports lost in transit.
- ◆ Please allow up to 15 working days for your student visa to be processed. If, however, we are unable to determine whether or not you are in good health, our processing time may take up to 2 to 3 months.
- ◆ Visa application forms and information on our current Immigration Policies may be found on the New Zealand Immigration Service website at: www.immigration.govt.nz