

Enhancements to Immigration Online

A guide for external users

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Introduction

Enhancements to Immigration Online

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has updated the Immigration Online system with enhancements to make it simpler and easier to use.

Different visa types are transitioning to enhanced Immigration Online throughout 2022 and beyond. Employers can also apply for accreditation and job checks in the enhanced system as part of the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) policy. More information about the changes is available on the INZ website.

→ Enhancements to Immigration Online | Immigration New Zealand

For information about different visa types and eligibility, visit:

→ <u>immigration.govt.nz.</u>

Submitting visa applications during the transition phase

Until all visas are moved to enhanced Immigration Online, both the existing and enhanced systems will be operating, as well as a paper-based channel. You will be guided to the right system or channel, depending on the visa you are applying for, through:

- the existing Immigration Online system
- the enhanced Immigration Online system
- paper application channels.

If you have already started a draft application in the existing Immigration Online system, you can choose to start a new application in enhanced Immigration Online and enjoy the benefits of the enhanced system. Any draft applications in the existing system will remain there during the transition period unless you delete them.

About this document

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and support to users of enhanced Immigration Online who work with visa applicants and/or employers. Users could include licensed immigration advisers (LIAs), immigration lawyers, community law centres, Citizens Advice Bureaux, visa application centres, tourism operators, education providers and organisations that support migrants. Now that the AEWV policy is fully implemented, users could also include employers who want to apply for accreditation and hire migrants.

This document includes explanations of how content is displayed in enhanced Immigration Online. It includes screenshots and step-by-step 'how to' instructions for key tasks that users perform in the enhanced system.

It will be updated as more visa types move to the enhanced system. Keep an eye on the edition numbers (see <u>Document history</u> below) for the most up-to-date user guide.

To download the latest version, go to:

→ Enhancements to Immigration Online | Immigration New Zealand

Guidance is split into six sections:

- 1. Overview: enhancements and benefits
- 2. My dashboard: what you'll see
- 3. Apply for a visa: enhancements to making an application
- 4. Visa assessment process: notifications, requests and tracking progress
- 5. After the decision: requests for reconsideration and varying conditions
- 6. Accredited Employer Work Visa: specific information for employers about applying for employer accreditation and job checks, and for migrant workers about applying for the work visa.

Section 1 Overview includes explanations of new or changed terms used in the enhancements to Immigration Online.

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1 Overview

The enhancements to Immigration Online include more online functions to make applying for visas, and employer accreditations and job checks, faster and easier. More complete and accurate information provided during the application process means there are fewer follow-ups from INZ staff, so applications can be processed more quickly. Multiple INZ staff across multiple locations can undertake processing tasks for an application at the same time, adding to more efficient processing and decision making.

Email notifications and real-time status updates give applicants and their advisers more visibility of the progress of an application and clarity around any action they need to take.



This section includes how to access the enhanced system and outlines some of the changes in terminology, new online guidance text and common functions. It also confirms the requirements for providing immigration advice.

Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV)

Applications for employer accreditation, job checks, and the work visa are processed in the enhanced Immigration Online system. Information for employers and applicants that is specific to the AEWV is detailed in section <u>6 Accredited Employer Work Visa</u>.

1.1 Getting started

Important note

If an applicant wishes to apply for a visa on an expired passport, they need to submit a paper visa application. The online application function is not available in this situation.

Users access the enhanced system in the same way as the existing system. Select 'Log in' from the INZ website home page, where you are directed to the 'Log in to our online systems' page. Select a visa type in 'Apply for a visa'. The system will direct you to the RealMe login page.

You will also be able to access applications, documents or eVisas in the existing (or old) system on the 'Log in to our online systems' page.

LIAs who need to view their clients' applications in both systems should bookmark both login pages. You can use your existing RealMe login details.

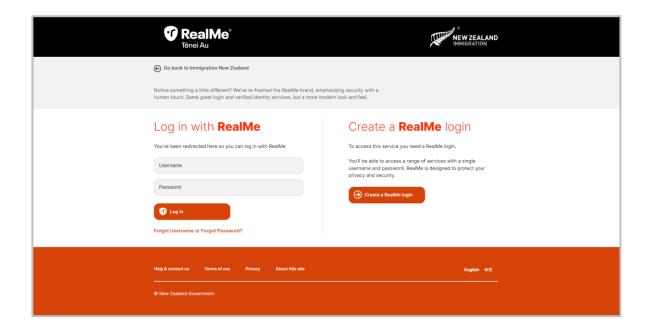
1.1.1 What is RealMe?

RealMe is a form of secure online identification that allows you to use a wide range of New Zealand Government digital services using a single username and password. For more information, go to the RealMe website:

→ Home | RealMe

Making an application does not require a verified RealMe account. It's easy to set up, requiring only a username, password, your contact details and three security questions/answers that you select. You can set up a RealMe login from this page on the INZ website:

→ Log in or create a RealMe login



1.2 Rules for providing immigration advice

LIAs, and those exempt from licensing (see below), who are providing immigration advice as part of an application need to declare that they are doing so in the online application. LIAs must provide proof that they are licensed.

Visit the Immigration Advisers Authority website for more information and factsheets about licensing, exemptions, and clerical work.

→ Who needs a licence? | Immigration Advisers Authority

1.2.1 People exempt from licensing

Section 11 of the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 states that the following persons are exempt from the requirement to be licensed:

- persons who provide immigration advice in an informal or family context only, so long as the advice is not provided systematically or for a fee
- members of Parliament and members of their staff who provide immigration advice within the scope of their employment agreement
- foreign diplomats and consular staff

- employees of the public service who provide immigration advice within the scope of their employment agreement
- lawyers
- persons employed by or working as volunteers for community law centres
- persons employed by or working as volunteers for Citizens Advice Bureaux
- persons who provide immigration advice offshore and to student visa applications only.

1.2.2 Unlicensed advisers who are not exempt

People who provide immigration advice when they do not hold a licence and are not exempt from holding one are acting illegally. Under section 63 of the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act, it is an offence to provide immigration advice without being licensed or exempt.

1.2.3 Clerical work

Clerical work does not require someone to be licensed.

Clerical work can be provided by education providers, travel agents and organisations who support migrants. It is limited to services relating to immigration matters where the main task involves all or any combination of:

- the recording, organising, storing or retrieving of information
- computer or data entry
- recording information on any form, application, request or claim on behalf of and under the direction of another person.

1.3 Apply on behalf

LIAs and people exempt from licensing can submit applications online on behalf of their clients using 'apply on behalf' functionality but need a signed declaration from the client. Any third parties are required to upload the declaration, which gives them the authority to submit the application on the applicant's behalf and must be signed by the applicant.

Immigration lawyers (exempt from licensing) can, as per current practice, upload a document on their letterhead confirming they are acting on behalf of the applicant or choose to use the standard INZ declaration.

Applicants who receive help from an organisation to complete and submit their application, which is classed as clerical work, must also complete and sign a declaration.

For more information about applying on behalf of applicants in the online form, see section <u>3.2.6</u>

<u>Apply on behalf.</u>

1.4 Benefits for users

Users working with applicants will benefit from the enhancements to Immigration Online, which has new and improved features:

- A new end-to-end online process replaces paper-based forms for sponsors and supporting partners.
- A global address finder tool helps ensure correct and complete address information is provided.

- Medical certificates are requested, only if needed, after an application is made.
- The online dashboard shows the application status in real time.
- Email notifications are sent to the primary contact listed on the application, including when further action is needed from the applicant.
- Dynamic forms only ask questions relevant to the applicant, based on their previous answers.
- Applicants can share their applications with trusted third parties, and trusted third parties can share applications with their clients.
- You can create a network so others in your business can collaborate on applications.

1.5 Terminology

Some of the changes in terminology, including names of screens, pages, or functions are included in the tables below.

1.5.1 Was/is now table

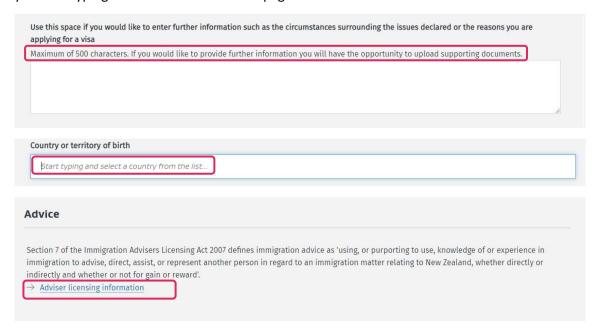
Was	Is now
My account page	My dashboard
My applications page	My visas
Create a new application function	My visas > Apply for a visa
Unsubmitted tab	My visas > Draft applications section
Share application tab	(select) Options > Share
Unsubmitted (status)	Draft (status)
Firms	Networks
(Not previously available online)	My sponsorships tab/screen
(Not previously available online)	Employ migrants tab/screen

1.5.2 Glossary

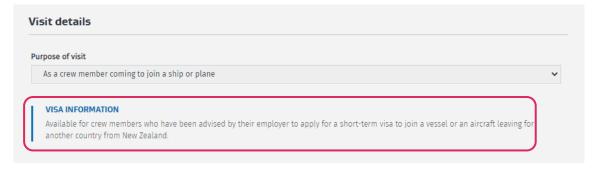
Term	Description
Applicant	An individual who is included in an application. May be a principal (main) or additional applicant. Only the principal applicant appears in the Draft applications section of My visas .
Application	The application that is submitted to and assessed by INZ. Each application includes the principal applicant and may include additional, or secondary, applicants. The My visas page shows all applications created or shared within one RealMe login.
Dynamic form	Rather than having a static set of questions asked of every applicant, dynamic forms in enhanced Immigration Online will present certain questions based on the applicant's previous answers. For example, if the applicant states they are married, the form will prompt them for their partner's details.
Immigration Health System	Used to access health information provided by visa applicants via the global Approved Panel Physician network. The Immigration Health System (IHS) is now integrated with enhanced Immigration Online.
Sharing ID	A sharing ID is automatically generated when you first log in to Immigration Online. Providing sharing IDs means applicants can share their applications and networks and nominate sponsors.
Network sharing ID	A network sharing ID is automatically generated when you create a network. For example, an LIA acting for an applicant can use the unique network sharing ID to share the application with their team so more than one staff member can work on it.
Address finder tool	Automatically validates data entered in the application form against a global address reference database.
Photo quality checker	Assesses the quality and suitability of a photo uploaded by the applicant as evidence of their identity. If the image does not meet INZ standards, the system guides the applicant to correct the error. If requested, the picture will be flagged for manual assessment when the application is submitted.

1.6 Help text, warnings and alert text

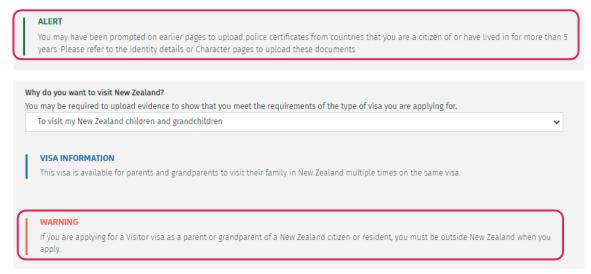
Help text guides you to complete the form correctly. Examples include showing the maximum characters that can be entered in a field, placeholder text where drop-down lists appear when you start typing in a field and links to webpages with more information.



Notes provide information to help you navigate the process and improve your understanding.



Alerts provide information that could prevent you from completing a task. Warning text provides information that, without doing it or knowing about it, could put you in extreme trouble or at legal risk.



A 'Sorry' message highlights why you are unable to continue and includes a link to further information.



