

# New Zealand

# A Chance To Broaden Your Horizons

## A Guide for Applicants in Hong Kong

### The Scheme

A Working Holiday Scheme was set up between New Zealand and Hong Kong in 2001. Under the Scheme, young people of Hong Kong may apply for a Working Holiday Visa to New Zealand. The purpose of the Scheme is to broaden the horizons of young people. It provides an opportunity for young people to gain first-hand living experience in a foreign culture while they are on holiday in New Zealand and to supplement their funds through incidental employment.

### Working Holiday Visa

Successful applicants will be issued a New Zealand Working Holiday Visa. A Working Holiday Visa is a multiple entry visa valid for a one-year stay in New Zealand from the date of entry. During your stay, you can take up short-term employment of not more than three months with any one employer and can engage in one single course of study of no more than three months' duration. There are currently 200 places per year available under this Scheme.

## Eligibility

To obtain a New Zealand Working Holiday Visa, you must:

- > be a resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and have a valid HKSAR or BNO passport. Your passport should be valid for at least 3 months after your planned departure from New Zealand;
- > intend primarily to holiday in New Zealand;
- > be aged between 18 and 30 and not be accompanied by a dependant spouse or children;
- > have at least NZ\$4,200 and have a return or onward ticket when you arrive in New Zealand;
- > be in good health and of good character (Note: You will need to undergo a tuberculosis screening test. You will be given further details about this when your application is acknowledged.); and
- > hold medical and comprehensive hospitalization policy for the time you will be in New Zealand.

## Preparing Your Application

Many people will be applying so it is important that your application is complete when you submit it to Immigration New Zealand (INZ). Incomplete applications will be returned. To process your application, the INZ will need:

- > your completed work visa application form;
- > an application fee of HK\$720; and
- > evidence of sufficient funds.

For further information and registration, please visit the INZ website - [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

INZ can also be contacted through their email address [nzis.hongkong@dol.govt.nz](mailto:nzis.hongkong@dol.govt.nz), by phone +852 2877 4488 or by fax +852 2877 0586 if you have any inquiries.

## Lodging Your Application

Applications should be submitted online through the INZ website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or lodged by mail or personally to the following address:

### Immigration New Zealand

Suite 6508, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong  
Attn: New Zealand/Hong Kong Working Holiday Scheme

The first 200 applications that meet the requirements and that have been received in the correct manner will be selected. Visa processing is likely to take around two weeks. No fee will be charged for unsuccessful applications that are rejected as a result of a full quota.

For online application, you should receive an electronic acknowledgement within three days of lodging your application. It will tell you what to do next.

See the Hong Kong branch website for an overview of the process. You can access it via the "Contact Us" function at the bottom of the INZ homepage [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

Remarks: Detailed arrangements for the Scheme may vary from time to time. Applicants are advised to check with the Immigration New Zealand before application.

## Finding Work While in New Zealand

Many seasonal industries throughout New Zealand seek people with Working Holiday Visas for casual employment. You can find out about work opportunities by visiting the service centres of Work and Income in New Zealand, or by searching their website – [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)

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