

SUBMISSION

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I would like to make a submission on proposals related to changes for low-skilled people on temporary work visas. I came to New Zealand about 3 years ago from Russia. Since February 2015 I've worked as a Metal Casting Trades Worker in a foundry for s 9(2)(a)). I've got a temporary work visa. My wife and 19-years old son live with me in Christchurch. My wife is working as a Nanny, son studies Design in Hagley College in Christchurch.

My salary is a little bit more than 20\$ per hour. It is very unlikely that it will be increased to 23.49\$ ph in the nearest future as the situation at the world's non-ferrous market is very unstable and competitive. At the same time, my company faces the strongest labor force shortage even now and has to hire professional workers from overseas. The job in foundry is very hard and pretty harmful for the health, that's the main reason why kiwis are not tend to apply for it. There are a lot of low-skilled workers on temporary work visas in foundry and other departments of the company. Only shift supervisors' salaries are more than 23 ph.

According to the proposed changes, I will lose a pathway to residence and be able to renew my work visa only one time in 2018. It will be total disaster for my family as in 3 years I will lose my job and have to leave NZ. I suppose that the situation would be as disastrous for my company as for me personally.

My proposition: 'Low-skilled' people on temporary work visas, who are currently working in NZ, should be eligible to apply for residence after they have worked several years in NZ. My idea that it might be 4-5 years. It will allow employers to keep experienced staff and in the same time protect NZ economy from low-skilled newcomers.

Allow low-skilled workers to apply for residence after they worked 4-5 years in New Zealand!

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