Not all alerts include a link, but all provide information about action you must take.

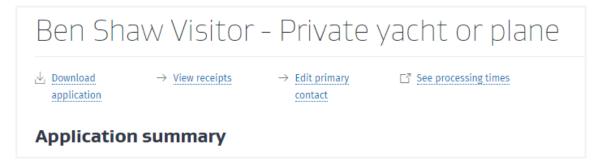


1.7 Common functions

The enhancements to Immigration Online include the following common functions that display on various pages.

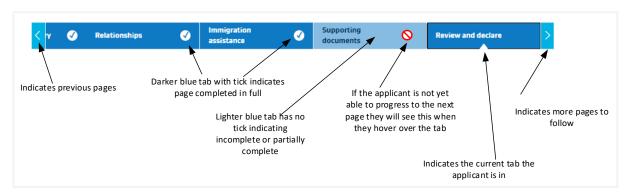
1.7.1 Top-of-page action icons

These actions are available from the top of the **Application summary** page, depending on where you are in the application process. You can download PDF copies of completed applications and view receipts. **See processing times** links to the relevant INZ website page for draft applications.



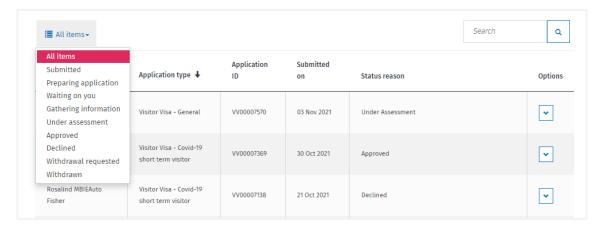
1.7.2 Application form progress bar

You can check as you go when completing different sections of online application forms.



1.7.3 Filters

Some sections include a filter option. You can click to filter by selecting an option in the **All items** drop-down list.



1.7.4 Date fields

After you enter a date, use the arrows or the calendar picker to change it, if necessary.



1.8 Find out more

For more information about the enhancements to Immigration Online, go to the INZ website:

→ Enhancements to Immigration Online | Immigration New Zealand

If you need help with using enhanced Immigration Online, contact the Immigration Contact Centre (ICC) on 0508 558 855 (toll-free from New Zealand landlines).

Note there are some limitations on information that the ICC can release to LIAs and lawyers.

→ What information can the Immigration Contact Centre (ICC) release to an LIA or a lawyer? | Immigration New Zealand

1.8.1 Help for employers: accreditation and job checks

The employer line is open between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. Call 0508 967 569 (toll-free from New Zealand landlines).

2 My dashboard

This section outlines what you'll see and actions you can take in the home pages of enhanced Immigration Online.

'Welcome to Immigration Online' displays when you log in to the enhanced system using your RealMe account or select **My dashboard** from another page.

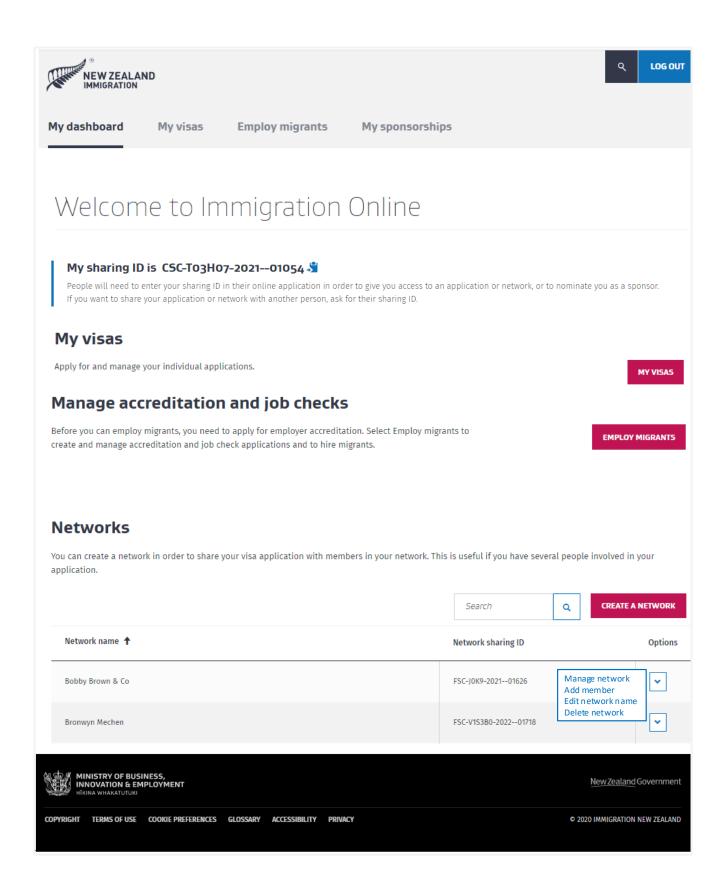
My dashboard displays your sharing ID, a unique ID automatically allocated to you. If someone asks for your sharing ID, they can share their application with you or nominate you as a sponsor. If you want to share your application with someone else, you need to ask them for their sharing ID. You both need to have an Immigration Online account. There is more information about sharing in this section.

You can carry out a range of actions from My dashboard including:

- accessing the My visas page to apply for a visa and manage applications
- accessing the My sponsorships page to manage sponsorship requests
- accessing the Employ migrants page to apply for accreditation and request job checks, and hire migrants
- creating and managing Networks.

Migrants applying for an Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) can access their application by selecting **My visas**, but they first must have received an email from INZ requesting them to apply. They need to follow the link in the email to accept the request, and then log in to Immigration Online using a RealMe login.

More details about accreditation, job checks and the AEWV are available in section <u>6 Accredited</u> <u>Employer Work Visa</u>.



2.1 Sharing

A unique sharing ID is automatically allocated to you. Select the clipboard icon to copy your ID and paste it elsewhere.

My sharing ID is CSC-T03H07-2021--01054 🕏

People will need to enter your sharing ID in their online application in order to give you access to an application or network, or to nominate you as a sponsor. If you want to share your application or network with another person, ask for their sharing ID.

Once you have shared your application with a trusted third party (such as an LIA), the third party can view, edit, submit, and withdraw an application and view correspondence between INZ and the applicant.

Accredited employers need to be aware that they can share details at different levels: organisation, applications for employer accreditation and job checks, and accreditation certificates.

For specific information, see section 6.1 Sharing accredited employer details.

Trusted third parties must also have an Immigration Online account and are bound by the Immigration Online terms of use. Third parties must comply with their obligations under the Privacy Act 2020 and any other applicable legislation.

Read the full terms of use on the INZ website:

→ Immigration Online's terms of use | Immigration New Zealand

If you want to share applications with another person or a network, ask for their sharing ID and enter it in the online application. If someone wants to give you access to their online application, or nominate you as a sponsor, you need to give them your sharing ID to enter in their online application.

For more information, visit the INZ website:

→ Sharing applications | Immigration New Zealand

INZ has administrator users who can share any application with the right user to ensure applications can't get 'lost'. For example, if an LIA ceases to represent an applicant and the applicant cannot access their application, INZ administrators are able to share the application with the applicant to ensure they are granted access.

You can call the ICC toll-free on 0508 558 855 and request help with sharing an application from an INZ administrator.

2.1.1 Share an application

To share an application, complete the following steps.

Step	Action
1	Ask for the sharing ID from the person you want to share the application with, located in their My dashboard .
2	Select the My visas tab.
3	Navigate to the Draft applications or Submitted applications section.
4	Identify the application you want to share.

Step	Action	
5	Select Share from the Options drop-down list. Result: The Share screen displays.	
6	Complete the form with the name, sharing ID and email address of the person or network you want to share information with, and select Share .	
7	To view the sharing details for: a draft application, select the Continue option a submitted application, select the View option. Result: Sharing details display in the Shared with section of the Application summary page.	

Alternatively, select **Share application** in the **Shared with** section at the end of the **Application summary** page and repeat steps 6 and 7 above.

2.1.2 Share a visa

To share a visa record, complete the following steps.

Step	Action
1	Ask for the sharing ID from the person you want to share the visa with, located in their My dashboard .
2	Select the My visas tab.
3	Navigate to the Issued visas section.
4	Identify the visa you want to share.
5	Select Share from the Options drop-down list. Result: The Share screen displays.
6	Complete the form with the name, sharing ID and email address of the person or network you want to share information with, and select Share . Result: A 'Success' message displays.

Alternatively, once you have the relevant sharing ID you can select the **Share visa** option from the drop-down list in the **Visas** section of the **Application summary** page, or the **Share visa** button on the **Visa details** page.

2.1.3 Stop sharing

To stop sharing an application, locate the application in the **Shared with** section on the **Application summary** page for either draft or submitted applications. Select the **Stop sharing** option for the relevant application.

To stop sharing an issued visa, locate the relevant visa in the **Shared with** section on the **Visa details** page and select the **Stop sharing** option.

2.2 My visas tab

In this tab, you can apply for visas and manage applications, including checking the status of an application that has been submitted to INZ for assessment.

My visas has four sections: AEWV confirmation, Draft applications, Submitted applications and Issued visas.

Important note

The **AEWV confirmation** section is only visible if you have received and accepted a request to apply for an AEWV. If that is the case, see section <u>6.4 Apply for an AEWV (migrant workers)</u>.

You can change the order of content in each column in a section by clicking on the column header. An up or down arrow displays the direction of the related alpha or numeric content, allowing you to sort the data in the order you require.

There is also a filter function for submitted applications and issued visas under All items.

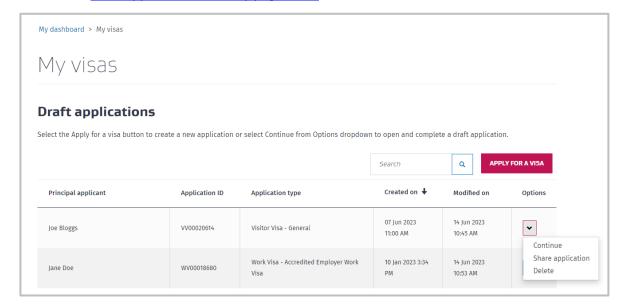
2.2.1 Draft applications

This section displays all draft visa applications you have created and draft applications that have been shared with you. From here, you can create a new application by selecting **Apply for a visa** or share the application using **Share** from the **Options** drop-down list.

Select **Continue** from the **Options** drop-down to open the **Application summary** page, which shows the detail of the individual application. From here, you can continue to complete the application, add or remove secondary applicants and pay and submit the application when complete.

To delete a draft application, select **Delete** from the **Options** drop-down list.

See section 3.1.2 Application summary page: draft for more details.



2.2.2 Submitted applications

This section displays all applications you have submitted and submitted applications shared with you. You can view, print and download copies of your completed applications, share an application, view receipts and request to withdraw an application. The latter option is only available if a decision has not been made.

To withdraw a submitted application, select Request withdraw from the Options drop-down list.

To filter your applications by status, select the **All items** drop-down list, and then select the status you want to filter by.

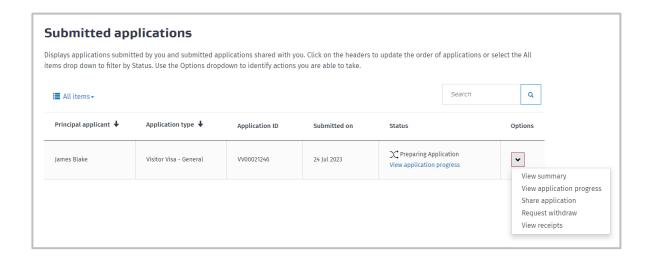
To view the status of an application, check the **Status** column.

