

Visa Application Guide

The following information is provided to assist with NZ Visa applications for teams, athletes, or officials from countries not on the Visa Waiver list.



**ASIA PACIFIC
LACROSSE**

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON, NZ | 2026

Tournament Name

Asia Pacific Lacrosse Men's Championship 2026

Tournament Dates

Arrival 2-5 January 2026

Departure 12 January 2026

Tournament Hosts

New Zealand Lacrosse

Contact Person

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Event Manager

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Tournament Venue & Accommodation

New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport

(NZCIS)

20 Somme Road

Trentham

Upper Hutt

If you are travelling on a passport from a country not on the waiver list, you will need to apply for a visa online.

Visa waiver countries and territories include:

- Hong Kong (residents with HKSAR or British National–Overseas passports only)
- Japan
- South Korea
- Taiwan (if you are a permanent resident)
- United Kingdom
- United States

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visit/what-you-need-to-visit-new-zealand/visa-waiver-countries-and-territories/>

Select Visit NZ visa. Your reason for coming to New Zealand is for a holiday.

Applications should be made as soon as possible but no later than 3 months before travel.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/visitor-visa>

Cost

From NZ\$441 per person

There may be a reduction in cost for multiple people visiting as part of a sporting competition.



Information you will need to provide to Immigration NZ

English language requirement

Visitor visa applicants must provide a certified English translation of any documents that are not in English. All documents must be translated in full. Partial translations of certificates or any documents may not be accepted.

Identity

You must provide proof of your identity:

- 1 acceptable photo if you apply online
- your passport or [certificate of identity](#).

You do not need to send a physical copy. **You must send a high-quality scan of your passport.**

Provide a scanned copy of your current and recent passports, including:

- the photo page, and
- all pages with visa records, and entry and exit stamps.

Health

You must be in good health. You may need to get a medical examination - including a chest x-ray, a medical examination or both - as part of your application. Immigration NZ use this to determine if you meet the acceptable standard of health criteria.

Character

You must be of good character. If you have a criminal conviction or are a security risk to New Zealand you may not be granted a visa.

Applicants for all visas must meet good character requirements. When you apply you must tell Immigration NZ about current issues or activities in your past that may affect how they assess your character when they process your visa application.

Depending on the issue Immigration NZ can:

- decline your application for a visa, or
- approve a [character waiver](#).

Immigration NZ may approve a character waiver if your issue is minor. If a waiver is approved, it means they can still grant your visa if your application meets all our other requirements.

You must tell Immigration NZ if you have been:

- involved in criminal activities
- involved in human rights abuse activities, or
- removed or deported from another country.

Issues preventing you getting a visa. Immigration NZ will decline your application for a visa if you have been:

- convicted of an offence and were sentenced to a prison term of 5 years or more
- convicted in the last 10 years of an offence and were sentenced to a term in prison of 12 months or longer
- prohibited from entering New Zealand, or
- removed, excluded or deported from any country, including New Zealand.

Immigration NZ may not grant you a visa if they have reason to believe you may be:

- intending to commit an offence in New Zealand you could be sent to prison
- a risk to our security
- a threat to public order
- a risk to the public interest.

What to explain when you apply for a visa, provide:

- a full explanation of any character issues, and
- reasons why you would like a special direction or
- a character waiver.

Visitors from China, Hong Kong or Macau

are required to provide a completed supplementary form giving more details of your background and intentions.

This is provided as an attachment to this guide.

Information you will need to provide to Immigration NZ

Genuine intentions

You must be a genuine visitor to New Zealand and intend to leave at the end of your visit. When Immigration NZ decide if your intentions are genuine, they consider all the information:

- you provide to support your application
- we have about your personal circumstances, and
- you provided in any previous applications.

Some examples of evidence that you can include in your application, that help show you have genuine intentions to visit New Zealand.

- invitation from Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union
- evidence of your travel history - all pages with visa records, and entry and exit stamps

If you live in a different country to your citizenship

If you live in a country that is not your country of citizenship, provide a copy of the visa allowing you to live in that country.

If you have ever had a visa application declined by any other country, provide:

- a copy of the letter from that country's immigration authority declining your application, or
- a letter explaining why your application was not successful, if the original letter is not available.

Documents must be in PDF format

All documents you upload must be in a PDF format and as a single file.

Photographs must be in JPG or JPEG format

Health care

You must agree to pay your own health care costs, i.e., have travel insurance.

You must declare in your visa application that you will pay the costs of any health care or medical assistance you receive in New Zealand.

Onward Travel

You must leave New Zealand at the end of your stay.

When you arrive in New Zealand you may be asked to show that you intend to leave the country - for example, a return ticket or proof you have enough money to buy a ticket out of New Zealand. This is in addition to the funds you have to live on.

Provide good quality evidence

Include all the evidence that you want us to consider. Immigration NZ will decide each case based on the information and evidence provided. If you do not provide enough evidence it may take longer to process your application, or they may decline your application.

You must provide genuine evidence. If you or your agent provide counterfeit evidence or false information, your application may be declined.

If your evidence is not in English provide a translated copy, as this will help Immigration NZ to process your application faster.

Checklist

- 1 Check that you are applying for the right visa**

People travelling on a passport from a visa waiver country may not need to apply for a Visitor Visa.
- 2 Gather your documents**

The criteria for this visa explains the information and documents you need to gather to apply for this visa.

If your documents are not in English provide a certified translation, this will help in the processing of your application.

Find out what formats are acceptable for the documents you must upload. File formats for uploading documents and photographs
- 3 Submit your application**

Set up an account.

Apply online

Check our guides for applying for a Visitor Visa online. These are also available in other languages.

Apply online, upload your documents and pay all applicable fees.
- 4 Advise event organiser**

You will receive an application reference number once your application has been submitted.

Please provide a list of Team names and reference numbers to the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Men's Championships

Email: aplu-event@nzlacrosse.nz
- 5 Wait for a visa decision**

If there is anything else you need to do, Immigration NZ will be in touch.

Timeframes - Processing varies on demand.

Immigration costs

Application cost NZD \$441 – This is the charge for Immigration New Zealand to process your application. No refund of application costs if your application is declined. A non-refundable immigration levy is charged and is included in the cost. You can pay for your application online by Visa, Mastercard or UnionPay. Each person must also pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) of NZD \$100. This is included in the visa cost.

Australian Transit Visa Information

If you have to transit through Australia, this visa allows you to stay up to 72 hours (3 days) on your way to or from New Zealand to your place of residence.

You may need to apply for an Australian Transit Visa if you are not from an eligible transit without a visa (TWOV) country.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/transit-771#Overview>

Cost: Free

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool](#). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

With this visa, you can

- transit through Australia for no longer than 72 hours

Conditions

Meeting Australian health requirement

Australia enjoys some of the best health standards in the world. To maintain these standards, most visa applicants must meet minimum health standards before the Department of Home Affairs will grant them a visa. They call this 'meeting the health requirement'. They may assess your health as part of the visa application process.

Character requirements for visas

You must be of good character to visit or live in Australia. This means you must meet the character requirements, and remain of good character.

The character requirements are set out under section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958*. They help the Department of Home Affairs decide if you are of good character.

[See all conditions](#)

[Check your eligibility](#)

To apply, you must

- be outside Australia
- be transiting Australia, have evidence of a confirmed booking to travel to New Zealand within 72 hours of arriving in Australia with the correct visas to enter New Zealand