

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

Preparing Your Application

Lodging Your Application

- 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

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