To view detailed information about your application progress:

- In the Status column, select View application progress, or
- In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View application progress**.

Result: The Visa application progress page displays.

Note: Detailed information about visa application progress is available only for applications that were submitted after 30 July 2023. Applications submitted before this date display a status in the **Status** column, but they do not have a Visa application progress page.

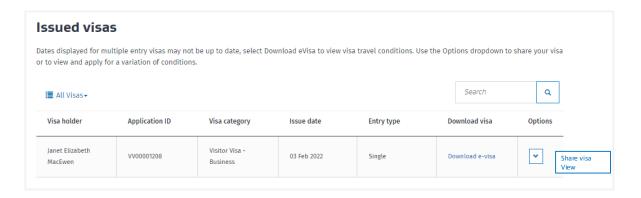


2.2.3 Issued visas

This section displays details of all visas issued to applicants. Selecting **All items** filters the visas by type and whether they are current, expired or about to expire.

You can view or share an issued visa in this section:

- Select **Download e-visa** to view details.
- Select Share visa from the Options drop-down list. The visa details display in the Issued visas section of the person you have shared with (see section 2.1.2 Share a visa).
- Select View to view the Visa details page. You can apply for a variation of conditions on this page. See section <u>5.1 View visa details</u>.



2.3 Networks

A network is a group of people with a single sharing ID – the network ID. When items are shared with the network ID, they are shared with all the people in the network.

Creating networks is useful for organisations where several people are working on applications, such as LIAs or accredited employers.

Example 1: a large LIA has 10 staff working on visa applications. They create and manage applications for different clients. A network is created with the 10 staff as members. The network members share clients' applications with the network, allowing anyone in the network to work on any application.

Example 2: an accredited employer creates a network of HR staff who have access to job check applications. They can all create, view, and edit those applications and view approved jobs. As network members, they can request migrant workers to apply for an AEWV for an approved job.

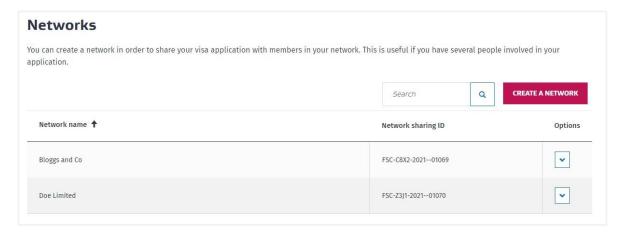
The creator of a network is the administrator of the network and has administrator rights to add, delete and edit networks and members. These options are available in a drop-down list under **Options**.

Applicants can share their applications with a third party they trust who also has an Immigration Online account and is bound by the Immigration Online terms of use. Third parties must comply with their obligations under the Privacy Act 2020 and any other applicable legislation.

Read the full terms of use on the INZ website:

→ Immigration Online's terms of use | Immigration New Zealand

For specific information for accredited employers, see section <u>6.1 Sharing accredited employer</u> <u>details</u>.



2.3.1 Create, delete or edit a network

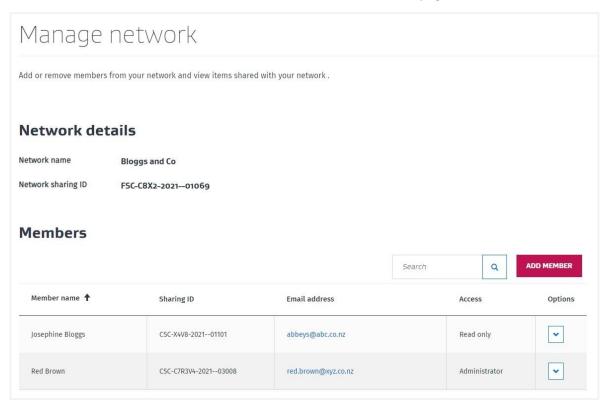
Creating a network assigns a unique network sharing ID and allocates administrator rights to the creator. The network sharing ID is used to share applications and issued visas. Accredited employers can also share organisation details and accreditation certificates with a network.

After a network is created, network administrators manage networks and their members through the **Options** drop-down list: **Manage network** (includes adding, updating or removing members), **Delete network**, **Add member** and **Edit network name**.

If the network administrator selects the **Delete network** option, a pop-up message displays with a warning that the action cannot be undone.

2.3.2 Manage network

The **Manage network** page is available to the network administrator, who can add, edit, and remove members and view items shared with the network from this page.



To add a network member, you need their unique sharing ID. You can assign read only or administrator rights to a member and edit or remove them from the **Options** drop-down list.

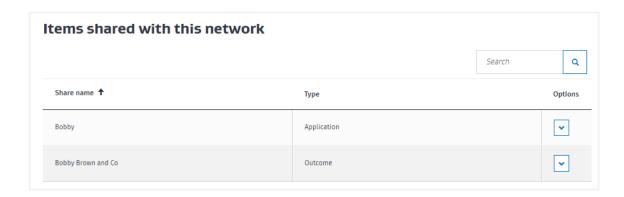
Important note

If a network administrator wants to remove themselves from the network and is the only administrator, they need to assign administrator rights to another member. A pop-up message displays with a warning message that the remove action cannot be undone.

Anyone in a network can share an item with their network. This section shows who has shared the item and the type of item. There are three item types:

- Application: visa applications (all) and accreditation and job check applications (accredited employers only)
- Outcome: a granted visa (all) and accreditation certificate (accredited employer only)
- Organisation: for accredited employers only.

Select **Stop sharing** from the **Options** drop-down list in this section for an item you want to stop sharing.



2.4 My sponsorships tab

The **My sponsorships** tab is where sponsors and supporting partners complete online sponsorship forms, upload documents related to sponsorship, and view previous sponsorship requests.

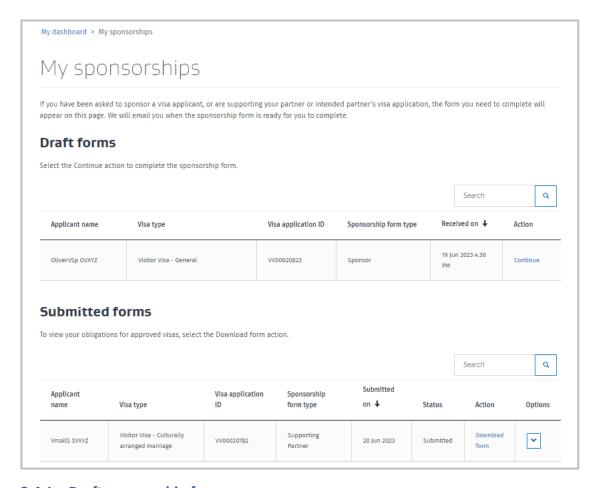
You can use this tab to:

- complete draft sponsorship forms
- view a list of submitted sponsorship forms
- download submitted sponsorship forms
- view information for each submitted sponsorship form, including:
- documents that you uploaded
- correspondence from INZ about your sponsorship request.

A sponsorship form will be displayed on this tab if the visa applicant entered your sharing ID in the **Sponsor** or **Supporting partner** section of their application. This means:

- you are sponsoring a visa application, or
- you are supporting your partner's or intended partner's visa application, or
- you are completing the sponsorship form on behalf of a sponsor or supporting partner for example, as a licenced immigration adviser.

Sponsorship forms are displayed on this tab only after the visa applicant has submitted their application. If you need to complete a sponsorship form, we will email you when the form is ready for you to complete. The form will be displayed in the **Draft forms** section.



2.4.1 Draft sponsorship forms

The **Draft forms** section displays sponsorship forms that you need to complete.

To complete a draft sponsorship form, select **Continue**.

After you submit a sponsorship form, the form moves from the **Draft forms** section to the **Submitted forms** section.

2.4.2 Submitted sponsorship forms

The Submitted forms section displays sponsorship forms that you have completed and submitted.

To download a submitted sponsorship form, select **Download form**. The submitted sponsorship form includes a list of your obligations as a sponsor.

Each submitted sponsorship form has a sponsorship request summary page. This page displays:

- general information about the sponsorship request
- requests for more information that are sent to the sponsor or supporting partner
- documents uploaded by the sponsor or supporting partner.

To open the sponsorship request summary page, select **View details** from the **Options** drop-down list.

2.4.3 Sponsorship request summary page

After you submit a sponsorship form, a sponsorship request summary page is created. This page displays:

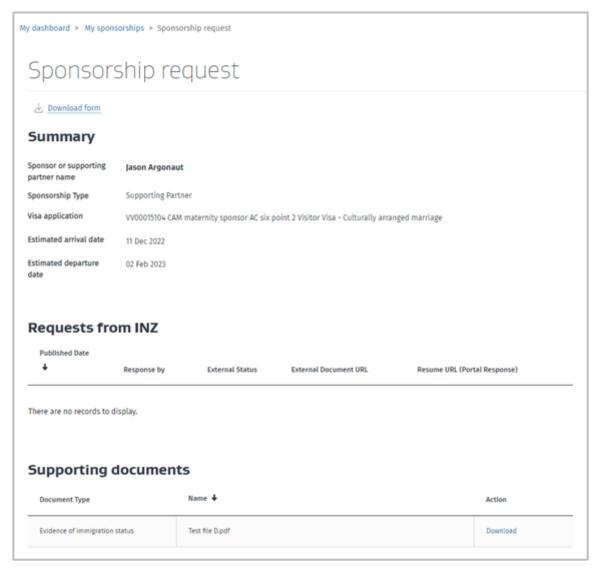
• general information about the sponsorship request

- requests for more information that are sent to the sponsor or supporting partner
- documents uploaded by the sponsor or supporting partner.

To open the sponsorship request summary page:

- 1. On the My sponsorships tab, go to the Submitted forms section.
- 2. Find the sponsorship form that you want to view.
- 3. In the Options drop-down list, select View.

Result: The sponsorship request summary page displays.



The **Summary** section displays a summary of the sponsorship request, including the:

- sponsor's or supporting partner's name
- sponsorship type
- visa application number
- visa applicant's estimated arrival and departure dates.

The **Requests from INZ** section displays any requests for more information that Immigration New Zealand has sent to the sponsor or supporting partner.

For more information, see section <u>4.2 Requests from INZ</u>.

The **Supporting documents** section displays any documents that you uploaded with your sponsorship form or in response to a request for more information.

3 Apply for a visa

This section outlines some of the enhancements to Immigration Online when you apply for a visa. It includes links to relevant pages on the INZ website for visa information.

Note that some questions have been simplified in the enhanced system (for example, passport name or purpose of visit) and offer drop-down lists to select answers from or additional questions in response to individual answers.

Important note: Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV)

Migrants applying for an AEWV can access their application by selecting **My visas**, but they must first have received an email from INZ requesting them to apply. They need to follow the link in the email to accept the request, and then log in to Immigration Online using a RealMe login.

Find out more in section 6 Accredited Employer Work Visa.

