

# THE NEW SETTLER

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The launch of the Immigration Advisers Authority (IAA) and adviser licensing at Parliament on 5 May. Richard Howard Pathways MD, Hon Clayton Cosgrove Minister of Immigration, Barry Smedts IAA Registrar, Hon Shane Jones Associate Minister of Immigration

## Immigration Advisers to be licensed

**From the 4th of May 2008 any person providing NZ immigration advice can be licensed with licensing of all NZ based advisers legally required from the 4th of May 2009. Any overseas based person providing NZ immigration advice must similarly be licensed from May 2010.**

Any person who is not licensed, or who is not otherwise exempt, will not be able to provide immigration advice from these dates. Exempt persons include lawyers and Citizen's Advice Bureau workers. The licensing process is robust and will cost \$2,000 per adviser and requires annual renewal. Adviser licensing and complaints are administered by the Immigration Advisers Authority ([www.iaa.govt.nz](http://www.iaa.govt.nz)) based in Auckland.

Pathways Managing Director Richard Howard, who is also Chairman of the NZ Association for Migration & Investment ([www.nzami.org.nz](http://www.nzami.org.nz)) which represents advisers, was a member of the IAA Industry Reference Group that developed the adviser licensing standards, code of practice and license assessment tools.

Licensing will provide Advisers with professional accreditation and allow prospective migrants to select an Adviser from a public register with confidence.

### As Quoted

*"Gallagher Group has been relying on the immigration advice of Pathways to New Zealand since 1995 and we have always found their specialist expertise to be practical and reliable, and provided in a timely, friendly and most professional manner. I have also used Pathways to assist with my own family's various immigration requirements and could not speak more highly of their assistance. Immigration work is definitely (and increasingly) an area requiring specialised and experienced professional input and we are fortunate to have such a highly credentialed and nationally recognised company as Pathways here in the Waikato"*

– Margaret Comer, Corporate Services Manager, Gallagher Group, Hamilton

### CAMBRIDGE IMMIGRATION SEMINAR

Pathways Immigration Manager Anthony Callaghan will be conducting a general immigration seminar in Cambridge during August. To register your interest and for more details email [seminar@pathwaysNZ.com](mailto:seminar@pathwaysNZ.com)



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# Family Parent Residence

Parent and adult sibling residence applications are presently afforded "low priority processing" by Immigration NZ and can take up to 18 or more months to process.

Both categories are subject to annual quota allocations because they make up the residual balance of the Residence Programme places remaining after all other residence types have been allocated. The numbers of parents able to satisfy the current policy eligibility

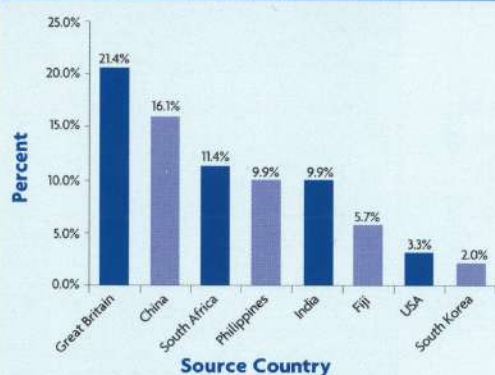
criteria is increasing along with the migrant population and so the available places will remain limited.

As a consequence the current policy is likely to be unsustainable in the long term and it is reasonable to expect a tightening of parent/adult sibling residence eligibility criteria at some future point. Anyone who is currently eligible and considering applying under these categories should apply sooner rather than later.

## RESIDENCE PROGRAMME UPDATE

Currently 60% of the places available within the New Zealand Residence Programme are filled by Skilled and Business migrants, 30% are available to reunite families with 10% reserved for international commitments. Some 44,200 people have been approved for NZ residence under all categories in the current immigration year which ends 30th June.

LATEST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SELECTIONS - 18 JUNE 2008



The first stage in a Skilled Migrant residence application is the submission of an online Expression of Interest. EOI selections are made fortnightly and the main source countries in the most recent selection draw are shown in the adjacent graph.

Holders of work-to-residence visas issued under the accredited employer or long term skill shortage policies can still apply directly for residence under SMC policy at any time.

## DANNY LEE – GOLFER!



Pathways liaised with NZ Golf to obtain NZ residence and approval of NZ citizenship for 2007 NZ Amateur Champion Danny Lee, who is currently ranked the No. 7 amateur golfer in the world.

