



**NEW ZEALAND**  
**IMMIGRATION**

22 June 2022

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# Next steps for immigration

Thanks for joining us.

- Exceptions to current border restrictions
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- Q&A

Critical health workers can travel here now.

These include registered health practitioners, nurses, paramedics, technical & support staff and more.



The border exceptions regime will be phased out from 31 July 2022.



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# Reconnecting NZ

# Next steps for immigration settings

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June

COVID  
testing scaled  
back

Travellers no longer need to test for COVID before entering New Zealand. Testing still required after travellers arrive.

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July

AEWVs &  
other work  
visas

Applications for work visas open – including the new AEWV. Vaccinated travellers with work visas can enter New Zealand.

31  
July

All visa  
categories

Tourist, visitor and student visas will reopen for applications for all travellers. Vaccinated visa holders can enter New Zealand.

1  
August

Border  
opens

Aotearoa New Zealand border fully reopens on 1 August 2022.

Dec  
2022

Partners

Partners of most migrant workers required to qualify for their own work visa.

2023

Accreditation

Employers need accreditation to employ any migrant.

## Rebalance objectives

- support shift to a more productive economy
- shift to a higher skilled migrant workforce
- encourage employers to look to the domestic workforce



The introduction of the Green List makes it easier for employers to attract and hire migrants into specific roles, with residence pathways and a simplified application process.

Won't require proof of advertising as part of the job check

Migrants will go on the fast-tracked, straight-to-residence path or a 2-year work-to-residence path

Other eligible migrant workers will be able to apply for Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa



# Health occupations on the Green List

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## Fast-tracked residence pathway


General Practitioners  
Anaesthetists  
Psychiatrists  
Specialist Physicians  
Not Elsewhere Classified Surgeons (including General Surgeons, Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Neurosurgeons, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Otorhinolaryngologists, Urologists and Vascular Surgeons)  
Other Medical Practitioners (including Dermatologists, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Ophthalmologists, Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologists, and Radiation Oncologists)  
Resident Medical Officers  
Medical Laboratory Scientists  
Clinical Psychologists & Psychologists  
Physicists (Medical)  
Orthoptists

## Work-to-residence pathway

Anaesthetic Technicians  
Medical Laboratory Technicians  
Medical Imaging Technologists  
Medical Radiation Therapists  
Occupational Therapists  
Sonographers  
Podiatrists  
Audiologists  
Midwives  
All Registered Nurse disciplines (including but not limited to Aged Care).

# Sector agreement for the care workforce

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Care workforce sector

**\$25.39**  
per hour

## Roles covered

Aged or disabled carer  
Child or youth residential care assistant  
Disabilities services officer  
Kaiāwhina (hauora) (Māori health assistant)  
Nursing support worker  
Personal care assistant  
Residential care officer  
Therapy aide