3.1 Creating an application

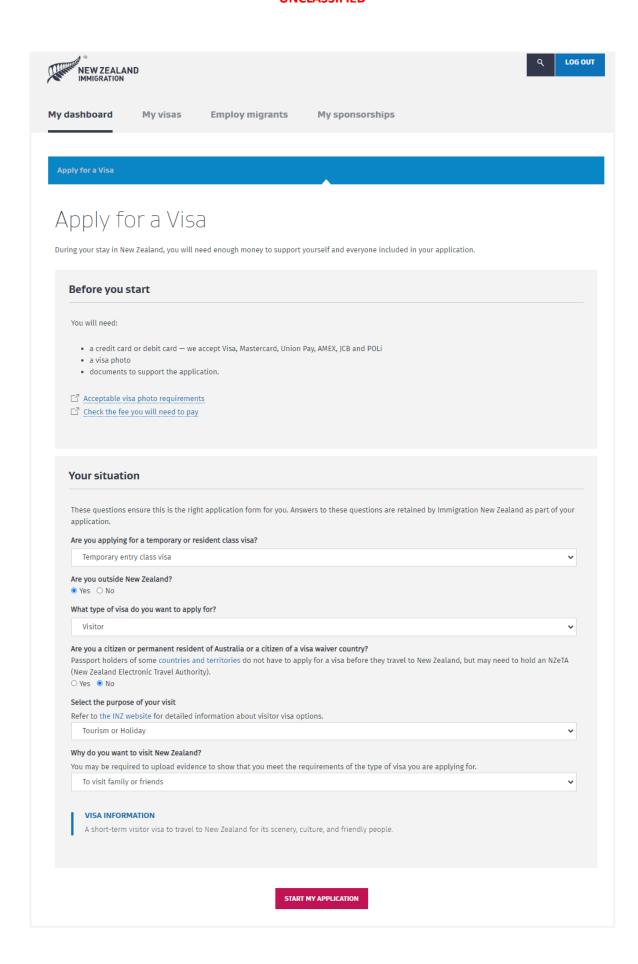
3.1.1 Before you start

Important note

If an applicant's passport has expired, they need to submit a paper visa application. The online application function is not available in this situation.

The example below shows the page that displays when you select **Apply for a visa** in **My visa** – in this case, a Visitor Visa. Further questions will appear depending on the answers you give. The purpose of this page is to ensure you are using the right form for the application you require.

When you have completed all mandatory questions related to the applicant's situation, select **Start my application**.



3.1.2 Application summary page: draft

When you select **Start my application**, the application ID is created and the **Application summary** page displays.

This page also displays when you select the **Continue** option for a draft application in the **Applicants** section on the **Application summary** page. It includes the:

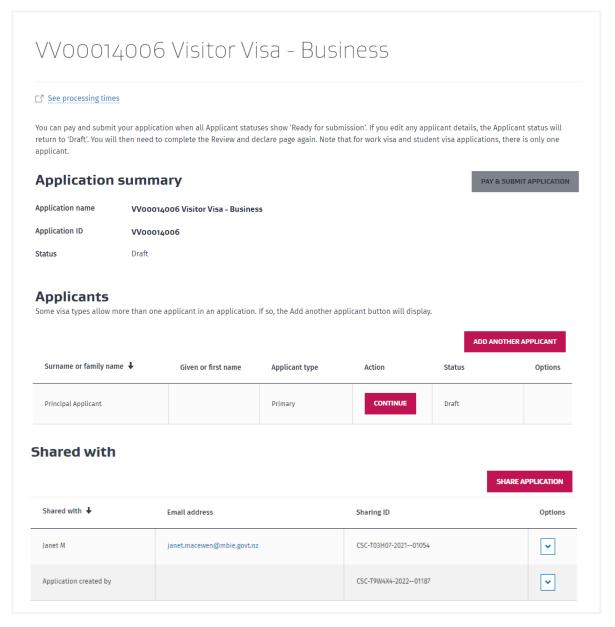
- application name
- application ID
- application status
- Pay & submit application button, which turns light grey and becomes active only when all applicant details are ready for submission.

Details for all applicants included in the application display in the **Applicants** section. Depending on the application type selected, you may be able to include additional applicants (partner and dependent children) by selecting **Add another applicant**. For work and student visa types where there can only be one applicant, the **Add another applicant** button will not display.

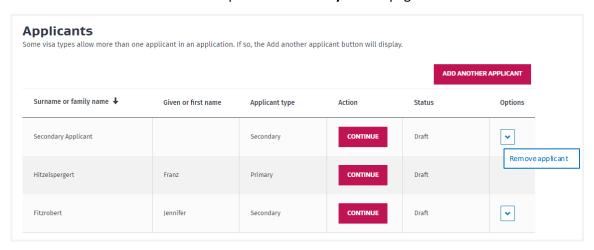
When an application is initially created, the **Applicants** section displays the principal applicant's details. The name defaults to 'Principal Applicant' until the name fields in the identity section of the application are completed. Select **Continue** to complete the application form.

You can also share the application and view who you have shared it with in the **Shared with** section.

At this stage, the application has a 'Draft' status, and all applicants have a status allocated as well.



If applicable, an additional applicant's name defaults to 'Secondary Applicant' until their name is entered in the relevant fields to complete their **Identity details** page.



Important note

Enhanced Immigration Online replaces the 'additional applicant' pages in the existing system with a separate application form for each additional applicant. This form is linked to the principal applicant but can be completed separately from the principal applicant's form. This ensures all relevant data is captured when the application is submitted and avoids delaying the processing of an application.

3.2 Completing an application

The online form is a dynamic form comprising several sections – for example, **Identity details**, **Health** and **Character**. Different questions and forms are presented in response to your previous answers. Only the data that is needed is collected, and you are guided by help text and placeholder text in fields.

3.2.1 Health checks

You are no longer required to wait for the results of a health check to submit the application form. When the application is submitted, the system automatically checks if a health check is required. If so, it checks whether INZ already holds the required information. If an applicant needs to complete a health check, the system notifies them to log in to view our correspondence. Details are available in the **Correspondence** section on the **Application summary** page listing which applicant requires a health check and what is required. The applicant is supplied a reference number to use when booking a medical exam with an approved panel physician.

To view a list of panel physicians, go to the INZ website:

→ Find a radiologist or doctor near you | Immigration New Zealand

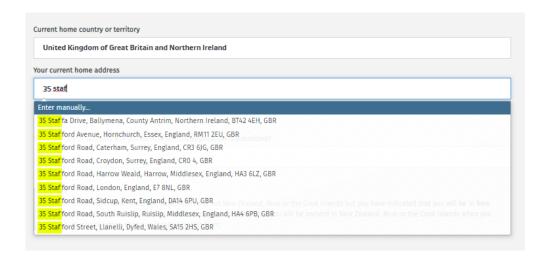
If the applicant resides in a country that does not have a panel physician, the required paper medical certificate can be completed by a registered doctor. The completed medical certificate needs to be scanned and emailed to the INZ Health Assessment Team (INZ Health@mbie.govt.nz) with the application ID number included on the form.

Note that the system relies on the same details being entered in the **Identity details** form of the visa application and the Immigration Health System, such as full name, date of birth and passport number, so that the system can recognise the details are for the same person. These details must be as stated on the passport the applicant is travelling on.

3.2.2 Address finder

The address finder tool automatically validates data entered in the application form against a global address reference database. If an address cannot be found, it can be entered manually.

Current home country or territory	
United R	Gingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
our curren	t home address
Start typ	ing and select your complete address from the list, select 'Enter manually' if not found



Note: You must select the required address from the list, so it displays in full.



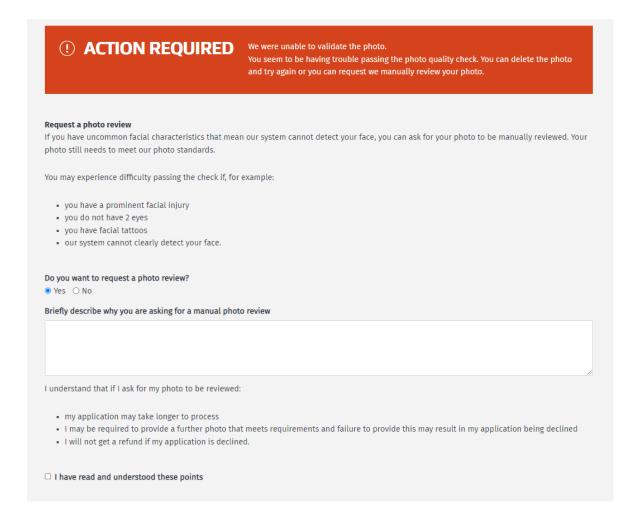
3.2.3 Photo quality checker

Photos must meet INZ's photo requirements. For more information, go to the INZ website:

→ Acceptable photos for a visa or NZeTA | Immigration New Zealand

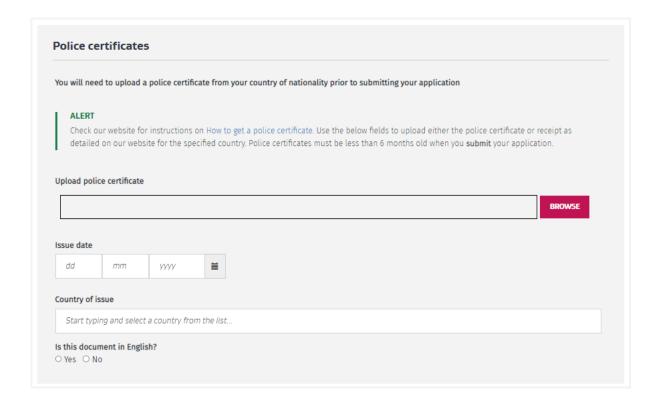
The photo quality checker tool assesses photos against the acceptable photo requirements. If a photo is not accepted, an 'Action required' message displays outlining the reason. You can then delete the photo and upload another one.

After three attempts, the following 'Action required' message displays and you can request a manual photo review by INZ. The application can still be submitted but, as outlined below, the assessment may take longer and INZ may request another photo.



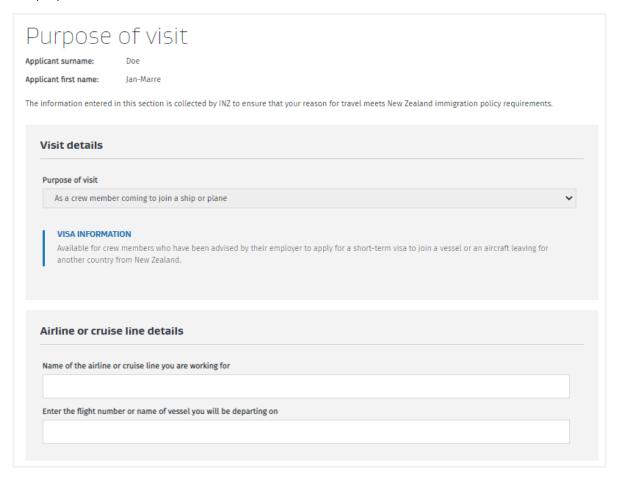
3.2.4 Police certificates

Where required, police certificates from an applicant's country of nationality and citizenship and countries visited for five years or more will now be uploaded on the **Identity details** and **Character** forms rather than the **Supporting documents** form, as in the existing Immigration Online system.



3.2.5 Purpose of visit (Visitor visa)

More focused questions appear dynamically for each type of purpose of visit selected to establish the purpose.



This enables the system to drive specific upload requirements in the **Supporting documents** form.



3.2.6 Apply on behalf

LIAs or persons exempt from licensing who are authorised to act on behalf of an applicant must upload a completed and signed hard copy of the relevant declaration form – for example, *Visitor Visa Declaration Form (INZ 1224)*.

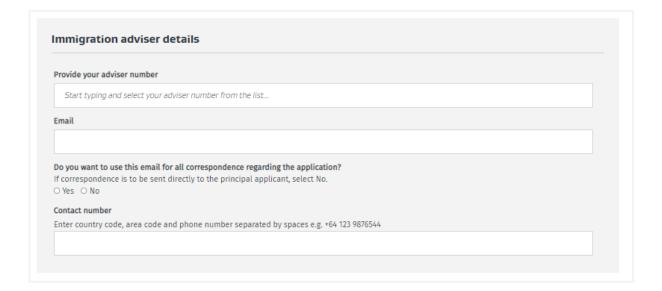
If you want to be the primary contact for the visa application, select 'Yes' when completing the **Immigration assistance** section of the online form. Your name and email address displays as the primary contact for the application.

