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Office of the Minister of Immigration

Cabinet Legislation Committee

Amendments to the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010

Proposal

1. This paper seeks authorisation to submit two sets of amendment regulations to Executive Council:
 - 1.1. *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024* (the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations); and
 - 1.2. *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024* (the IVL Amendment Regulations).

Executive summary

2. Cabinet has recently taken several decisions on matters of immigration and tourism and hospitality policy that need to be reflected in the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010* (the Visa Regulations). The Visa Regulations are made under the Immigration Act 2009 (the Act).
3. These decisions relate to:
 - 3.1. the 2024 Immigration Fee and Levy Review (the Fee and Levy Review) [CAB-24-MIN-0109 and CAB-24-MIN-0246], which are reflected in the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations; and
 - 3.2. the 2024 International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy Review (the IVL Review) [CAB-24-MIN-0274], which are reflected in the IVL Amendment Regulations.
4. The proposed Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations include some minor amendments to the immigration fee and levy rates, which were identified during drafting. I have approved these under my delegation from Cabinet [CAB-24-MIN-0121] as they reflect the intended policy direction of the review.
5. I also seek Cabinet’s agreement to clarify that the fee for “Temporary visa application —work visa under Work Partnership/Work to Residence” as set out in Schedule Four of the Visa Regulations, prescribes the fee for all partnership work visas. This clarification is reflected in the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations.

Policy

Immigration Fee and Levy Review

6. On 2 April and 1 July 2024, Cabinet took decisions on the Fee and Levy Review to:

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- 6.1. reduce Crown funding and recover costs more fully from users of the immigration system through increased fee and levy rates from 1 October 2024 [CAB-24-MIN-0246];
 - 6.2. 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 [CAB-24-MIN-0109 and CAB-24-MIN-0246]; and
 - 6.3. revoke charges for visa categories that are now closed [CAB-24-MIN-0246].
7. Immigration fee and levy rates are prescribed in Schedules 4 and 6 of the Visa Regulations and were last set on 1 August 2022. I propose that Schedules 4 and 6 of the Visa Regulations be replaced with updated schedules as set out in the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations to give effect to the new rates agreed by Cabinet. Detail of the current and new rates are attached at Appendix One.

Clarifying the fee for partnership work visa applicants

8. I seek Cabinet's agreement to clarify the fee for partnership work visa applicants from 1 October 2024. Currently, for historical reasons, partnership work visas are charged fees under two different matters prescribed in Schedule 4 of the Visa Regulations (the levy rate is the same). The different rates are:
- a. **Work Partnership/Work to Residence:** for Partner of a New Zealand citizen or Resident Work Visa (total fee and levy currently \$860, proposed \$1,630); and
 - b. **Work visa under any other category of immigration instruction:** for all other partnership work visas, including Partner of a Worker Work Visa and Partner of a Student Work Visa (total fee and levy currently \$700, proposed \$1,355).
9. This differentiation is longstanding and is reflected in Immigration New Zealand's (INZ) ICT system (which provides the fees calculator for applicants) and fees guidance material on the INZ website. However, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has advised that the rationale for this delineation no longer stands.
10. The policy objective as part of the advice on the fee and levy review was that a fee be set for all partnership work visas, which reflects the cost to serve of those applications. This partnership work visa group was implicit in the July Cabinet paper, and the visa volume forecasting which underpinned the new rates. However, explicit agreement to apply a fee to all partnership work visas under the family work stream immigration instructions was not sought at that time.
11. I therefore propose that Cabinet agree that the Visa Regulations prescribe one fee for all partnership work visas under family stream work instructions. This clarification is reflected in the new rates attached at Appendix One.

Additional changes to give effect to policy decisions on the Fee and Levy Review

12. Cabinet authorised me to make any additional policy decisions or any minor and technical changes required to give effect to policy decisions on the Fee and Levy Review [CAB-24-MIN-0246]. Subsequent to Cabinet decisions above, I have

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approved, under my delegation from Cabinet, two clarifications to the fee and levy rates necessary to finalise the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations. These clarifications correct the omission of the following rates from the July Cabinet paper:

