

What do I have to do?

Take this completed form and any supporting documents to a person authorised to make a statutory declaration, for their signature. When they have signed it, send the form **and the attachments** to the person you are sponsoring. That person should then include the form and attachments with their application for a visitor's visa or permit.

Please recognise that your sponsorship does not guarantee that the visitor you are sponsoring will be issued a visa or granted a permit. Sponsorship is only one of a number of policy requirements the applicant must meet before an application for a visa or permit can be approved.

Who do I see to complete the statutory declaration?

Any Justice of the Peace, Solicitor or Notary Public can complete the declaration. You will find them in the yellow pages of your phone book under Justice of the Peace, Solicitor or Notaries Public.

Who can be a sponsor?

A sponsor must:

- be a relative or friend of the applicant and either
- be a New Zealand Citizen; or
- hold a New Zealand residence permit that is not subject to requirements imposed under section 18A of the Immigration Act 1987.

A sponsor must also be able to provide proof of the above.

What do I have to do if I sponsor a visitor?

By filling out this form, you are sponsoring a visitor, or a number of visitors. Your obligations include providing accommodation, maintenance, and repatriation. This means you undertake and agree to reimburse the Crown for all costs and expenses incurred by the Crown associated with the applicant or the people you are sponsoring for the whole length of their visit (whether they are on a temporary permit, or are in New Zealand unlawfully).

If you do not carry out the responsibilities you have agreed to, it is likely that the New Zealand Immigration Service will recover from you any costs incurred in the removal process for the person/s who have been sponsored.

As a sponsor you undertake to repay the New Zealand Government any costs to the New Zealand Government which may result from your failure to meet your obligations as sponsor, and if you fail to repay any such costs to the New Zealand Government a debt for the amount of those costs, is then due to the Crown which may then be enforced against you in the New Zealand Courts.

Please note that residents and people holding work permits for a stay of two years or more (and their dependent children) are eligible for publicly funded health and disability services. Other work permit holders, students, and visitor permit holders generally are not eligible. People covered by New Zealand's Reciprocal Health Agreements with Australia and the UK are entitled to publicly funded health care for immediately necessary medical treatment only. We therefore strongly recommend that your visitor has comprehensive health insurance for the duration of their visit. For more information visit the Ministry of Health website at www.moh.govt.nz.

Attach to this form evidence of:

- your ability to provide accommodation for the visitor(s); and
- your ability to provide financial assistance and the costs of any health care (unless you are providing a Declaration of Financial Undertaking); and
- your residence status.

Matters required by the Privacy Act

The information about you on this form is collected to determine your eligibility for sponsoring a visitor to New Zealand.

The main recipient of the information is the New Zealand Immigration Service of the Department of Labour but it may also be shared with other Government agencies, which are entitled to the information under applicable legislation.

The collection of the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 1987 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act. The supply of the information is voluntary, but if you do not supply it then the visitor's application may be declined.

You have the right to access the information about you held by the New Zealand Immigration Service and to ask for any of it to be corrected if you think that is necessary.

Sponsorship Form for Visiting New Zealand



1 I wish to sponsor the following visitor(s) to **visit/stay** longer in New Zealand (please use the full name of the visitor as shown in their passport or travel document):

| Name | Date of Birth | M/F | Relationship to you |
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The visitor(s) will remain in New Zealand for _____ month(s).

Sponsor's Details

2 What is your name?
 Family name: _____
 Given name: _____

3 What is your date of birth?

day month year

4 What is your gender? Male Female

5 What is your country of birth?

Citizenship?

6 What is your current residential address, telephone number and email address? (Please insert your full street address, suburb and city.)

