

New Zealand



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Investor Visa

\$ **3m**_{NZD}

Invested for 4 years

146 days in NZ in each of the last three years of a four year investment period or 438 days in NZ over the four year investment period*.

Additional requirements:

- Minimum 3 years business experience
- English language requirements apply
- Family members must have English language ability the same as principal applicant or pre-purchase ESOL tuition
- Maximum applicant age 65 years

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*depending on the make-up of your investment



Investor Plus Visa

\$ **10m** NZD

Invested for 3 years

44 days in NZ in each of the last 2 years of a three year investment period or 88 days over the three year investment period*.

No additional requirements.

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Rewards for growth investments

If you invest at least 25% of your investment funds into assets other than Bonds and Philanthropic Investment, Investor visa holders will be able to meet their time in New Zealand requirement flexibly, with Investor 2 visa holders required to spend 438 days over the 4 year investment period and Investor Plus visa holders needing to spend 88 days over the 3 year investment period.

Investor 2 visa holders who invest at least 50% of your investment funds into assets other than Bonds and Philanthropic Investment will qualify for a reduction of \$0.5m of the investment amount. For example, if you nominate \$3m of investment funds and invest \$1.5m outside of Bonds and Philanthropic Investment, you will only be required to invest a further \$1m to meet the visa requirements.

Acceptable investments

If you're interested in applying under one of our investor policies, the opportunities you take up must fit our 'acceptable investment' criteria. Broadly speaking, acceptable investments can be:

- Equity in NZ firms, public or private. An equity investment can be active or passive, and be made direct or via managed funds (only the proportion of the Fund that is invested in NZ is counted as acceptable).
- Bonds, issued by the NZ Government, NZ local authorities or approved NZ banks, finance companies or firms.
- New residential property development that is not for the investor's personal use and designed to make a commercial return on the open market.
- Up to 15% of the investment total can be philanthropic investment.

Generally, to be considered acceptable, an investment must:

- Be capable of a commercial return under normal circumstances.
- Be invested in New Zealand in New Zealand currency.
- Have the potential to contribute to New Zealand's economy.
- Not be for the personal use of the investor.

This is just an overview, and there are other conditions that apply.

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Investment funds

You can nominate a mix of funds and/or assets to invest. They must be equivalent to at least NZ\$3 million for Investor or NZ\$10 million for Investor Plus, though you may nominate more, depending on the points claimed in your Expression of Interest (EOI).

You'll need to provide evidence showing that your investment and/or assets are owned by you or jointly by you and your partner and/or dependent children if they are included in the application.

You'll also need to provide evidence showing that your intended investment funds:

- are unencumbered, i.e. not subject to any mortgage, lien, charge and/or encumbrance (whether equitable or otherwise) or any other creditor claims
- have been earned or acquired legally
- are transferable through the banking system or through a foreign exchange company that uses the banking system (Immigration New Zealand will not be able to approve

your application if you are unable to transfer funds to New Zealand through the banking system).

If your residence is approved in principle

With either category, you'll have 12 months to transfer your investment funds in an acceptable investment in New Zealand. You'll need to provide verifiable documents to show that the funds you transfer to New Zealand came from the funds and/or assets that you nominate.

You can apply to have this timeframe extended and you can also apply for a work visa so you can travel to New Zealand to look into investment opportunities.



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After residence is approved

For the Investor Plus category, you'll need to keep your investment funds in an acceptable investment for three years. You'll also have to spend at least 44 days in New Zealand each year in years two and three of your three-year investment period or 88 days over the three year investment period*.

For the Investor category, you'll need to keep your investment funds in an acceptable investment for four years. You will also have to spend at least 146 days each year in New Zealand in years two, three and four of your four-year investment period or 438 days over the four year investment period*.

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Other business visas to consider

Looking to own and work in a business?

If you want to work full-time in a business you own, our Entrepreneur visas are worth exploring.

[Entrepreneur visas](#)

Looking to make a global impact?

If you're a high impact entrepreneur or investor looking to create scalable, positive global impact, our Global Impact Visa could be for you.

[Global Impact Visa](#)

Global Impact Visa (GIVs)

If you're a high impact entrepreneur, investor, or changemaker looking to create scalable, positive global impact, New Zealand's Global Impact Visa (GIVs) could be for you.

Immigration New Zealand has partnered with the Edmund Hillary Fellowship (EHF) to deliver this world-first innovative new visa, designed to attract talented and visionary entrepreneurs, investors and start-up teams with the drive and capabilities to create lasting positive impact for New Zealand and around the world.

EHF is a fellowship programme that provides mission-driven entrepreneurs, investors and start-up teams with a platform to incubate global impact ventures from New Zealand.

[Edmund Hillary Fellowship](#)

There are two stages to the application process:

1. Submit an application, and be accepted into, the Edmund Hillary Fellowship
2. Apply for a Global Impact Visa.

The Edmund Hillary Fellowship



Before you can apply for a Global Impact Visa you must be accepted into the Edmund Hillary Fellowship. The Fellowship selection process occurs twice a year, after which successful applicants will be sent a Letter of Offer and invited to apply for a Global Impact Visa.

Participation in the programme provides Fellows with:

- Exclusive access to New Zealand's Global Impact Visa
- A global network of talented entrepreneurial and investment leaders who are personally invested in helping each other succeed, offering diverse expertise, mentorship opportunities, cross-sector collaboration opportunities, and a peer-support network
- Connections to New Zealand's start-up ecosystem, government leaders, mentors, investors, research and development institutes and Māori communities
- Immersive experiences to learn Tikanga Māori, the Māori ways of doing things, and how to navigate business within a multicultural society
- Participation in workshops, skill-sharing sessions, learning opportunities, and retreats with other Fellows
- A platform to tell their story through international channels
- A lifelong community of passionate changemakers, and an opportunity to be at the front line of leading systemic global change from New Zealand

The Fellowship has 100 places available each year for international candidates, and will also accept New Zealand entrepreneurs and investors every year to strengthen the community.

EHF is for people who are using innovation to create systemic positive change for economic, social, environmental and or cultural impact. EHF welcome applicants from all backgrounds and stages of the entrepreneurial journey to apply. This programme is for individuals and teams who align with EHF values, and who have the skills, capabilities, relentless drive, and desire to leverage the unique opportunities New Zealand offers, and make game-changing impact on the world.

Who is EHF looking for?

People solving problems of significance to humanity in a way that creates positive lasting economic, social and environmental value. EHF welcome applicants from all backgrounds and stages of the entrepreneurial journey to apply.

Global Impact Visa (GIVs)

Once nominated for acceptance into EHF, candidates are invited to apply for a Global Impact Visa to live and work in New Zealand, on a three-year open work visa.

Requirements for this visa include:

- A Letter of Offer from EHF
- NZ\$36,000 maintenance funds to support you and your family for the first year
- Health, character and English language requirements.

If you have family they will need to apply for visas under the Partnership and Dependent Child categories.

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Join a global community of entrepreneurial leaders working together to impact the course of humanity from New Zealand.

Yoseph Ayele, CEO, Edmund Hillary Fellowship