- 12.1. fee and levy rates for applications made from the Pacific under the Recognised Seasonal Employer scheme (RSE), Pacific Access Category (PAC) and Samoan Quota (SQ); and
 - 12.2. a fee for applications for a Group Transit Visa for Chinese Nationals made in New Zealand.
13. As part of the April decisions, Cabinet agreed to continue to subsidise applications under the RSE, PAC and SQ categories at a cost of \$1.167 million per annum [CAB-24-MIN-0109]. This subsidy was factored into the final proposed fee and levy rates for applications in the July Cabinet paper; however, the final rates for applications from the Pacific were excluded in error from Annex Four of that paper, which set out the complete schedule of new rates to go live from 1 October 2024.
 14. Given the intended final rates for applications from the Pacific were included elsewhere in the Cabinet paper¹ and the importance of enabling applications from the Pacific, I have agreed that those rates be included in the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations as intended.
 15. The Group Transit Visa for Chinese Nationals fulfils a commitment made by New Zealand under the New Zealand-China Free Trade Agreement in 2008 to create and maintain a group transit visa for Chinese nationals transiting New Zealand to and from all destinations. The Visa Regulations currently prescribe a fee for visa applications under this category from both New Zealand and the rest of the world; however, the updated fee and levy rates agreed by Cabinet only included a fee for applications made outside of New Zealand. I have agreed that a fee for applications made from both New Zealand and the rest of the world be included in the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations, consistent with existing settings.

Minor and technical amendments

16. As part of final fee and levy decisions in July, Cabinet agreed to revoke charges for visa categories that are now closed, including the 2021 Resident Visa (21RV) [CAB-24-MIN-0246]. MBIE has identified three outstanding 21RV applications where decisions are currently on hold pending court decisions and has advised that the regulations relating to fee and levy rates for that category need to be retained for the time being. Cabinet's decision to revoke these provisions will therefore be actioned through future amendment regulations following the outcome of legal proceedings.
17. Annex Four of the July Cabinet paper provided the schedule of final proposed changes to immigration fees and levies, which included updating the name for the fees and levy prescribed for applicants under the "Skilled Migrant Category" to "Skilled Residence". This change was intended to be carried over into regulations in order to

¹ The final fee and levy rates for visa applications from the Pacific under RSE, PAC and SQ were included in Annex Five of the July 2024 Cabinet paper, which provided an overview of the fee and levy rate changes for the most common fee band for key visa categories. The Pacific fee band is the most common band for those categories.

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reflect the fact that “Skilled Residence” more accurately describes the range of sub-categories within the “Skilled Migrant Category”.

18. However, “Skilled Migrant Category” in Schedules 4 and 6 needs to be retained because Visa Regulations relating to 21RV applications cross-reference the Skilled Migrant Category explicitly. Retaining “Skilled Migrant Category” has no impact on the new fee and levy rates for skilled residence applicants, nor does it change the applicants to whom the fee and levy can be prescribed.
19. Additionally, the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations do not include a fee for franchisee employer accreditation. A fee was included for this category of employer in the July Cabinet paper, however, in March 2024, Cabinet agreed to close this employer accreditation category and the fee is no longer needed [CAB-24-MIN-0096].

International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy Review

20. On 1 July 2019, the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) was introduced as a non-refundable \$35 charge payable by most international visitors when applying for their visa or New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA).² Section 399B of the Act requires MBIE to review the amount or method of calculation of the IVL at intervals of no more than five years following the commencement of section 399A. MBIE has now completed its review of the IVL.
21. On 29 July 2024, Cabinet agreed to increase the IVL amount by \$65 to \$100 from 1 October 2024, to improve how relevant costs are effectively priced into the visitor experience [CAB-24-MIN-0274]. This is a percentage increase of 185.7% from the current IVL amount.
22. The IVL amount is prescribed in regulation 26AAD of the Regulations. I therefore propose that regulation 26AAD be amended by the IVL Amendment Regulations to reflect the new IVL amount of \$100.

Timing and 28-day rule

23. I recommend that both the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations and IVL Amendment Regulations come into force on 1 October 2024.
24. To meet the requirements of the 28-day rule, a special Gazette notification will be required for both the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations and the IVL Amendment Regulations no later than 3 September 2024, following the Executive Council meeting on 2 September 2024.

Compliance

25. The proposed Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations and IVL Amendment Regulations comply with each of the following:
 - 25.1. the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;

² This includes international cruise ship passengers where relevant. Some classes of people are exempt from the requirement to pay the IVL, including Australian citizens and permanent residents, diplomats, and people from many Pacific Island countries.

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- 25.2. the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993;
 - 25.3. the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020;
 - 25.4. relevant international standards and obligations; and
 - 25.5. the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee's Guidelines on Process and Content of Legislation.
26. Section 399B of the Act 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. This requirement was met through public consultation as part of the IVL Review from 15 May – 11 June 2024. Consultation sought feedback on whether to increase the IVL, by how much, and how the revenue should be spent.