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| Address: | Telephone |
| | Landline - work: |
| | Landline - home: |
| | Mobile: |
| | Email: |

7 I am: the holder of a current New Zealand residence permit; or
 a New Zealand citizen.

8 I have provided the following documents as evidence of my residence status:

Please attach a *certified true copy* of the original of your document, which may be your passport or citizenship certificate. **(Do not send your original.)**

9 To indicate that I am able to meet the financial obligations for the visitor, I advise that I am:
 in paid employment in part-time employment other (please specify)
 unemployed receiving a Social Welfare benefit _____

I confirm that I undertake to provide the following while the visitor(s) is in New Zealand on a temporary permit, or unlawfully:

- accommodation for the visitor(s) named on this form; and/or
- full financial support including the costs of any health care; and/or
- the cost of return airfares for the visitor(s), if necessary.

I understand that if I fail to meet any obligation undertaken, I will be liable under Section 28(2) of the Immigration Act 1987 to pay the Crown all costs and expenses incurred in respect of that failure.

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Indicate below how you intend to support the visitor(s) financially. You may either:

- provide evidence of your ability to financially support the visitor(s) ie, provide the following from the past three months: bank statements, wage slips, letters from your employer indicating your wages or salary, or
- complete the Declaration of Financial Undertaking set out below (including the Bank Confirmation).

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If you have agreed to provide accommodation for the visitor(s) while they are in New Zealand on a temporary permit, please provide the address and telephone number (landline and mobile) of the property where the visitor will be residing at while they are in New Zealand. (Please attach evidence of your ownership of the property or that you hold a rental agreement on the property.)

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Please list ALL visitors you have previously sponsored. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

| Name | Date of Birth | Date of Arrival | Date of Departure | Did not arrive |
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I have attached the following documents (or certified copies of them) to this form:

- evidence of my New Zealand residence or citizenship (please ensure this is a certified copy - do not attach your original passport or travel document); and
- evidence of my ability to provide accommodation for the visitor(s) while they are in New Zealand; and/or
- evidence of my ability to provide financial support for the visitor(s) while they are in New Zealand.

Partnership Requirements

If you intend to sponsor the visitor on the basis of partnership or for the purpose of culturally arranged marriage, please mark the appropriate boxes:

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- I have not previously supported or sponsored more than one other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy
- I have not previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy in the five years immediately preceding the date the current application is made.

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If you were a successful principal applicant under Partnership policy:

- Five years or more has elapsed since the date I was granted residence under Partnership policy.
- I have not previously supported or sponsored any other successful principal applicant under Partnership policy.

Note: You are not eligible to sponsor a visitor if you were the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence which has resulted in the grant of a residence permit to a person under the special policy for victims of domestic violence. (A person is considered to be the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence if they have been convicted of domestic violence against such a person investigated by the New Zealand Police where the New Zealand Police are satisfied that such domestic violence has occurred).

Declaration for Financial Undertaking

I agree and undertake to accept financial responsibility for the person(s) named on this form whilst they are in New Zealand (including if they are unlawfully in New Zealand). I undertake to make available in New Zealand funds at the rate of:

- A minimum of NZ\$1,000 per month per person sponsored (if sponsor is **not** providing accommodation and accommodation is **not** prepaid), or
- A minimum of NZ\$400.00 per month per person sponsored (if sponsor is providing accommodation or accommodation is prepaid).

Signature of guarantor

day month year

Bank Confirmation

To be completed by bank.

Name of bank

Branch

Confirms the person providing this financial undertaking has an account with this bank and has sufficient funds as at the date of signature below to make available the amount of NZ\$400/\$1000 per month (delete the sum that is not applicable) for months in New Zealand for each of the people
(No. of people)

The bank accepts no obligation or liability in respect of these funds.

Signature of bank officer

day month year

Full name of bank officer

Official stamp of bank

Declaration (to be completed by the sponsor)

I, _____ of _____
(full name) (address and occupation)

solemnly and sincerely declare that the information supplied on this form and in the attachments is true and correct, and that I will honour the obligations made in respect of the visitor(s) in this form. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of the sponsor

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20____.
(place) (date) (month)

Signature of Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Solicitor,
or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration.