

Refugee Claimant Visitor Visa

New Zealand Visa Information Checklist

Visa summary

For people in New Zealand who have made a refugee or protection claim and need to remain while the claim is decided.

Length of stay: As needed until we decide your claim Processing time 80% within 4 weeks | Processing time: 4 weeks Cost From NZD \$0

General requirements

- ☐ be in New Zealand when you apply
- ☐ have made claim for or status in New Zealand
- ☐ meet the other requirements of this visa.
- ☐ stay in New Zealand while we process your claim for refugee or protected person status
- ☐ get subsidised public healthcare
- ☐ have access to support services in New Zealand for refugees and protected persons.

Documents and evidence

Check the official Immigration New Zealand page for the documents and evidence required for your circumstances.

Official source and verification

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Official page:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/refugee-claimant-visitor-visa/>

General information only. This checklist is not immigration advice and does not assess your personal eligibility. Requirements can vary by applicant and can change. Always confirm the current official requirements with Immigration New Zealand before applying.