When a New Zealand Business Number (NZBN) is validated in the system, the relevant field presents the business name associated with that number. This provides confidence that the correct details are entered.

In addition, when completing the application form on behalf of someone, you are asked:

- in what capacity you're completing the form select from options for LIA, person exempt from licensing, parent or guardian of a dependent child under 18 and assisting by recording information on the form
- whether you provided immigration advice
- if you are an LIA, to enter your licence number you can select your licence number from a drop-down list, and only need to complete email address and phone number details (you are no longer required to enter full name and address details).

Note that the list takes up to 14 days to update with new licence numbers.



For more information, go to the INZ website:

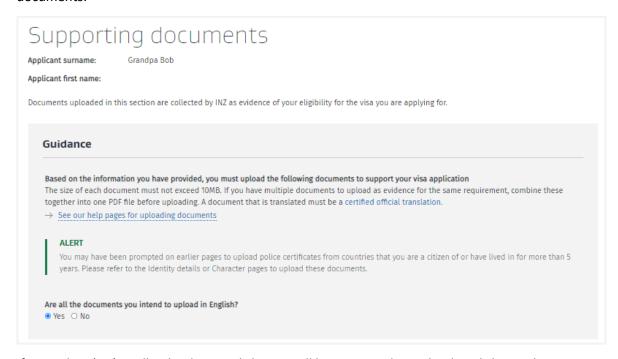
→ Applying on behalf for advisers and agents | Immigration New Zealand

Note that immigration lawyers and others completing the form on behalf of the applicant are required to complete additional details, including their name, company name and address.

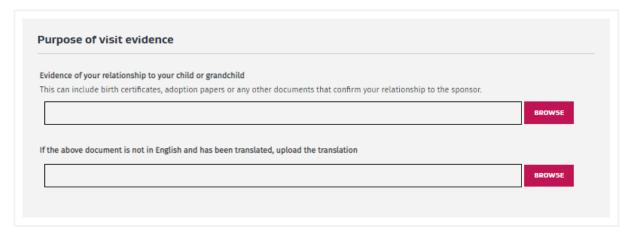
3.2.7 Supporting documents

The **Supporting documents** page of the application form is where applicants upload documents for their application.

A question at the top of the **Supporting documents** page asks about the language of the uploaded documents.



If you select 'No' to all uploads in English, you will be prompted to upload English translations.



Sponsor and supporting partner information

If your application requires a sponsor or supporting partner, you will be asked on the **Supporting documents** page to enter the sponsor's or supporting partner's:

name

- email address
- sharing ID.

Before you can submit your application, you need to contact your sponsor or supporting partner and ask them for this information.

To find their sharing ID, your sponsor or supporting partner needs to log in to Immigration Online using a RealMe account. If they do not have a RealMe account, they need to create one.

After you submit your application, we will email your sponsor or supporting partner and ask them to complete an online sponsorship form.

For more information on sponsorship, go to the INZ website:

- → Overview of sponsorship process | Immigration New Zealand
- → Getting your partner to support your online visa application | Immigration New Zealand

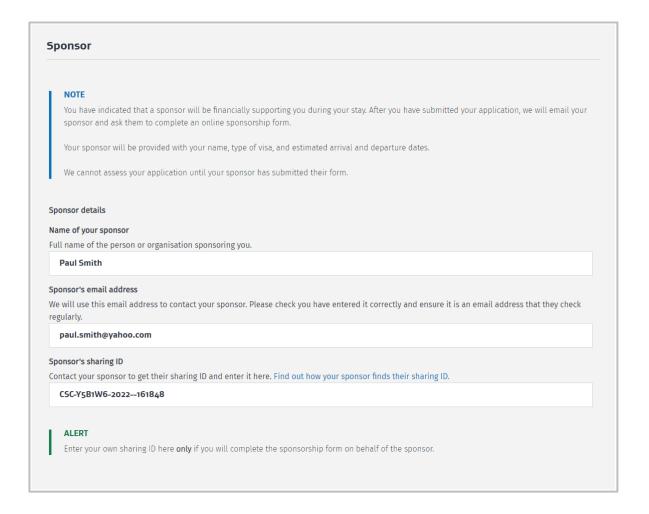
For information on sponsor and supporting partner sharing IDs, see section <u>3.5.1 Sharing ID for sponsors</u>.

Important note

In rare cases, your sponsor or supporting partner will not complete their own sponsorship form. For example, they might ask a licensed immigration adviser to complete the form on their behalf.

If your sponsor or supporting partner will not complete their own sponsorship form, ask them for the email and sharing ID of the person who will complete the form on their behalf. Then enter that email and sharing ID on the **Supporting documents** page of your application. This will make sure that the sponsorship form is sent to the person who will complete the form.

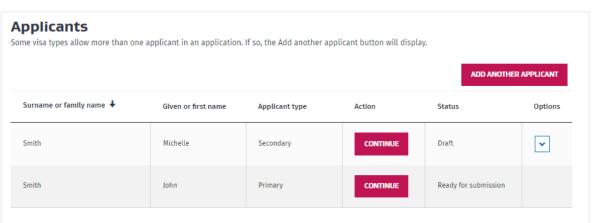
The name that you enter on the **Supporting documents** page of your application form should still be the name of your sponsor or supporting partner.



3.3 Submitting the application

When all required information is completed for each applicant in an application, complete the **Review and declare** page and select 'Ready for submission'.

The applicant's status changes from 'Draft' to 'Ready for submission' in the **Applicants** section on the **Application summary** page. The application status in the summary details remains 'Draft' until the whole application is paid for and submitted.



Important note

If you edit any applicant details for applicants with a 'Ready for submission' status, their status

will revert to 'Draft' and you need to complete the **Review and declare** page again – for example, if you select **Continue** to update details for an applicant.

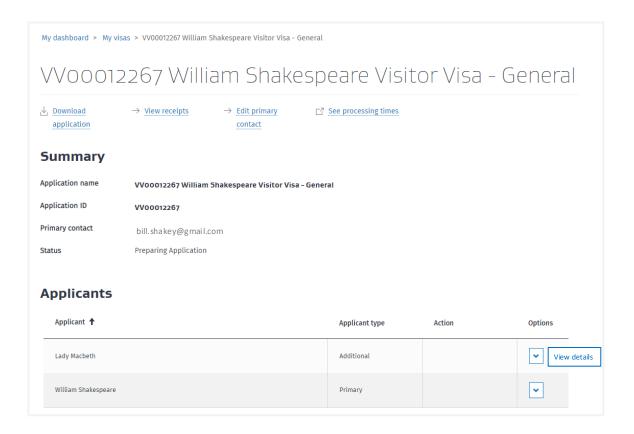
Email notifications are sent to the primary contact entered in the application. Eligible third-party representatives completing visa applications should add their email address when acting on behalf of applicants and/or sponsors. See section <u>4.1 Notifications</u>.

3.3.1 Application summary page: submitted applications

When you select the **View** option for an application in the **Submitted applications** section, the **Application summary** page displays expanded information at the top of the page, including the application status, and in additional sections:

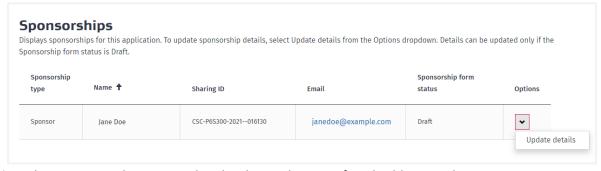
Download application	A top-of-page action that allows you to download a PDF of the application as submitted.
View receipts	A top-of-page action that allows you to view the receipt for the application.
Edit primary contact	A top-of-page action that allows you to update the primary contact.
View application progress	A top-of-page action that allows you to view the progress of your application.
See processing times	A top-of-page action that allows you to view processing times for New Zealand visas.
Request reconsideration	If the application was recently declined and meets the criteria for a reconsideration, this top-of-page action will display so you can apply for a reconsideration.
Primary contact	Displays the email address that notifications for this application will be sent to. This is the email address of the principal applicant unless the person applying on behalf has selected 'Yes' to being the primary contact. If the primary contact is changed using the Edit primary contact action, the new email address will display.

The **Applicants** section shows all applicants included in the submitted application, and the **View details** option shows the supporting documents uploaded for each applicant.



The **Application summary** page for submitted applications shows the following additional sections:

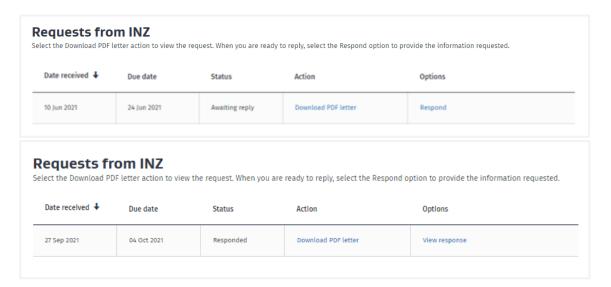
• **Sponsorships** shows sponsorships related to this application. To update sponsorship details, select **Update details** from the **Options** drop-down list.



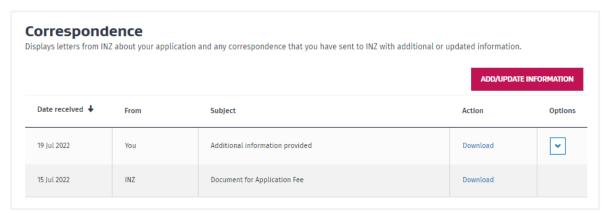
- **Visas** shows approved visas issued under this application, if applicable. From here you can select **Download e-visa** to view the visa details.
- Select Share visa from the Options drop-down list. The visa details display in the Issued visas section of the person you have shared with (see section 2.1.2 Share a visa).
- Select View to view the Visa details page. You can apply for a variation of conditions on this page. See section 5.1: Visa view details.



 Requests from INZ includes requests for information from INZ for this application. The Status, Action and Options columns give more details, if applicable. For more information, see section 4.2 Requests from INZ.



Correspondence includes letters from INZ about this application and any correspondence
that you have sent INZ with updated or additional information. The Subject, Action and
Options columns give more details, if applicable. For more information, see section 4.3
Correspondence.



3.4 Payment

Initially, applications can only be paid for and submitted individually in enhanced Immigration Online. Future functionality will allow eligible applications to be grouped together – for example, for family groups.

Note that inclusion of GST in application fees is calculated in the system, based on where the application fee will be paid. For example, an LIA based in New Zealand applying on behalf of an applicant will be charged GST, even if the applicant is offshore.

3.4.1 Review application costs

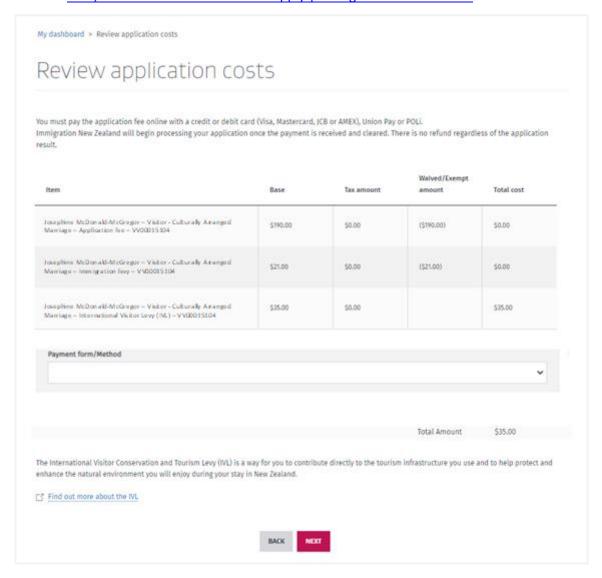
When you select **Pay & submit application**, the **Review application costs** page displays. The application fee can be paid online with a credit or debit card. When INZ receives and clears the

payment, it starts processing the application. There is no refund available regardless of the application result.

