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Residence by investment
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Active Investor Plus Visa Program

New Zealand

A resident visa for investors and their families in one of the world's most stable nations, with a pathway to permanent residence from NZD 5 million.

NZD 5 million
Growth category minimum investment

NZD 10 million
Balanced category minimum investment

21 days
Minimum presence, Growth category

Up to 24
Age limit for dependent children

Why New Zealand

New Zealand is one of the world's most stable and well-governed nations and an attractive destination for investment, business, and raising a family. It consistently ranks in the top 10 for protecting investors, starting a business, and the ease of doing business. One of the least densely populated countries in the world, it also offers an extensive tax treaty network and a sound legal system based on English law.

Key benefits

No capital gains tax
No gift, estate, or wealth tax, and no capital gains tax.

Family included
Residence applicable to a spouse and dependent children up to the age of 24.

Stability
Political, social, and economic stability, with a sound legal system based on English law.

Quality of life
High standards of living, a multicultural population, and low population density.

Country profile

Population
5.4 million

Languages
English

Economy
Competitive, industrialized free-market

Currency
New Zealand dollar

Program overview

- Minimum investment of **NZD 5 million** (Growth) or **NZD 10 million** (Balanced)
- A pathway to permanent residence once the holding and presence requirements are met
- Citizenship requires five years as a resident and 1,350 days in New Zealand

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Investment categories

Two categories, with different investment levels, holding periods and presence requirements.

Option 1
Growth category

NZD 5 million

Managed funds and direct business investments approved by New Zealand Trade & Enterprise (NZTE), held for three years.

Option 2
Growth presence

21 days

Minimum time in New Zealand over the three-year holding period.

Option 3
Balanced category

NZD 10 million

Equities, bonds, managed funds, direct business investments, property development and philanthropy, held for five years.

Option 4
Balanced presence

105 days

Minimum time in New Zealand over the five-year period; may be reduced with a higher investment.

Main applicant requirements

- An investment in one of the two categories, Growth or Balanced
- Investments held for the full period required by the chosen category
- The physical presence requirement of the chosen category met

Good to know

- Permanent residence can be applied for once the investment period and presence requirements are met.
- Family members included in the visa must go to New Zealand within 12 months of the visa being granted.
- Family members are not required to remain in New Zealand for any minimum length of time.

Your application journey

Onboarding

01 Client contacts Phoenix Immigration Consulting Services

02 Phoenix advises on the best program for the client and their family

Application

03 Onboarding and preparation of the application

04 Residence granted, with continued support from our team

Residence

05 Family travels to New Zealand within 12 months of the visa grant

06 Investment held for three years (Growth) or five years (Balanced)

07 Physical presence requirements met

08 **Eligible to apply for permanent residence**

Talk to a Phoenix advisor

We assess your eligibility, compare the routes open to you and manage your application from first consultation to approval.

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