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Partnership Support Form for Residence

For applications under the Partnership Category of Residence Instructions

Notes for New Zealand partners

This form is for supporting an applicant for New Zealand residence under the Partnership Category of New Zealand Government Residence instructions.

You must be aged 18 years or older when the application is made to support an application under the Partnership Category. We will only recognise evidence of your partnership from when you and the applicant were both aged 18 or older. We will not use earlier evidence to assess whether the partnership requirements are met.

Where this form refers to 'principal applicant' this means the person declared to be the principal applicant in the form *Residence Application (INZ 1000)*. 'Applicant' means any person included in that residence application.

Completing this partnership support form does not mean that the residence application of the person(s) you are supporting will be approved. Applicants must meet all the requirements of the Partnership Category before they will be granted residence in New Zealand.

For full details of the requirements which must be met by applicants for New Zealand residence, please read our *Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand (INZ 1003)*.

Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007

Under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 it is an offence to provide immigration advice without being licensed or exempt. If your immigration adviser is not licensed when they should be, Immigration New Zealand will either refuse to accept or decline your application.

For more information and to view the register of licensed advisers, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz, or email info@iaa.govt.nz.

Lawyers provide immigration advice and are exempt from licensing under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act. For more information and to view the register of immigration lawyers, go to the New Zealand Law Society website www.lawsociety.org.nz.

When filling in this form, write clearly in English using CAPITAL LETTERS.

To support a person under Family – Partnership Category

If you wish to support your partner (in relation to an applicant, 'partner' means the spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner of the applicant, which may include same-sex couples) for residence under the Family – Partnership Category, please answer these questions.

Are you a New Zealand citizen, or the holder of a New Zealand residence class visa, or the holder of a valid Australian passport?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you:

- hold a valid Australian passport but do not hold a current New Zealand residence class visa, or
- hold a New Zealand residence class visa which was granted on the basis that you were the holder of an Australian permanent residence visa or an Australian resident return visa, you must prove that New Zealand is your primary place of established residence at the time your partner's application is made and assessed. For a list of acceptable evidence, see the *Residence Guide (INZ 1002)*.

Are you the partner of the person you wish to support? *(Under New Zealand Government Residence Instructions a 'partner' means a partner either legally married, or in a civil union, or in a de facto relationship (whether opposite or same-sex.))*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered **No** to either of the above questions, you do not meet the requirements to support your partner under the Family – Partnership Category.

If you answered **Yes** to all of the above questions, please read the definitions below before completing this partnership support form.

Definition of 'eligibility to support your partner'

Applications for residence under the Family – Partnership Category will not be approved if the New Zealand partner:

- has been convicted at any time of any offence involving domestic violence or of a sexual nature prior to the date the application was made (unless granted a character waiver)
- was the perpetrator of an incident of domestic violence which has resulted in the grant of a resident visa under the Victims of Domestic Violence Category
- has been included in or supported an application where a residence class visa was granted on the basis of a partnership in the five years immediately preceding the date of the current application, or
- has been included in or supported more than one previous residence class visa application where a visa was granted on the basis of a partnership with a New Zealand partner.

Definition of 'a residence class visa granted on the basis of a partnership'

A residence class visa is considered to have been granted on the basis of a partnership if the New Zealand partner previously:

- supported a successful partnership category residence application
- was the principal applicant in a successful partnership residence application
- was the principal applicant in any New Zealand residence application that included a secondary applicant partner who was also granted residence, or
- was granted residence as the partner of a principal applicant in any New Zealand residence application.

All references to Partnership Category applications above include any applications made under the Family Category Spouse and De Facto Partner policies in force before the Partnership Category took effect.

Section A Details of person supporting the Partnership Category application

A1 Name as shown in passport or other identity document

Family/last name | Given/first name(s)

A2 Other names you are known by or have ever been known by

A3 Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

A4 Date of birth DD / MM / YYYY

A5 Country of birth

A6 Country (or countries) of citizenship

A7 Are you currently in New Zealand? ☐ Yes ☐ No

A8 Are you a New Zealand residence class visa holder?

☐ Yes *What date were you first granted residence in New Zealand?* DD / MM / YYYY

☐ No

A9 Is your residence class visa subject to requirements under Section 49 of the Immigration Act? ☐ Yes ☐ No

A10 If you hold:

- a valid Australian passport but do not hold a current New Zealand residence class visa, or
- a New Zealand residence class visa granted on the basis that you were the holder of an Australian permanent residence visa or an Australian resident return visa,

is New Zealand your primary place of established residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

A11 Your current address and telephone number

Address

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (evening)

Fax Email

A12 Name and address for communication about this partnership support form

☐ Same as address at A11, or ☐ Other

Family/last name Given/first name(s)

Company name (if applicable) and address

New Zealand Business Number (if applicable) *For help search:* ***www.nzbn.govt.nz***

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (evening)

Fax Email

A13 Do you authorise the person stated at A12 to act on your behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No

A14 Have you received immigration advice on this form?

ⓘ You can find a definition of immigration advice at www.immigration.govt.nz/advice.

☐ Yes *Make sure that your immigration adviser completes Section D: Immigration adviser's details.*

☐ No

A15 Have you previously supported any partner whose application for residence was successful?

☐ Yes *State the full names of former partners and their dates of birth in the table below.*

☐ No

Former partner's family name	Former partner's given names	Former partner's date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
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A16 Have you been convicted at any time of any offence involving domestic violence or of a sexual nature in any country including New Zealand?

*You don't need to tell us about any previous convictions received in **New Zealand** that can be concealed under the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004. If you are eligible under the clean slate scheme, you can answer 'No' to any question about your criminal record. If you are uncertain whether you are able to conceal your criminal record, please contact the Ministry of Justice.*

☐ Yes *Provide details* ☐ No

A17 Are you currently under investigation, wanted for questioning, facing charges or do you have an outstanding arrest warrant for any offence involving family violence or of a sexual nature in any country including New Zealand?

☐ Yes *Provide details* ☐ No

A18 List all of the countries you have lived in for 12 months or more (whether on one visit or intermittently) in the last 10 years, with the dates you began and ended living there. If you do not know the exact dates you began and ended living in a country, use approximate dates.

Name of country	Date of arrival (DD/MM/YYYY)	Date of departure (DD/MM/YYYY)
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A19 Attach police certificate(s) for all countries that you have lived in for 12 months or more (whether on one visit or intermittently) in the 10 years prior to the date the application is made. This includes your home country.
(If you have lived in New Zealand for 12 months or more, INZ will obtain the New Zealand police certificate after you submit this form.)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

ⓘ Your police certificate(s) must be less than six months old. For information on how to obtain a police certificate you can visit our website at www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate. If you do not have access to the internet you can call us on 0508 55 88 55 if you are in New Zealand, or (09) 914 4100 if you are in Auckland; or contact your nearest INZ office.

Section B Details of person being supported

B1 Name of the principal applicant you wish to support (as shown in passport or other identity document).

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

B2 Details of family members who will be included in the residence application. *If none, state 'none'.*

Family name	Given names	Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	Relationship to principal applicant
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Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

B3 Principal applicant's country of residence

B4 On what date did you and your partner begin living together? DD / MM / YYYY

B5 Principal applicant's address

Address

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (evening)

Fax Email

Section C Declaration by person supporting an applicant under Family – Partnership Category

This declaration must be witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations, such as a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer, or a notary public. Make sure that you understand the declarations before you sign this section.

I understand that if I make any false statements, or provide any false or misleading information I may be committing an offence and be liable to prosecution.

I understand the notes and questions given in this form and the information given about myself and the person(s) I wish to support is true and complete.

I understand that if I have received immigration advice from an immigration adviser and if that immigration adviser is not licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 when they should be, INZ will return my sponsorship/partnership support form.

