

Immigration New Zealand Points Indicator

The table below sets out the possible points and bonus points that can be claimed under the Skilled Migrant Category. **While at the outset this point system looks simple, the devil is in the detail.** Immigration New Zealand definitions must be understood and correctly applied, or you run the risk of having the points you have claimed denied, and wasting time and money with an unsuccessful submission.

[Contact us](#) for a detailed analysis of your individual situation.

Conditions	Points
Skilled employment	
Current skilled employment in New Zealand for less than 12 months	50
Current skilled employment in New Zealand for 12 months or more	60
Work experience in skilled employment	
2 years	10
4 years	15
6 years	20
8 years	25
10 years	30
Qualifications	
Recognised undergraduate qualification	50
Recognised postgraduate (Masters or higher) qualification	55
Age	
20-29	30
30-39	25
40-44	20
45-49	10
50-55	5
Close family in New Zealand	
Close family	10
Skilled employment	
	Bonus points
In an identified future growth area	10
In an area of absolute skills shortage	10
In a region outside Auckland	10
Partner has a skilled job or job offer	20
Work experience in New Zealand	
1 year	5
2 years	10
3 or more years	15
Work experience in an identified growth area	
2 to 5 years	10
6 or more years	15
Work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage	
2 to 5 years	10
6 or more years	15
Qualifications	
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand towards a recognised qualification	5
Recognised basic New Zealand qualification (e.g. trade qualification, diploma, bachelors degree, bachelors degree with honours)	5
Recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification (Masters or Doctorate)	10
Qualification in an identified future growth area	10
Qualification in an area of absolute skills shortage	10
Partner holds a recognised qualification	20

Do you qualify?

Different categories of applications have different minimum points thresholds. In practice Expressions of Interest are drawn from a fortnightly pool in a descending order of preference, based on INZ's latest selection criteria. Your application may be drawn in the first pool draw or may stay in the draw for up to 6 months until the category applicable to you is drawn.

Please [Contact us](#) to better understand this process.