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29 August 2024	Amendments to the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010 LEG-24-MIN-0173 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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On 29 August 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in March and June 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to:
 - 1.1 increase immigration fee and levy rates from 1 October 2024 to reduce Crown funding and recover costs more fully from users of the immigration system [ECO-24-MIN-0117];
 - 1.2 continue Crown-funded subsidies for three Pacific-related visas in order to manage the impact of fee increases for Pacific applicants and in recognition of the Government's commitment to supporting Pacific stability, prosperity, and resilience [ECO-24-MIN-0040 and ECO-24-MIN-0117]; and
 - 1.3 revoke charges for visa categories that are now closed [ECO-24-MIN-0117];
- 2 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 will give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- 3 **noted** that partnership work visas are currently charged under two different matters in Schedule 4 of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010:
 - 3.1 Temporary visa application—work visa under Work Partnership/Work to Residence, for a partner of a New Zealand citizen or resident work visa;
 - 3.2 Temporary visa application—work visa under any other category of immigration instruction for all other partnership work visas;
- 4 **noted** that the new fee prescribed for 'Partnership/Work to Residence' in Annex Four of the Cabinet paper *Immigration Fee and Levy Review: Final Proposed Rates* [ECO-24-SUB-0117] was based on the cost-to-serve and visa volume forecasting for all partnership, and work to residence, work visas;
- 5 **agreed** that one fee be prescribed for partnership work visas under the family stream work immigration instructions, as per the fee prescribed for "Partnership" in Annex Four of the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0117;

- 6 **noted** that, in June 2024, Cabinet authorised the Minister of Immigration (the Minister) to make any additional policy decisions, or any minor and technical changes required to give effect to final policy decisions on the immigration fee and levy rates [ECO-24-MIN-0117];
- 7 **noted** that the Minister has approved two additional changes:
- 7.1 include fee and levy rates for applications for visas made from the Pacific under the Recognised Seasonal Employer scheme, Pacific Access Category, and Samoan Quota; and
- 7.2 reinstate a fee for applications for a Group Transit Visa for Chinese Nationals made in New Zealand, which was excluded in error from the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0117;
- 8 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 [PCO 26534/12.0];
- 9 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 come into force on 1 October 2024;
- 10 **noted** that, in order for the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 to comply with the 28-day rule, a special Gazette notification will be required no later than 3 September 2024.
- 11 **noted** that in July 2024, Cabinet agreed to increase the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) to \$100 from 1 October 2024, to improve how the costs of tourism are effectively priced into the visitor experience [CAB-24-MIN-0247];
- 12 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 11 above;
- 13 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 [PCO 26602/2.0];
- 14 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 come into force on 1 October 2024;
- 15 **noted** that, in order for the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 to comply with the 28-day rule, a special Gazette notification will be required no later than 3 September 2024;
- 16 **noted** that section 399B of the Immigration Act 2009 requires the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality to consult any persons and organisations that the Minister considers appropriate before recommending any changes to regulations in respect of the IVL;
- 17 **noted** that the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality has advised that the requirement for consultation has been met through public consultation as part of the IVL Review undertaken between 15 May and 11 June 2024.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Scott Simpson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Prime Minister's Office