The same page displays when applications for variation of conditions or reconsideration of a decline decision are submitted.

If a fee waiver applies for an application, such as a bilateral fee waiver (an agreement with certain countries) or an International Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) exemption, details will display on this page. Check what fees you need to pay by entering your individual details in the office and fees finder tool:

→ Fees, decision times and where to apply | Immigration New Zealand



3.4.2 Receipts

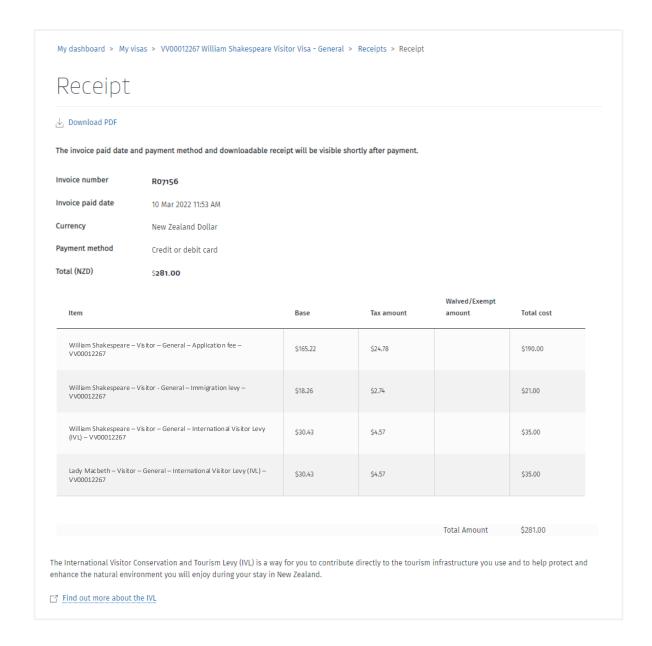
The **Receipts** page displays when you select the **View receipts** option on the **Application summary** page for submitted applications. Receipts for reconsideration applications also display here. Receipts for variation of conditions display on the **Variation of conditions application summary page**. See section <u>5.2 Apply for variation of conditions</u>.

Select **View receipt** to view the individual receipt or **Download PDF** for a printable version of the receipt.

Receipts also display in the Correspondence section.

Important note

The receipt information may take up to 15 minutes to display on this page. If the **Download PDF** option is not available, wait a few minutes and try again.



3.5 Sponsorship

3.5.1 Applicant

Overview of sponsorship process

If your application requires a sponsor or supporting partner, you will be asked on the **Supporting documents** page to enter the sponsor's or supporting partner's:

- name
- email address
- sharing ID.

Before you can submit your application, you need to contact your sponsor or supporting partner directly and ask for this information.

When you receive your sponsor's or supporting partner's sharing ID, enter it on the **Supporting documents** page of your application. You can then complete and submit your application.

After you pay the application fee and submit your application, we will email your sponsor or supporting partner and ask them to log in to Immigration Online and complete an online sponsorship form.

We cannot assess your application until your sponsor or supporting partner has submitted their sponsorship form.

To check the status of your application:

- 1. Open the My visas page.
- 2. Go to the **Submitted applications** section.
- 3. Check the **Status** column. To view detailed information about your application progress, select **View application progress**.

Result: The Visa application progress page displays.

Note: Detailed information about visa application progress is available only for applications that were submitted after 30 July 2023. Applications submitted before this date display a status in the **Status** column, but they do not have a Visa application progress page.

For more information on sponsorship, go to the INZ website:

- → Overview of sponsorship process | Immigration New Zealand
- → Getting your partner to support your online visa application | Immigration New Zealand

View sponsorship details

If your application has a sponsor or supporting partner, the sponsorship details will display in the **Sponsorships** section of the Application summary page.

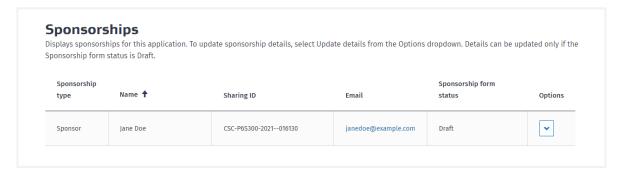
To view sponsorship details:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. On the My visas tab, go to the Submitted applications section.
- 3. Find the application whose sponsorship details you want to view.
- 4. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View summary**. The Application summary page displays.
- 5. Go to the **Sponsorships** section.

The **Sponsorships** section displays sponsorships for your visa application. In this section, you can view the following sponsorship details:

- Sponsorship type. This indicates whether you have a sponsor, a supporting partner, or a sponsoring supporting partner.
- Name. This is the name of your sponsor or supporting partner.
- **Sharing ID**. This is your sponsor's or supporting partner's sharing ID. We use this sharing ID to create an online sponsorship form in the correct Immigration Online account.

- **Email address**. This is your sponsor's or supporting partner's email address. When the online sponsorship form is ready to be completed, we send an email to this address.
- Sponsorship form status. This indicates whether your sponsor or supporting partner has submitted their online sponsorship form. If they have not yet submitted their form, this displays Draft. If they have already submitted their form, this displays Submitted.



The **Sponsorships** section can also help you troubleshoot issues related to sponsorship.

Example

If your application status is **Waiting on your sponsor**, but there is no online sponsorship form in your sponsor's or supporting partner's Immigration Online account, then the sharing ID for the sponsorship may be incorrect. You can check the **Sponsorships** section to confirm.

Checking the **Sponsorships** section can help you confirm that your sponsor's or supporting partner's sharing ID and email address are correct. If they are incorrect, you can update them.

You can also use the **Sponsorships** section to change your sponsor.

See Update sponsorship details.

Update sponsorship details

If any of your sponsor's or supporting partner's details are incorrect, you can update these details by completing and submitting an Update sponsorship details form. For example, you can update their:

- email address
- sharing ID.

You can also use the Update sponsorship details form to change your sponsor.

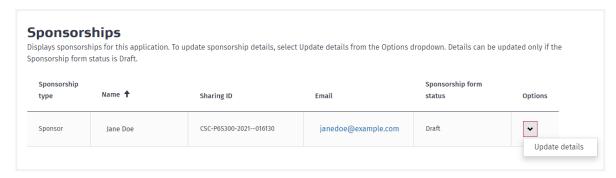
Note: You can update sponsorship details only if your sponsor or supporting partner has not yet submitted their online sponsorship form. In this case, the **Sponsorship form status** displays **Draft**.

If you want to change your sponsor after they have submitted their online sponsorship form, you must complete and upload an INZ 1025 form. See Change sponsor after submission of online sponsorship form.

To update sponsorship details:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. On the My visas tab, go to the Submitted applications section.
- 3. Find the application whose sponsorship details you want to update.
- 4. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View summary**. The Application summary page displays.

- 5. Go to the **Sponsorships** section.
- 6. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **Update details**.
- 7. Complete and submit the Update sponsorship details form.



After you submit the Update sponsorship details form, we:

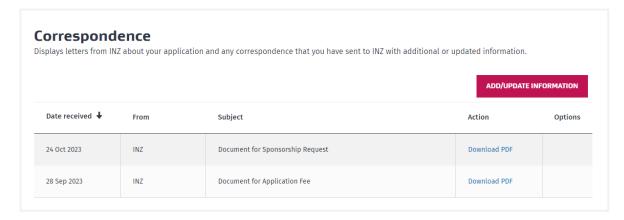
- delete the old online sponsorship form and create a new one in your sponsor's or supporting partner's Immigration Online account, and
- email your sponsor or supporting partner to notify them that their online sponsorship form is ready to be completed
- create a PDF summary of your request to update sponsorship details and upload it to the **Correspondence** section on the Application summary page.

If you need to update sponsorship details more than once for your application, wait until your first request has been processed before submitting another request.

Example

You have a sponsor and a separate supporting partner, and you want to update sponsorship details for both. In this case, update sponsorship details for either the sponsor or supporting partner. Then wait for that request to be processed. Finally, update sponsorship details for the other person.

A request has been processed when the PDF summary of the request displays in the **Correspondence** section on the Application summary page.

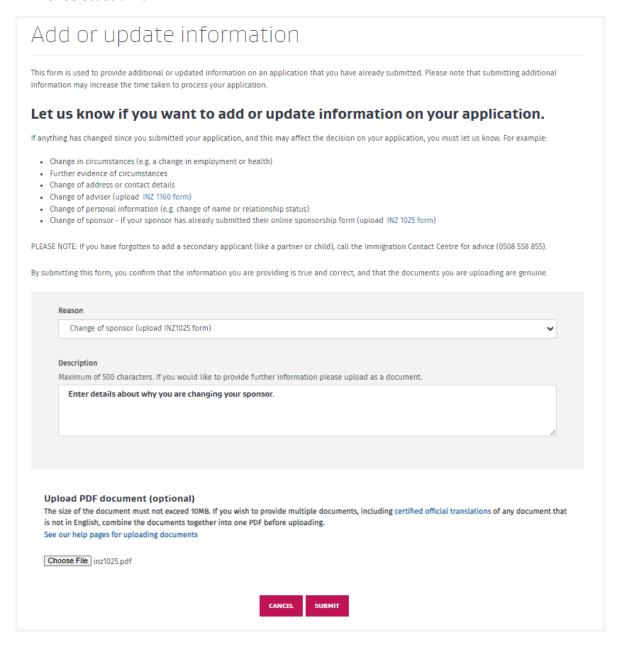


Change sponsor after submission of online sponsorship form

If you need to change your sponsor after they have submitted their sponsorship form, download and complete the <u>INZ 1025</u> form and then upload it using Immigration Online:

- 1. Log in to <u>Immigration Online</u>.
- 2. On the My visas tab, go to the Submitted applications section.

- 3. Find the application whose sponsor you want to change.
- 4. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View summary**. The Application summary page displays.
- 5. On the Application summary page, go to the **Correspondence** section.
- 6. Select Add/Update information. The Add or update information page displays.
- 7. In the Reason drop-down list, select Change of sponsor (upload INZ 1025 form).
- 8. In the **Description** field, enter details about why you are changing your sponsor.
- 9. Upload the INZ 1025 form as a PDF.
- 10. Select Submit.



See also section <u>4.4 Correspondence</u>.

3.5.2 Sponsor or supporting partner

If you are sponsoring or supporting someone's visa application, you must do two things before we assess the application:

- 1. Provide your full name, email address, and sharing ID to the applicant. You must do this before the applicant submits their application.
- 2. Complete an online sponsorship form. You can do this only after the applicant submits their application.