I authorise INZ to make any enquiries it deems necessary regarding the information provided on this form and to share information about me with other government agencies to the extent necessary to make decisions about my eligibility to support my partner. I also consent to any organisation providing relevant information to INZ about me.

I consent to INZ providing information about me to my partner/intended partner (the principal applicant), if deemed necessary for the assessment of their application.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that completing this partnership form does not mean my partner will be granted residence.

I confirm that:

1. I support the application for residence of my partner named in this form at Section B: Details of person being supported
2. I have not previously supported or been included in **more than one** previous residence class visa application where a visa was granted on the basis of a partnership with a New Zealand partner
3. I have not previously supported or been included in an application where a residence class visa was granted on the basis of a partnership with a New Zealand partner in the five years immediately preceding the date of the current application
4. If applicable, I have declared any convictions I have had for offences involving domestic violence or of a sexual nature (excluding convictions covered by the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004).
5. I am eligible to support my partner's application, and
6. I am living in a genuine and stable partnership (entered into with the intention of being maintained on a long-term and exclusive basis), with the person named in this form at Section B: Details of person being supported, that meets the minimum requirements for the recognition of partnerships.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I, ,
full name of New Zealand partner *occupation*

of
address

solemnly and sincerely declare that the information supplied on this form and in the attachments is true and correct. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of New Zealand partner

Declared at (*place*) this (*date*) day of (*month*) 20 (*year*)

Before me (*name of person authorised to take statutory declarations*), (*official designation*)

Signature of person authorised to take statutory declaration

Contact details of person authorised to take statutory declarations *(Note: the supply of any contact details to INZ is optional. Any information you provide will be used for verification purposes only. Contact your nearest INZ office for more information, or to access or correct any information you have provided.)*

Address

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (evening)

Fax Email

Section D Immigration adviser's details

This section must be completed by the New Zealand partner's immigration adviser. If the New Zealand partner does not have an immigration adviser, this section does not have to be completed.

D1 Tick the **one** option that applies to you.

☐ I am a licensed immigration adviser under the New Zealand Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007. *Go to* D2

☐ I am exempt from licensing under the New Zealand Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007. *Go to* D3

If you are unlicensed when you should be licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, Immigration New Zealand will return your client's application. It is an offence to provide immigration advice without holding a licence, unless you are exempt.

D2 **Licensed advisers.** Provide your licence details.

Licence type

☐ full ☐ provisional ☐ limited. *List conditions specified in the register.*

Licence number 2 0 _ _ _ _ _ _ *Go to Section E: Declaration by person assisting the New Zealand partner.*

D3 **Exempt from licensing.** Tick **one** box below to show why you are exempt from licensing.

☐ I provided immigration advice in an informal or family context only, and I did not provide the advice systematically or for a fee.

☐ I am a New Zealand member of Parliament or member of their staff and I provided immigration advice as part of my employment agreement.

☐ I am a foreign diplomat or consular staff.

☐ I am an employee of the New Zealand public service and I provided immigration advice within the scope of my employment agreement.

☐ I am a lawyer and I hold a current practising certificate as a barrister or as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

☐ I am employed by, or I am working as a volunteer for, a New Zealand community law centre where at least one lawyer is on the employing body of the community law centre or is employed by or working as a volunteer for the community law centre in a supervisory capacity.

☐ I am employed by, or I am working as a volunteer for, a New Zealand citizens advice bureau.

Go to Section E: Declaration by person assisting the New Zealand partner.

This form has been approved under section 381 of the Immigration Act 2009.

Section E Declaration by person assisting the New Zealand partner

This section must be completed and signed by the New Zealand partner's immigration adviser, or by any person who has assisted the New Zealand partner by providing immigration advice, explaining, translating, or filling in the form for the New Zealand partner. If the New Zealand partner does not have an immigration adviser, and no one helped the New Zealand partner to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.

If you are unlicensed when you should be licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, Immigration New Zealand will either refuse to accept or decline your client's partnership support form. It is an offence to provide immigration advice without holding a licence.