Regulations Review Committee

27. There are no anticipated grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw the Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations or the IVL Amendment Regulations to the attention of the House under Standing Order 327.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel

28. The Fee and Levy Amendment Regulations and IVL Amendment Regulations were certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) as being in order for submission to Cabinet.

Impact analysis

Immigration Fee and Levy Review

29. A Stage-2 Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) for the 2024 Immigration Fee and Levy Review was submitted at the time that policy decisions were made [ECO-24-MIN-0117] and will be published on MBIE's website as part of the proactive release of the associated Cabinet paper.
30. MBIE's Regulatory Impact Analysis Quality Assurance Panel reviewed the CRIS and assessed it as meeting the CRIS quality criteria.

International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy

31. A Stage-2 CRIS for the 2024 IVL proposal was submitted at the time that policy decisions were made [CAB-24-MIN-0247] and will be published on MBIE's website as part of the proactive release of the associated Cabinet paper.
32. MBIE's Regulatory Impact Analysis Quality Assurance Panel reviewed the CRIS and assessed it as meeting the CRIS quality criteria.
33. A Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) was not required for either the Fee and Levy Review or IVL Review proposals.

Publicity

34. The changes to immigration fee and levy rates were publicly communicated on 9 August 2024.
35. MBIE has developed communications plans to inform affected visa applicants and stakeholders of the IVL changes.

Proactive release

36. I intend to proactively release this paper and its associated minute, with any appropriate redactions where information would have been withheld under the Official Information Act 1982.

Consultation

37. This Cabinet paper was prepared by MBIE. The following agencies were consulted on this paper and during the development of the Cabinet policy papers: New Zealand Customs Service, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, the Department of Conservation, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Treasury.
38. Targeted consultation with representatives from the international education sector, tourism industry, immigration professionals, workers and businesses/employers was undertaken from April – May 2024 as part of the Fee and Levy Review. Public consultation was undertaken from May – June 2024 on policy proposals as part of the IVL Review.

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet Legislation Committee:

1. note that on 2 April 2024 and 1 July 2024, Cabinet 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 [CAB-24-MIN-0246];
 - 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 [CAB-24-MIN-0109 and CAB-24-MIN-0246]; and
 - 1.3. revoke charges for visa categories that are now closed [CAB-24-MIN-0246];
2. note that the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024* will give effect to the decisions referred to in recommendation 1 above;

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3. note 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. note that the new fee prescribed for ‘Partnership/Work to Residence’ in Annex Four of the Cabinet policy paper on the Fee and Levy Review was based on the cost-to-serve and visa volume forecasting for all partnership, and work to residence, work visas;
5. agree 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 final Fee and Levy Review Cabinet paper [CAB-24-MIN-0246].
6. note that Cabinet authorised me 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 [CAB-24-MIN-0246];
7. note that I have approved, under my delegation from Cabinet, two additional changes to immigration fee and levy rates to:
 - 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 July Cabinet paper;
8. authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024*;
9. note that the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024* come into force on 1 October 2024;
10. note 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. note that on 29 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. note that the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024* will give effect to the decisions referred to in recommendation 11 above;

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13. authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024*;
14. note that the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024* come into force on 1 October 2024;
15. note 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. note 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;
and
17. note 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 from 15 May – 11 June 2024.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Immigration