To find your sharing ID:

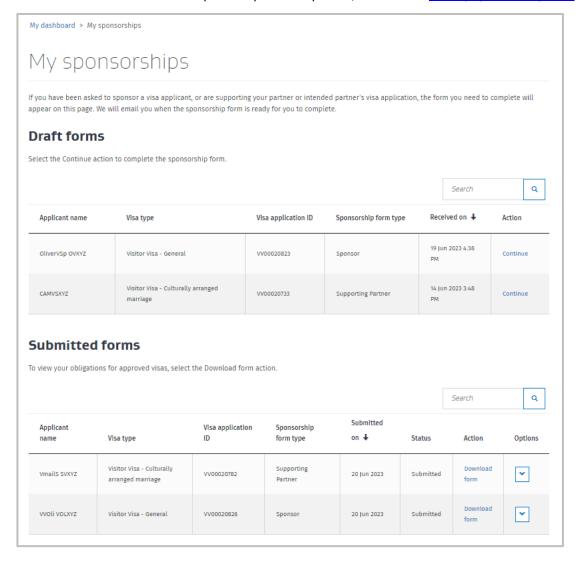
- 1. Log in to Immigration Online using a RealMe account. If you do not have a RealMe account, you must create one.
- 2. Find your sharing ID on the My dashboard tab.
- 3. Provide your sharing ID to the applicant for example, in an email.

→ Log in to Immigration Online

After the applicant submits their application, we will email you and ask you to log in to Immigration Online and complete an online sponsorship form.

We cannot assess the visa application until the sponsorship form has been submitted. To avoid delays in processing, we recommend completing and submitting the sponsorship form within five days of receiving the email notification.

For information on how to complete a sponsorship form, see section 2.4 My sponsorships tab.



3.5.3 Acting on behalf

If you are completing a sponsorship form on behalf of a sponsor or supporting partner, you will be asked on the **Supporting documents** page of the sponsorship form to upload a completed *Sponsor and Supporting Partner Declaration Form (INZ 1256)*. You must upload this form before you submit the sponsorship form.

For more information and to access the INZ 1256 form, go to the INZ website:

→ Overview of sponsorship process | Immigration New Zealand

3.5.4 Sharing ID for sponsors

Sponsors and supporting partners need a RealMe account only if they will complete the sponsorship form themselves. They do not need a RealMe account if someone else will complete the form on their behalf – for example, a licensed immigration adviser.

The sponsorship form cannot be shared. If a third party will complete the sponsorship form on behalf of the sponsor or supporting partner, the sponsor or supporting partner must provide the applicant with the email address and sharing ID of the third party.

Important note

The sharing ID entered on the **Supporting documents** page of visa application form must be the sharing ID of the person who will complete the sponsorship form. This could be the sponsor or supporting partner, or it could be someone acting on their behalf – for example, a licensed immigration adviser.

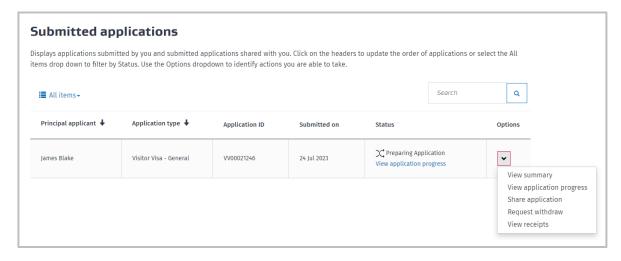
3.6 Withdrawing an application

You can withdraw a visa application after you have submitted it but before we have made a decision. If we have already approved or declined your application, you cannot withdraw it.

After you withdraw a visa application, you cannot cancel the withdrawal.

To withdraw your visa application:

- 1. Open the My visas page.
- 2. Go to the **Submitted applications** section.
- 3. Find the application you want to withdraw.
- 4. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **Request withdraw**.



After you submit a withdrawal request:

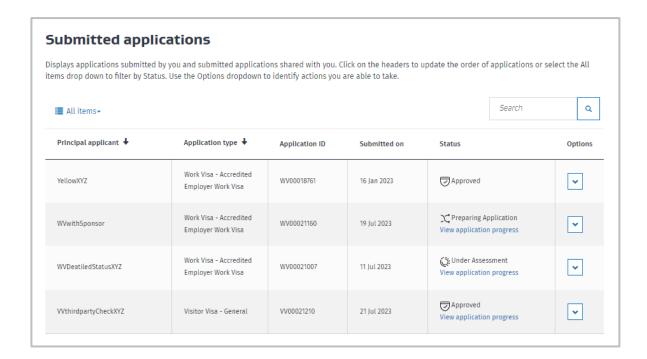
- Your application status will change to Withdrawal Requested.
- We will begin processing your withdrawal request.

After we have processed your withdrawal request:

- We will email you to confirm that your application has been withdrawn.
- Your application status will change to Withdrawn.

4 Visa assessment process

This section outlines some of the enhancements to Immigration Online when visa applications are being assessed – for example, you can follow the progress of submitted applications by checking the **Status** column in the **Submitted applications** section of the **My visas** tab.



4.1 Visa application progress

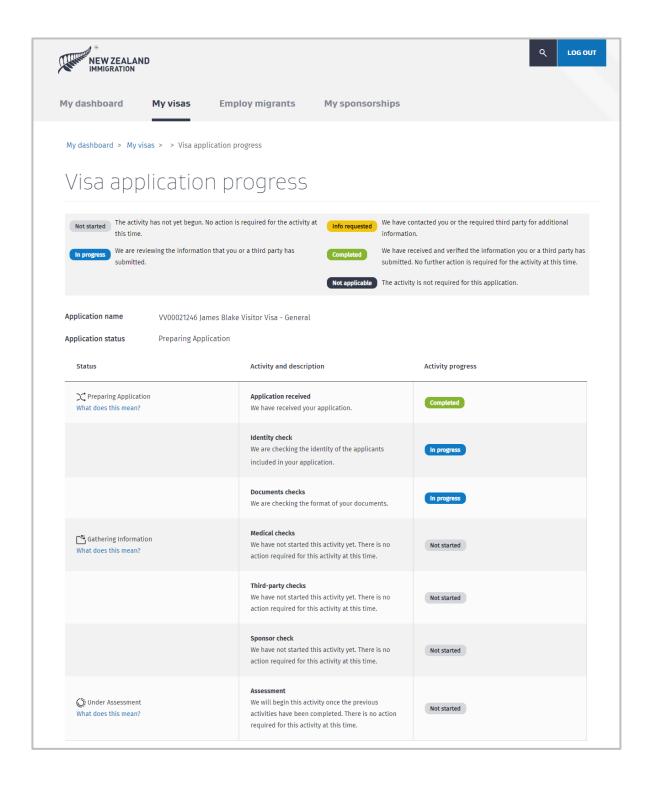
Detailed information about your visa application progress is available on the **Visa application progress** page.

Note: Detailed information about visa application progress is available only for applications that were submitted after 30 July 2023. Applications submitted before this date display a status in the **Status** column, but they do not have a Visa application progress page.

To view your visa application progress:

- 1. On the My visas tab, go to the Submitted applications section.
- 2. Find the relevant application.
- 3. In the Status column or the Options drop-down list, select View application progress.

Result: The Visa application progress page displays.



4.2 Notifications

Email notifications direct the primary contact or sponsor (which may be the same person if an LIA or immigration lawyer is acting for both) to letters from INZ requesting further information, correspondence about an application and details of decisions on applications. Some requests will continue to be sent directly to the primary applicant from the frontline staff in exceptional circumstances – for example, when an applicant has uploaded an incorrect or invalid police certificate.

4.2.1 Primary contact

The primary contact email address is identified when completing applicant details in the online identity details form. If not already entered, the email address can be changed when the person completing on behalf selects 'Yes' to being the primary contact.

To update primary contact details, select **Edit primary contact** at the top of the **Application summary** page.

4.3 Requests from INZ

INZ may require further information for a submitted application or wish for the applicant to address identified information or concerns that may be 'potentially prejudicial' to the outcome of their application. Requests for more information are displayed in the **Requests from INZ** section of the relevant summary page.

If the request for more information relates to a visa application, it is displayed on the **Application summary** page.

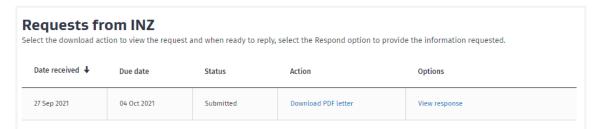
If the request for more information relates to a variation of conditions application, it is displayed on the **Variation of conditions application summary** page. See section <u>5.2 Apply for variation of conditions</u>.

If the request for more information is sent to a sponsor or supporting partner, it is displayed on the **Sponsorship request summary** page.

These requests take the form of either a request for further information (RFI) letter or a potentially prejudicial information (PPI) letter, which details the concern(s) INZ has identified in the application.

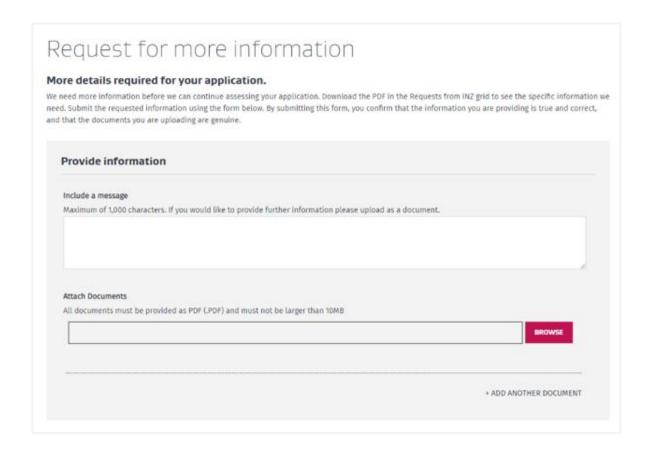
Select the action **Download PDF letter** to review what is required. Options include **Respond** to provide information and **View response** to see what you have submitted. INZ is notified when you submit a response.

Multiple INZ staff may work on processing activities for an application. However, where further information is required, the system ensures that only one case officer is assigned to progress the application.



4.3.1 Request for further information letters

RFI letters are sent to applicants when more information or clarification is needed in response to an answer in their application form. Applicants are invited to provide information or an explanation to assist assessment of their application. You can add a message and one or more documents when responding to the request.



4.3.2 Potentially prejudicial information letters

Applicants outside New Zealand are sent a PPI letter when INZ has factual information or material that:

- was not obtained from the applicant or their authorised representative or agent
- is not publicly available, or that the applicant is not necessarily aware of
- will or may adversely affect the outcome of an application
- the applicant has not previously had an opportunity to comment on.

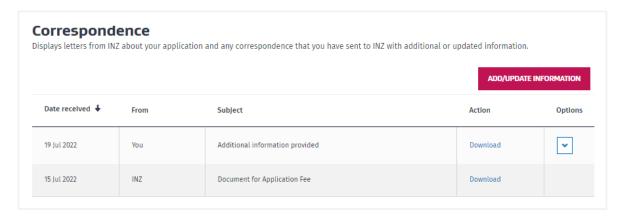
For applicants in New Zealand, PPI is factual information or material that will or may adversely affect the outcome of an application. As for RFI letters, you can add a message and one or more documents when responding to a PPI letter.

You are given the opportunity, within a set timeframe, to comment before a decision is made based on any PPI.

4.4 Correspondence

The **Correspondence** section on the **Application summary** page shows details of letters from INZ about the application, and any correspondence you send to INZ with additional or updated information.

If the correspondence relates to a variation of conditions application, it is displayed on the **Variation of conditions application summary** page. See section <u>5.2 Apply for variation of conditions</u>.



If you need to advise details of a change in your circumstances and provide additional documents after you've submitted an application, you can do this in the **Correspondence** section by selecting **Add/Update information**.

The **Add or update information** page displays. Select from the following options in the **Reason** drop-down list:

- Change of circumstances (e.g. change in employment or health)
- Further evidence of circumstances
- Change of address or contact details
- Change of adviser (upload INZ 1160 form)
- Change of personal information (e.g. change of name or relationship status)
- Change of sponsor (upload INZ 1025 form).

