

## Information for Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV)

### MIGRANT APPLICATION STAGE

Once an employer has received AEWV accreditation and an approved Job Check from Immigration New Zealand they can offer that job to a migrant and the migrant can apply for an AEWV.

An AEWV application can only be made by a migrant who has a job offer from an accredited employer and an approved job check.

The cost of an AEWV application is \$750 (including GST and INZ levies). This fee is paid by the migrant.

If you wish to add dependent children to your AEWV, there is a minimum income requirement that you must meet (NZD \$43,322.76 per year).

### The Application Process

The application for an AEWV is completed online. Once the Job Check has been approved, the employer will request a job token to be sent to you, along with a link to apply. You must use that link to apply.

You need the following from your employer before you can apply:

- An employment agreement signed by both you and your employer that matches the employment agreement from the Job Check;
- A job description that matches the one in the Job Check; and
- A signed offer of employment will be needed if there are any time limits on the job offer or there any other conditions to meet before employment can be confirmed.

### Requirements and evidence that must be provided as part of the Application Process

You will also need to supply the following documents and information as part of this application process

#### Identity

- Your passport or certificate of identity that is valid for 3 months after you plan to leave New Zealand.
- A passport photo that meets the requirements found on this link: [Acceptable photos for a visa or NZeTA | Immigration New Zealand](#) (We recommend using a professional photographer as self-taken photos regularly cause problems for the photo checking software. The photo must be less than six months old.)

## Character

To qualify for the AEWV you must be of good character.

If you or any family member included in the AEWV application are aged 17 or older and plan to stay in New Zealand for more than 24 months (including any time you have already spent in New Zealand), you must provide police certificates that are less than six months old from:

- any country you are a citizen of; and
- any country you have spent more than 5 years in since you turned 17.

Police certificates are sometimes called criminal checks, police clearance certificates or penal records. You can find out how to get one in your country at this link: [How to get a police certificate | Immigration New Zealand](#)

You do not need to provide police certificates if:

- you have provided them to Immigration New Zealand with an earlier visa application, and
- they were issued in the previous 24 months.

If you provide a police certificate that is not in English, you must provide an English translation. This includes police certificates that record no convictions.

You must tell Immigration New Zealand if you have been involved in criminal or racist activities or have provided false or misleading information to Immigration New Zealand in the past.

## Health

To qualify for the AEWV you must be in good health.

This is evidenced by supplying Immigration New Zealand with a medical report and x-ray from a physician approved by Immigration New Zealand. You can find one nearest to you at this link: [Find a radiologist or doctor near you | Immigration New Zealand](#). The physician will complete the medical report and send it to Immigration New Zealand directly. You will be provided with a document that gives the unique report number and the examinations that you have had done.

You do not need to provide medical evidence if:

- you have provided them to Immigration New Zealand with an earlier visa application; and
- they were issued in the previous 36 months.
- If you are pregnant, you will not need to provide an x-ray, but you will need to provide a medical report.

Any family travelling with you will also have to provide medical evidence. However, children under 11 or anyone who is pregnant will not need to provide an x-ray report.

## Qualifications and Experience

You must be qualified and/or experienced to do the work you have been offered and that matches what was asked for in the Job check stage.

You will need to provide evidence of your qualifications and experience. Qualification certificates will need to show the place you studied, how long you studied for, the qualification you gained and in some cases your marks. Your work experience can be shown by providing reference letters, certificates of service, tax documents showing your employers name and length of service or payslips. If you are applying for a Green List role, you will have to have your qualifications assessed by NZQA prior to application.

If your new job requires you to be registered, you will need to provide evidence of that registration. The usual occupations that require registration are doctors, nurses, dental workers, other medical practitioners such as optometrists and osteopaths, lawyers, engineers, vets and teachers. Some trade occupations require certification to practice in New Zealand, particularly electrical workers and plumbers. Check with your new employer about what is required.

If registration is required to work in your occupation in New Zealand, you must provide either:

- a certified copy of your full or professional New Zealand registration; or
- confirmation from the appropriate registration body that you are eligible for New Zealand Registration.

### **If you are in New Zealand**

- If you have been in New Zealand for more than 12 months, you may be subject to standdown period before you can apply for a further work visa. This will depend on your visa type.
- If you are on an Essential Skills work visa it will also depend on whether you are paid above or below the median wage that was current at the time you applied. If your ES visa was granted on or after 19 July 2021, then the maximum duration that you can stay is 3 years if you are paid above the median wage of \$27.76 per hour and 2 years if you are paid below that rate.
- We can check this for you before an application is made.