

Special Category visa (subclass 444)

The Special Category visa (subclass 444) is a temporary visa that lets New Zealand citizens stay and work in Australia as long as they remain a New Zealand citizen.

This visa allows the visa holder to:

- enter and stay in Australia, and;
- work and study in Australia.

Key Points

- No age restrictions;
- No restriction on how long the visa holder can work;
- Visa lasts as long as the person is in Australia.

Eligibility requirements

The Applicant must be:

- a New Zealand citizen;
- have a valid New Zealand passport;
- present a completed incoming passenger card;
- meet specific health and character requirements – not be a **behaviour concern non-citizen** or a **health concern non-citizen** (see below).

What is a behaviour concern non-citizen?

Circumstances where a person might be assessed as a **behaviour concern non-citizen** include, but are not limited to, where they have been:

- convicted of one or more crimes that have resulted in sentences of imprisonment that add up to at least one year, or
- previously removed from Australia, or
- previously removed or deported from another country.

What is a health concern non-citizen?

If the applicant suffers from tuberculosis (TB) and is not carrying medication.

For more information about this special category visa, visit

www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-