Appendix One: Immigration fee and levy rates to take effect from 1 October 2024

Type of application	Current charges					Charges from 1 October 2024 (with percentage change)				
	Current Fee rates (GST inclusive)			Current Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*	New fee rates (GST inclusive)			New Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*
	Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)			Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)		
Residence class visa										
Skilled Migrant Category	1,880	1,610	2,480	2,410	4,290	2,880 (53%)	1,860 (16%)	2,880 (16%)	3,570 (48%)	6,450 (50%)
Entrepreneur Residence Category	3,710	3,710	3,710	3,150	6,860	11,320 (205%)	5,610 (51%)	11,320 (205%)	3,570 (13%)	14,890 (117%)
Active Investor Plus Category	4,750	4,630	4,630	3,150	7,900	12,070 (154%)	6,190 (34%)	12,070 (161%)	15,400 (389%)	27,470 (248%)
Residence from Work Category	1,090	-	-	3,150	4,240	2,920 (168%)	-	-	3,570 (13%)	6,490 (53%)
Family Category	1,200	1,200	2,060	1,550	2,750	1,940 (62%)	1,390 (16%)	1,940 (-6%)	3,420 (121%)	5,360 (95%)
Dependent Child	1,200	1,200	2,060	1,550	2,750	1,830 (53%)	1,360 (13%)	1,830 (-11%)	1,400 (-10%)	3,230 (17%)
Parent Retirement Category	3,710	3,710	3,710	1,550	5,260	9,430 (154%)	5,140 (39%)	9,430 (154%)	3,420 (121%)	12,850 (144%)
Samoan Quota Scheme	820	800	-	-	820	820 (0%)	800 (0%)	-	-	820 (0%)
Pacific Access Category	890	870	-	410	1,300	1,300 (46%)	1,280 (47%)	-	- (-100%)	1,300 (0%)
Employees of Relocating Business Category	1,200	1,200	2,060	3,150	4,350	1,940 (62%)	1,390 (16%)	1,940 (-6%)	3,570 (13%)	5,510 (27%)
Pitcairn Islanders	1,200	1,200	2,060	410	1,610	1,940 (62%)	1,390 (16%)	1,940 (-6%)	- (-100%)	1,940 (20%)
2021 Resident Visa	1,330	1,330	1,330	830	2,160	1,330 (0%)	1,330 (0%)	1,330 (0%)	830 (0%)	2,160 (0%)
Any other residence category	1,200	1,200	2,060	Varies	Varies	1,940 (62%)	1,390 (16%)	1,940 (-6%)	Varies	Varies
Applications for:										
Permanent Resident Visa (by a person holding resident visa or who previously held a resident visa)	240	240	240	-	240	315 (31%)	260 (8%)	315 (31%)	-	315 (31%)
A grant of second or subsequent resident visa	240	240	240	-	240	275 (15%)	250 (4%)	275 (15%)	-	275 (15%)
A variation of travel conditions on a resident visa	240	240	240	-	240	320 (33%)	260 (8%)	320 (33%)	-	320 (33%)
Expressions of Interest under Parent Category										
Hard Copy	550	550	550	-	550	575 (5%)	555 (1%)	575 (5%)	-	575 (5%)
Online	430	430	430	-	430	450 (5%)	435 (1%)	450 (5%)	-	450 (5%)
Registration under Pacific Access Category										
First year's registration	85	85	85	-	85	89 (5%)	86 (1%)	89 (5%)	-	89 (5%)
Second and subsequent year's registration	35	35	35	-	35	89 (154%)	49 (40%)	89 (154%)	-	89 (154%)
Temporary visa										
Visitor visa	190	150	190	21	211	300 (58%)	175 (17%)	300 (58%)	41 (95%)	341 (62%)
Temporary Retirement Category visitor visa	3,710	3,710	3,710	80	3,790	7,750 (109%)	4,720 (27%)	7,750 (109%)	41 (-49%)	7,791 (106%)

Type of application	Current charges					Charges from 1 October 2024 (with percentage change)				
	Current Fee rates (GST inclusive)			Current Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*	New fee rates (GST inclusive)			New Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*
	Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)			Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)		
Group visitor visa - Approved Destination Status (China) – offshore only*	-	-	35	55	90	-	-	55 (57%)	85 (55%)	140 (56%)
Other group visitor visa	55	55	55	55	110	86 (56%)	63 (15%)	86 (56%)	85 (55%)	171 (55%)
Student visa	280	220	300	95	375	485 (73%)	270 (23%)	485 (62%)	265 (179%)	750 (100%)
Post-study work visa	490	410	490	210	700	320 (-35%)	270 (-34%)	320 (-35%)	1,350 (543%)	1,670 (139%)
Partnership work visa under family stream immigration instructions	650	650	650	210	860	570 (-12%)	570 (-12%)	570 (-12%)	1,060 (405%)	1,630 (90%)
Work to Residence	650	650	650	210	860	570 (-12%)	570 (-12%)	570 (-12%)	1,060 (405%)	1,630 (90%)
Entrepreneur Work Visa	3,710	3,140	3,710	210	3,920	11,320 (205%)	5,190 (65%)	11,320 (205%)	1,060 (405%)	12,380 (216%)
Working holiday scheme	210	-	210	210	420	215 (2%)	-	215 (2%)	455 (117%)	670 (60%)
Working holidaymaker extension	210	-	210	210	420	245 (17%)	-	245 (17%)	455 (117%)	700 (67%)
Accredited Employer Work Visa	540	540	540	210	750	480 (-11%)	480 (-11%)	480 (-11%)	1,060 (405%)	1,540 (105%)
Work visa – other	490	410	490	210	700	295 (-40%)	250 (-39%)	295 (-40%)	1,060 (405%)	1,355 (94%)
Reconsideration of decision to decline temporary visa	250	-	-	-	250	220 (-12%)	-	-	-	220 (-12%)
Limited visa										
Limited visa – student	280	220	300	95	375	485 (73%)	270 (23%)	485 (62%)	265 (179%)	750 (100%)
Limited visa – Recognised Seasonal Employer	310	270	310	15	325	325 (5%)	285 (6%)	325 (5%)	- (-100%)	325 (0%)
Limited visa – other	210	170	210	80	290	325 (55%)	195 (15%)	325 (55%)	80 (0%)	405 (40%)
Transit visa										
Transit visa	180	180	180	-	180	235 (31%)	195 (8%)	235 (31%)	-	235 (31%)
Transit visa – group Chinese nationals (per person)	110	-	110	-	-	145 (32%)	-	145 (32%)	-	-
New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA)										
Request for traveller NZeTA made visa INZ website	23	23	23	-	23	23 (0%)	23 (0%)	23 (0%)	-	23 (0%)
Request for traveller NZeTA made via mobile app	17	17	17	-	17	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	-	17 (0%)
Request for transit NZeTA made via INZ website	23	23	23	-	23	23 (0%)	23 (0%)	23 (0%)	-	23 (0%)
Request for transit NZeTA made via mobile app	17	17	17	-	17	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	-	17 (0%)
Request for crew NZeTA	17	17	17	-	17	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	17 (0%)	-	17 (0%)

