

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION – VISA’S FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Visa Category

Overseas conference participants can come to New Zealand on a visitor visa to attend a conference. For visa waiver countries they will simply be granted a visitor visa on arrival. For visa required countries they will need to apply for a visitor visa before coming.

To apply they use the standard visitor visa form and when asked for the purpose of their visit they should indicate that they are coming here to attend a conference.

If they are applying online they need to indicate they are applying for a ‘General Visitor Visa’ and then in the ‘What is the purpose of your visit to New Zealand’ question they need to select the ‘Conference/Convention’ option.

Please see below a screen shot of the ONLINE visitor visa form which they will need to complete, which the options highlighted which they will need to select:


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* - indicates required field.

Provide details about the visitor visa you are applying for.

Which type of visitor visa are you applying for? *

General Visitor Visa ? 

Business Visitor Visa

Special Category Visitor Visa

Do you have membership with one of Immigration New Zealand's tourism partners? *

Yes ?

No

If you are 16 or under and planning to stay in New Zealand for more than 12 months, you must have parental permission to travel alone or with just one parent. Choose which option applies to you: *

I am not 16 or under

I am 16 or under but I will not stay in New Zealand for more than 12 months


I am 16 or under, staying in New Zealand for more than 12 months and travelling with both my parents

I am 16 or under, staying in New Zealand for more than 12 months and travelling alone or with just one of my parents

Are you outside New Zealand? * Yes No ?

Estimated date of departure from New Zealand * Day Month Year

What is the purpose of your visit to New Zealand? *



How will you be financially supporting your stay in New Zealand? *

I have sufficient funds to support my stay

My sponsor is financially supporting my stay

Important Note

If they select the ‘Special Category Visitor Visa’ option by mistake, ‘Conference/Convention’ isn’t an option, but ‘Visiting Academic’ is one of the options. To a person who is an academic this may cause confusion.

For more information on the visa application process, please visit:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/our-online-systems/applying-for-a-visa-online/immigration-online>