

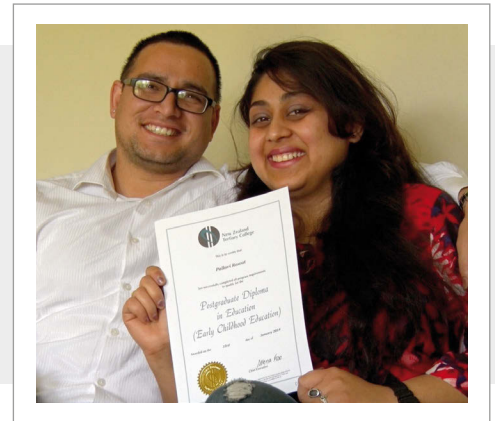
Frequently Asked Questions

Partners of International Students

Settling in a new country can be challenging at times for international students and often their partner is the only family member in New Zealand to provide support. Partners of international students play a very important role while students study at New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC). NZTC values the sacrifice and commitment made by partners of our students in helping to ensure a successful journey when studying with NZTC.

“ Support to a partner during their studies is very important so that they succeed and the entire family can have a brighter future in New Zealand. ”

Himanshu - Husband of NZTC Graduate, Pallavi Rawat



These FAQs are designed for partners of students to assist them in settling into New Zealand. NZTC highly recommends all students with families to undertake thorough research prior to arrival in New Zealand.

1. What type of visa am I eligible for if my partner studies at NZTC?

Information regarding visas to New Zealand can be gained from the Immigration New Zealand website: (www.immigration.govt.nz). Details of a visa which allows partners of student visa holders studying a postgraduate qualification to work in New Zealand can be seen at the following link: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/special-work-visa-for-partners-of-student-visa-holders>

NB: Currently NZTC offers the following postgraduate qualifications: Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) [Level 8], Master of Early Childhood Education [Level 9] and Master of Education (Early Childhood Education) [Level 9].

Dependent children of certain holders of work visas may be eligible for a student visa allowing them to study in primary and secondary schools as domestic students (i.e. they are not required to pay international student fees). Details of this can be found at the following link: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/dependent-child-student-visa>

For all other qualifications such as the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education), Bachelor Degrees and Certificates, partners are eligible to apply for a visitor's visa during the period of their partner's studies.

NB: According to New Zealand law, any person providing immigration advice about New Zealand must be licensed by the Immigration Advisers Authority, (unless they are exempt). To find out more about Licensed Immigration Advisers, who is exempt and how to find a Licensed Immigration Adviser please visit the Immigration Advisers Authority website: www.iaa.govt.nz

2. How easy it is to settle in New Zealand? What kind of support is available to me?

Settling in a new country is always challenging but also exciting. New Zealand is rated for its high standard of living, peaceful life, natural beauty and quality of education. NZTC can provide support services such as accommodation and airport pick up for students and their family. New Zealand offers a lot of support to new migrants and students, for more information on settling in New Zealand please click on the New Zealand government sponsored links below:

The 'Immigration New Zealand – New Zealand Now' website provides a wealth of information about living and working in New Zealand:

<https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/>

You can find tips for settling in New Zealand at:

<https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/living-in-nz/settling-in>

You can find information on getting help and support at:

<https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/move-to-nz/getting-help-support>

The Citizens Advice Bureau offers free advice on a broad range of topics relating to living in New Zealand:

<http://www.cab.org.nz/Pages/home.aspx>

3. What should I know about working in New Zealand?

NZTC recommends that partners of students with work visas come to New Zealand with an open mind and be prepared to transition to a different type of employment; for example, you may be working as a manager in a multinational in your home country, however when you arrive in New Zealand you may need to start from a lower level. Finding a suitable job may take some time and it is highly recommended to be patient and have a positive attitude. Furthermore, it may not be possible to find the exact type of work you are looking for initially, for example you may have to find job in a different sector which at times may require lower skills than your previous work. New Zealand employers highly value New Zealand work experience which can assist in achieving your goal of finding suitable work and growth in your career in New Zealand. Before coming to New Zealand it is good to think about how you will build your career in a new country.

New Zealand is always looking for immigrants with high value skills and qualifications. As a result, Immigration New Zealand have come up with various skill shortage lists which may be of assistance to you:

- a) Long Terms Skill Shortage List(LTSSL)
- b) Immediate Skill Shortage List (ISSL)
- c) Canterbury Skill Shortage List (CSSL) – Useful for partners of students studying at our Christchurch Campus
- d) List of skilled Occupations

Please click on the link below for more information:

<http://skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz/>

If your occupation is included in one of these lists and you are qualified to undertake the profession in New Zealand, you may find it easier to find a job. Remember some jobs may be valued in certain regions more than others.

4. Information about finding work in New Zealand

a) Immigration New Zealand – Work Talk
<http://worktalk.immigration.govt.nz/>

This website is designed to help improve communication between New Zealand employers and new migrants, it explains how New Zealanders communicate at work. There is a section for migrants and another for employers.

b) Careers New Zealand
www.careers.govt.nz

Careers New Zealand is the leading government careers support agency which offers expert, free advice and support to help New Zealanders to make smart, well-informed decisions about their careers. Careers New Zealand offers a range of services and advice including:

- Step by step guide to job hunting:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/job-hunting/finding-work/step-by-step-guide/>

- Finding work when jobs are scarce:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/job-hunting/finding-work/when-work-is-scarce/>

- Volunteer work can help make career decisions:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/get-career-ideas/how-voluntary-work-can-help-you-make-career-decisions/>

c) General job search and recruitment consultancy websites

Seek.co.nz	Trade Me jobs
NZ Herald Jobs	New Kiwis
Alpha Recruitment	Hudson
Kinetic Recruitment	Kelly Services

5. I do not know anyone in New Zealand and I need some assistance, can NZTC assist me in anyway?

If you are currently overseas and are looking forward to joining your partner who will study at NZTC, you are most welcome to email the NZTC International Marketing Team at international@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz

If you are currently in India, you can also contact our International Marketing Team based in the NZTC Mumbai office on **+91-2267487070**

If you are in New Zealand, the International Marketing Team and Pastoral Care Teams at NZTC have extensive experience assisting both students and their partners, we will try our best to either provide support or to refer you to appropriate support agencies. To make a prior appointment to meet with us at our Auckland campus please e-mail international@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz or phone: **09 520 4000**.