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	Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)			Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)		
Other matters – applications or requests by employers and organisations										
Approval in principle to recruit foreign crew of fishing vessels	6,310	-	-	-	6,310	6,610 (5%)	-	-	-	6,610 (5%)
Request for supplementary seasonal employment approval in principle	320	-	-	-	320	335 (5%)	-	-	-	335 (5%)
Recognised Seasonal Employer status	1,080	-	-	-	1,080	1,040 (-4%)	-	-	-	1,040 (-4%)
Agreement to recruit under Recognised Seasonal Employer instructions	290	-	-	-	290	280 (-3%)	-	-	-	280 (-3%)
Entertainment Industry accreditation (under Specific Purpose or Events instructions)										
First year's registration	2,200	-	-	-	2,200	2,310 (5%)	-	-	-	2,310 (5%)
Second and subsequent year's registration	620	-	-	-	620	650 (5%)	-	-	-	650 (5%)
Employer accreditation (under Accredited Employer immigration instructions)										
Employer accreditation (standard)	740	-	-	-	740	775 (5%)	-	-	-	775 (5%)
Employer accreditation (upgrade from standard to high volume)	480	-	-	-	480	505 (5%)	-	-	-	505 (5%)
Employer accreditation (high volume)	1,220	-	-	-	1,220	1,280 (5%)	-	-	-	1,280 (5%)
Employer accreditation (triangular employment)	3,870	-	-	-	3,870	4,060 (5%)	-	-	-	4,060 (5%)
Employer accreditation (franchisee)	1,980	-	-	-	1,980	2,080 (5%)	-	-	-	2,080 (5%)
Reconsideration of employer accreditation application	240	-	-	-	240	250 (4%)	-	-	-	250 (4%)
Job Check (under Accredited Employer immigration instructions)	610	-	-	-	610	735 (20%)	-	-	-	735 (20%)
Reconsideration of Job Check	240	-	-	-	240	250 (4%)	-	-	-	250 (4%)
Other matters – general										
Special direction	250	250	250	-	250	260 (4%)	255 (2%)	260 (4%)	-	260 (4%)
Residence class visa granted under section 61	1,080	-	-	-	1,080	1,510 (40%)	-	-	-	1,510 (40%)
Temporary entry class visa granted under section 61	460	-	-	-	460	640 (39%)	-	-	-	640 (39%)
Variation of conditions on a temporary entry class visa	210	210	210	-	210	325 (55%)	240 (14%)	325 (55%)	-	325 (55%)

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	Current Fee rates (GST inclusive)			Current Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*	New fee rates (GST inclusive)			New Immigration Levy	Total (Band A)*
	Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)			Band A (New Zealand)	Band B (Pacific)	Band C (Rest of World)		
Call-out fee where office is opened outside normal working hours in order to process immigration matter	360	360	360	-	360	375 (4%)	365 (1%)	375 (4%)	-	375 (4%)
Confirmation of immigration status	150	150	150	-	150	225 (50%)	170 (13%)	225 (50%)	-	225 (50%)
Transfer fee where visa stamp or label transferred from one passport or certificate to another	150	150	150	-	150	225 (50%)	170 (13%)	225 (50%)	-	225 (50%)
Endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship										
First endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	170	170	170	-	170	225 (32%)	185 (9%)	225 (32%)	-	225 (32%)
Second and subsequent endorsement indicating New Zealand citizenship	110	110	110	-	110	225 (105%)	140 (27%)	225 (105%)	-	225 (105%)

*except where not available