For more information, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz, or email info@iaa.govt.nz or write to them at PO Box 6222, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141, New Zealand.

Name and address of person assisting the New Zealand partner ☐ Same as address given at A12, or ☐ as below.

Family/last name

Given/first name(s)

Company name (if applicable) and address

New Zealand Business Number (if applicable) *For help search:* ***www.nzbn.govt.nz***

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (evening)

Fax

Email

I understand that after the New Zealand partner has signed this form it is an offence for me to change or add further information, or change or add any documents attached to the form, without making a statement identifying what information or material has been changed, added or attached and by whom. If I make these changes or additions, I must state on the form what they were, who made them and the reason they were made.

I understand that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to NZ$100,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to seven years.

I certify that the New Zealand partner asked me to help them complete this form and any additional forms.

I certify that the New Zealand partner agreed that the information provided was correct before signing the declaration.

☐ I have **assisted** the New Zealand partner as an interpreter/translator

☐ I have **assisted** the New Zealand partner with recording information on the form

☐ I have **assisted** the New Zealand partner in another way. *Specify*

☐ I have **provided immigration advice** (as defined in the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007) and my details in Section D: Immigration adviser's details, are correct.

Signature of person assisting New Zealand partner

Date DD / MM / YYYY

Partnership support form checklist

Ensure you attach all the required documents to this partnership support form. If you fail to attach any necessary documents your sponsorship/partnership support form may be returned to you.

For speed of application processing and security of your documents we recommend that you provide certified true copies instead of original documents for any attachments.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Information and documents you must supply	CHECK LIST
☐	Partnership support form signed by you and witnessed by a person authorised to take statutory declarations.	☐
☐	Evidence of your **immigration status in New Zealand.** Evidence you are a New Zealand **citizen** can be certified true copies of: • a valid New Zealand passport, or a certificate of New Zealand citizenship, or • a recent official statement of citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs, or • a New Zealand birth certificate. Evidence you are a New Zealand **resident** can be certified true copies of: • a current New Zealand residence class visa • a valid Australian passport, or • an endorsement in a foreign passport indicating New Zealand citizenship. **Note**: Evidence that New Zealand is your primary place of established residence if you are a New Zealand partner who: • holds a valid Australian passport but does not hold a current New Zealand residence class visa, or • holds a New Zealand residence class visa granted on the basis that you were granted an Australian permanent residence visa or an Australian resident return visa, can be submitted with this form or at the time of lodgement of your spouse or partner's application. For a list of acceptable evidence, see the *Residence Guide (INZ 1002)*.	☐
☐	Have you attached police certificate(s) for all countries (apart from New Zealand) that you have lived in for 12 months or more in the ten years prior to the date the application is made? Note: • You do not need to provide a police certificate from New Zealand (INZ will obtain this on your behalf if required). • Your police certificate(s) must be less than six months old. • For information on how to obtain a police certificate visit our website www.immigration.govt.nz/policecertificate. Accessing our website is the quickest means of obtaining this information, however if you do not have access to the internet you can: • telephone us on 0508 55 88 55 if you are in New Zealand; or • telephone us on +64 9 914 4100 if you are outside New Zealand.	☐

What do I do now?

When you have completed this partnership support form, give the completed form to the person(s) you wish to support. The person(s) you are supporting should include the form with their application for residence.

About the information you provide

The information about you and your family requested on this form is being collected so INZ can determine whether you are eligible to support a person for residence in New Zealand.

The main recipient of this information is Immigration New Zealand of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, but it may also be shared with other Government agencies which are entitled to this information under applicable legislation.

The address of Immigration New Zealand is PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140, New Zealand. **This is not where your application should be sent.**

The collection of the information is authorised by the Immigration Act 2009 and the Immigration Regulations made under that Act.

You have the right to see information about you held by INZ and to ask for any of it to be corrected.

For more information

If you have questions about completing the form:

- see our website www.immigration.govt.nz
- telephone our call centre on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand).

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