

## VISA INFORMATION FOR

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRES CONFERENCE

**Location:** Auckland, New Zealand  
**Date:** 01 to 04 October 2018

People who are travelling to New Zealand to participate in a conference (such as the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres conference) may be granted a visitor visa to facilitate the purpose of their travel.

## Who needs a visitor visa?

If you are **from a visa waiver country**, you do not have to apply for a visitor visa before travelling to New Zealand but you will still need to meet standard entry requirements. Refer to the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website to check if you are from a visa waiver country: [immigration.govt.nz/visawaivercountries](http://immigration.govt.nz/visawaivercountries).

If you are **not from a visa waiver country**, you will need to **apply for a visitor visa before** travelling to New Zealand.

## Standard entry requirements

If you are travelling to New Zealand under a visa waiver arrangement you must meet standard entry requirements, including being of good health and character, having evidence of outward travel (to a country that you have right of entry to), and sufficient funds for maintenance while in New Zealand.

## Applying for a visitor visa

INZ recommends that you **apply for a visitor visas online** as this is faster and easier. It is also more cost-effective. Visitor visa applications can be made online at: [immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/visitor-visa](http://immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/visitor-visa).

In order for INZ to be able to process the application quickly, **all relevant fields in the online application form must be completed**.

### All of the following supporting documents must also be uploaded with the online application:

1. Passport size photo
  - The photo must meet the requirements otherwise it will not be accepted. Photo requirements can be found here: [immigration.govt.nz/acceptablephoto](http://immigration.govt.nz/acceptablephoto)
2. Copy of passport bio page
  - The passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended date of departure from New Zealand.
3. Application fee (NZ \$165)
  - You will need to have a valid credit card to pay for the application online.
4. An invitation letter from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) confirming your participation in the conference
5. Evidence of funds for maintenance and onward travel from New Zealand
  - NZ\$1,000 per month or NZ\$400 if accommodation is prepaid.
  - If all costs associated to your travel are being funded by a third party organisation, please include a letter with information on who will be covering your costs (i.e. NZDF or your local government agency) and what will be covered.



Once your application has been submitted online, an automated message may appear requesting your **original passport to be submitted to the relevant processing office**. Instructions will be included in that message.

**Note:** Immigration officers may request information in addition to those mentioned in the previous page. If additional information is requested, you must provide it to the case officer.

If your application is approved, you will be granted an electronic visitor visa (eVisa) which will be uploaded on your Immigration ONLINE account. You must print this and carry with you when you travel.

## Timeframes

INZ recommends that participants apply for their visa at least 6 weeks before their intended travel date. In some countries INZ does not have visa processing services so it is important that the applicants allow sufficient time for the passports to be sent to the appropriate office (if required) and returned to them.

## Transit visa for Australia and other countries

If applicants intend to travel through Australia or any other country on your way to or from New Zealand it is important that you consider the visa requirements for these countries.

Some nationalities are eligible to transit through Australia without a transit visa but others must hold a valid transit visa for Australia. More details can be found at: [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au). **If you require a transit visa for Australia, it is your responsibility to obtain this before travelling.**

Please note that Australia will not grant a transit visa without confirmation that the New Zealand visa has been approved. This means that you should apply for your New Zealand visa as soon as possible.