



13 September 2021

Privacy of natural persons

Ref: DOIA 2122-0197

Dear Privacy of natural persons

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2021, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*“1. How many applications have been made to Immigration NZ for subsequent Talent Accredited Work to Residency work visas since February 2020 to the date of the response of this complaint?  
2. How many of those applicants for subsequent Talent Accredited Work to Residency work visas were granted 24-month visas?  
3. How many of those applicants for subsequent Talent Accredited Work to Residency work visas were granted 30-month visas?  
4. Any information Immigration NZ holds in relation to processing subsequent Talent Accredited Work to Residency visas including internal directions to staff, internal policies and guidance, internal communications between staff.”*

## **Our Response**

### *Question 1*

There were 72 applications submitted to Immigration New Zealand (INZ) for subsequent Talent Accredited Work to Residence work visas from 1 February 2020 to 13 August 2021.

### *Question 2*

From the 72 applications mentioned above, 10 were approved for a 24 month period visa.

### *Question 3*

44 of the applicants were approved for a 30 month visa validity.

### *Question 4*

The information in response to question 4 of your request is attached as Appendix 1. Please note that information out of scope has been removed, and some information has been withheld under the following section of the Act:

- Section 18(d) as the information requested is be publicly available on: [www.immigration.govt.nz/opsmanual/75911.htm](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/opsmanual/75911.htm)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', written in a cursive style.

Nicola Hogg  
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Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

# § 18(d)

Visa duration for the first time WTR visa	§ 18(d)	§ 18(d)
Subsequent WTR visa	<p>§ 18(d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ From the Accredited Employer supporting the RFW</li><li>▪ The Accreditation was valid but can be expired now</li><li>▪ In the core area of the business</li><li>▪ At least 12 months</li><li>▪ Full-time: at least 30 hours per week</li><li>▪ Salary requirement for the initial WTR is met</li><li>▪ Registered: if applicable</li><li>▪ Age requirement is exempt</li></ul> <p>(Refer to WR1.30.1 for the above)</p>	§ 18(d)
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**From:** Privacy of natural persons  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2020 9:32 am  
**To:** Privacy of natural persons  
**Cc:** Privacy of natural persons  
**Subject:** Re: Clarification on WR1.30.1 (d) [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi Team,

Instructions WR1.30.1 (d) - Despite E7.10(a)(ii) immigration officers may apply these instructions to any work visa application under the d. Talent (Accredited Employers) Work Instructions that has not been decided and was submitted before the effective date essentially means the changes to instructions which came into effect on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 applies to applications lodged prior and after the effective date.

This means the changes apply regardless of the lodgement date.

Thank you

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

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# WR Work to Residence Instructions

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# Exemptions under subsequent work visa WR1.30.1

A subsequent Talent (Accredited Employers) work visa application may be approved despite

- the applicant is not aged 55 years or under; and/or
- not holding an offer of employment in New Zealand from an accredited employer; and/or
- the offer of employment is not for a period of at least 24 months; and/or
- Not having an offer of employment for a position with a minimum base salary of NZ\$79,560 per annum

if the applicant:

- holds a Talent (Accredited Employers) work visa at the time they apply; and
- has made an application for residence under the Talent (Accredited Employers) residence instructions and a decision on that residence application is yet to be made; and
- has an offer of employment that:
  - is for a period of at least 12 months; and
  - Is for the same employer that is supporting their application for residence under the Accredited Employer residence instructions.
  - continues to meet the minimum base salary that was in place when they applied for their current visa, i.e., NZ\$55,000; and
  - meets all other requirements of WR1.10, except (a), (c) and (g).

If approved, duration will be up to a maximum of 24 months.