Danny will now be able to represent NZ at the World Amateur Golf/Eisenhower Trophy Tournament this October. Both applications required special Ministerial approval. There are always cases of merit which do not fit policy criteria. In these instances a special application to the Minister of Immigration is often the only option available.

## Work Permit Matters

**Employers should always sight the passport and maintain a copy of the permit label confirming an overseas person's right to work, and diarise the expiry date for future follow up.**

Most work permits restrict the holder to work in a specified role and location, and for a named employer, and either an application for a new work permit, or for a variation of conditions (VOC), must be made if any of these conditions change.

Work permits can be issued for any term up

to 3 years depending on the period for which employment is offered. Employers can be subject to significant penalties if found to be employing an overseas person who does not hold a correct work permit – give Pathways a call to obtain immediate clarification.

Partners of long term work permit holders and NZ citizens/residents, and recent graduates with a NZ qualification, can be issued "open" work permits. An open work permit allows the holder to work in any employment for any employer and also allows self employment.

Work applications lodged in a complete and correct manner are currently taking 5 to 15

working days to be processed by INZ. It should be appreciated that any visa or permit application which will allow a stay, or an intended stay, in NZ for over 6 months requires the following supporting checks:

- > 6 months requires chest X-Ray
- > 12 months requires full medical check
- > 24 months requires police check

Any issues arising from the medical check will add another 3+ weeks to the processing time as these must be forwarded to the INZ medical referee for review and any follow up.

# Entitlement to health care



**A person who is not a NZ citizen or resident is generally only eligible for publicly funded health services (apart from ACC) if they are:**

- A resident of the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau or an Australian resident or citizen who is intending to stay in New Zealand for at least two years
- The holder of a current work permit of 2 years or longer duration
- Students funded by the NZAID ODA programme, together with their family
- A person who holds, or has applied for, refugee status in NZ
- A woman lawfully in NZ and receiving maternity services and the father of the child has NZ citizenship or residence status. A child born in NZ prior to 1st January 2006 is deemed a NZ citizen but any child born after this date only qualifies if at least one parent is a NZ citizen or resident.

*This list is not exhaustive, please refer to [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)*

## CUSTOMS CHANGES

**As from the 6th of June the duty free entry to NZ of household and other personal effects was amended. A person must now hold a document authorising residence as at the date of importation of the goods with this document being either:**

- A current New Zealand or Australian Passport
- A current New Zealand or Australian permanent residence permit
- A current work visa or work permit issued for a minimum of twelve months
- A current work visa or work permit issued under the Work to Residence (Skilled Migrant Category) policy or the Long Term Business Visa/Permit category
- A current visitor's visa or permit issued for a minimum of three years
- A person who may have first arrived in New Zealand as a visitor, and then subsequently obtained a work permit, must now hold a work permit with an expiry date > 12 months at the time when his/her personal effects actually arrive in New Zealand.

It is important to ensure the shipping/customs documentation is in the name of the person who holds the applicable permit status. The duty free import of household and personal effects also requires that:

- The person has lived outside New Zealand for 21 months before arrival and has owned and used the goods before departing for NZ.
- Any vehicle has been personally owned and used for at least 1 year before departing for NZ.
- Customs are satisfied the goods are for personal use and not intended for sale

See [www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)

## The Pathways team



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We trust you have found the information in this newsletter of interest. If you wish clarification of any matter, or indeed have any immigration query, please do not hesitate to contact any of our friendly professionals. You will find we are always available and willing to share our knowledge. The priority with any immigration application – get it right .... first time!!



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Whether you are working or holidaying in New Zealand, looking to help friends or family come and stay, or a business looking to recruit overseas workers; to make the immigration process simple and painless, give us a call.

Based in Hamilton, Pathways has been in the immigration business for 16 years. In that time we have assisted more than 7,000 people from 70 countries to call this wonderful country home.

Pathways is proud to have won recognition for our services with a New Zealand Government Export Trade Award, and our Managing Director being appointed Chairman of the New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment Inc. (NZAMI).

Pathways – the New Zealand immigration specialists helping new settlers to call New Zealand home. For more information please call +64 7 834 9222 or visit [www.pathwaysNZ.com](http://www.pathwaysNZ.com)

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