Note:

- Submitting additional information may increase the time taken to process your application.
- Do not use this form to ask questions or request an update on the status of your application.
- To update details of the primary contact, select Edit primary contact at the top of the Application summary page.

Add or update information

This form is used to provide additional or updated information on an application that you have already submitted. Please note that submitting additional information may increase the time taken to process your application.

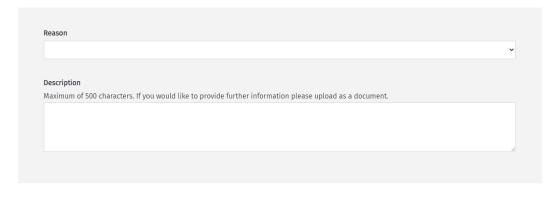
Let us know if you want to add or update information on your application.

If anything has changed since you submitted your application, and this may affect the decision on your application, you must let us know. For example:

- Change in circumstances (e.g. a change in employment or health)
- Further evidence of circumstances
- Change of address or contact details
- Change of adviser (upload INZ 1160 form)
- Change of personal information (e.g. change of name or relationship status)
- Change of sponsor if your sponsor has already submitted their online sponsorship form (upload INZ 1025 form)

PLEASE NOTE: If you have forgotten to add a secondary applicant (like a partner or child), call the Immigration Contact Centre for advice (0508 558 855).

By submitting this form, you confirm that the information you are providing is true and correct, and that the documents you are uploading are genuine.



Upload PDF document (optional)

The size of the document must not exceed 10MB. If you wish to provide multiple documents, including certified official translations of any document that is not in English, combine the documents together into one PDF before uploading.

See our help pages for uploading documents

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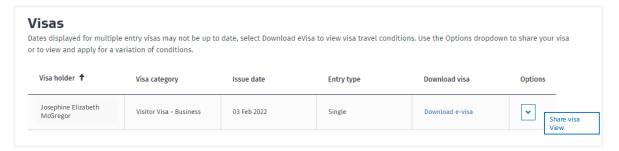
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4.5 Decisions

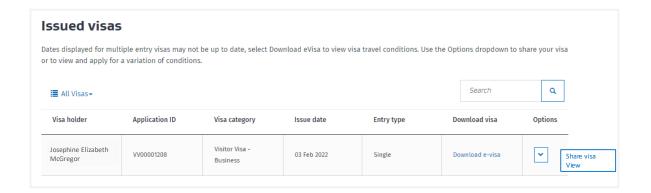
The decision on an application displays under **Status** on the **Application summary** page for the submitted application.

4.5.1 Application approved

When an application is approved, the primary contact receives an email notification. The status changes to 'Approved' on the **Application summary** page and details display in the **Visas** section on the page. Select **Download e-visa** in the **Download visa** column to view a letter with the visa details.



You can also view a letter with the visa details in the **Issued visas** section on the **My visas** tab – select **Download e-visa** in the **Download visa** column.



4.5.2 Application declined

If an application is declined, an email notification is sent to the primary contact advising them to view the letter from INZ in their Immigration Online dashboard. Letters outlining the reasons for the decision are in the **Correspondence** section on the **Application summary** page.

If the applicant is in New Zealand, they can apply for a reconsideration of a declined application within 14 calendar days of the decision. See section <u>5.3 Request for reconsideration of decline decision</u>.

5 After the decision

This section explains how to view details of issued visas, and how to apply electronically for a variation of conditions or submit a request for reconsideration of a decision. It also outlines a process for updating details for issued visas.

5.1 View visa details

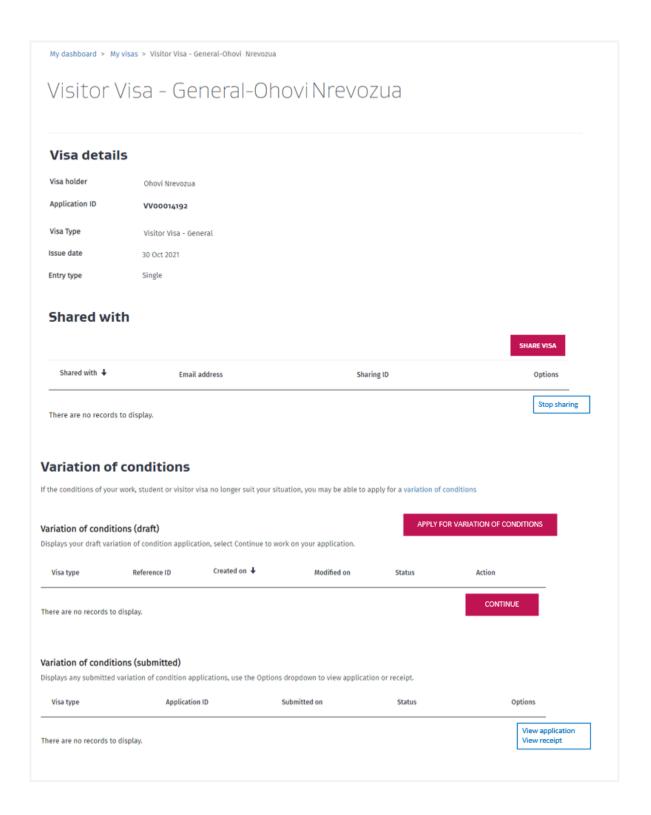
After a visa application is approved and the visa is issued, you can access the details from:

- My visas page. Select the View option for the relevant visa in the Issued visas section, or
- Application summary page. Select the View option for the relevant visa in the Visa section.

Result: The Visa details page displays.

You can apply for a variation of conditions online from the **Variation of conditions** section in this page.

Note: The Variation of conditions function is not currently available for AEWV holders.

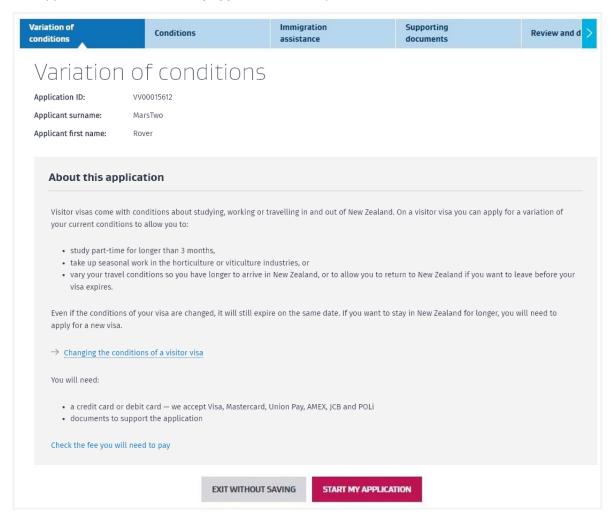


5.2 Apply for variation of conditions

Note: The **Variation of conditions** function is not currently available for AEWV holders.

Select **Apply for variation of conditions** from the **Variation of conditions** section on the **Visa details** page.

The **Variation of conditions** page displays, with information like the 'Before you start' section for visa applications. Select **Start my application** to complete the form.



When you have submitted and paid for your variation of conditions application, you can select the **View application** option from the **Variation of conditions (submitted)** section of the **Visa details** page. The **Variation of conditions summary** page displays.

My dashboard > My visa > Visitor visa - General - Dennis Early > VOC summary page

Visa category - Visa holder name - Variation of conditions

Download application

→ View receipts

→ Edit primary contact

See processing times

Variation of conditions summary

Visa holder Dennis Early
Application ID VC00001234

Visa type Visitor - General
Contact person lawyer@firm.co.nz
Status Under assessment

Requests from INZ

Includes formal requests from INZ. For all other information requests, refer Correspondence grid. Select the Download PDF letter action to view the request. When you are ready to reply, select the Respond option to provide the information requested.

Date received ♣ Due date Status Action Options

There are no records to display.

Correspondence

Displays letters from INZ about your application and any correspondence that you have sent to INZ with additional or updated information.

Date received † From Subject Action Options

10 Mar 2022 INZ Document for Application Fee Download

Supporting documents

 Document type
 Document name ◆
 Action

 Vary travel conditions evidence
 Test file D.pdf
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SHARE APPLICATION

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5.3 Request for reconsideration of decline decision

This option is only available for declined applications for 14 calendar days after the decline decision has been notified, and if the applicant is in New Zealand.

- Go to the Submitted applications section on the My visas page. Select View from the
 Options drop-down list of a declined application.
- Select the Request reconsideration top-of-page action in the Application summary page.
 The Reconsideration page displays, with information like the 'Before you start' section for visa applications.
- Select Start my application to complete the form.

Requests for reconsideration are reviewed by a different immigration officer from the one who has made the decline decision. Applicants are notified by email that a letter is available for their review, which will outline the reconsideration decision.

5.4 Update visa details

If a visa holder changes their name or is issued a new passport, they need to complete the 'transfer of visa' application form. Go to the INZ website:

→ Transferring my visa to a new passport | Immigration New Zealand

Completed forms are sent to the National Documentation Office, where staff enter updates to the client's visa in enhanced Immigration Online and notify the client or person acting on behalf if they are the primary contact that this has been done.

6 Accredited Employer Work Visa

The Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) is an employer-led application system that is fully implemented in the enhanced Immigration Online system. AEWV has three gateways, or steps - employer accreditation, job check and work visa application. Information about making applications in the system specific to the three AEWV steps, and the sharing function for employers and organisations, is outlined in the headings below.

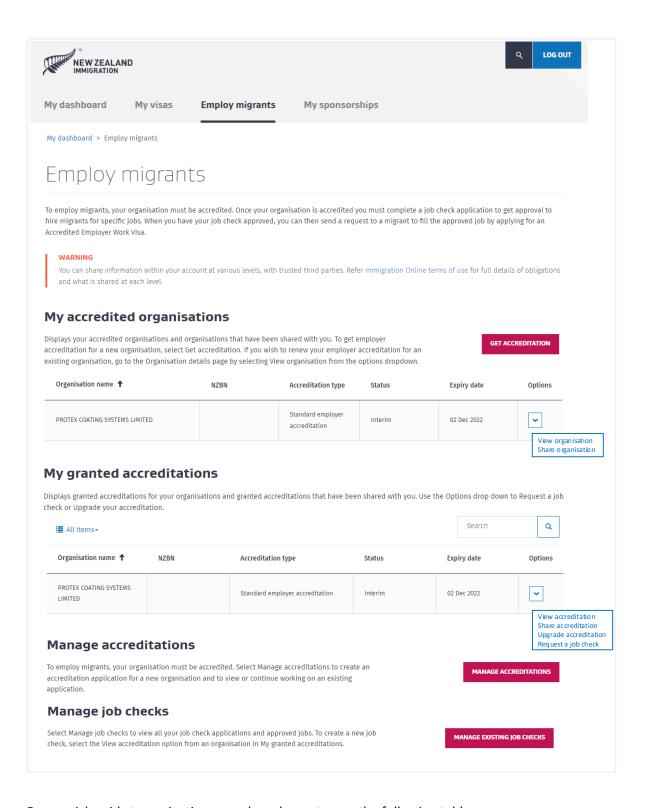
For more information about the overall process, go to the INZ website:

→ <u>Accreditation for the AEWV</u>

Once an employer or organisation has logged in to their Immigration Online dashboard, they can select the **Employ migrants** tab, or the **Employ migrants** button. The **Employ migrants** page displays, showing information about their organisations and granted accreditations.

Employers can apply for accreditation by selecting the **Get accreditation** button in **My accredited organisations**, and for job checks by selecting the **Request a job check** drop-down option in **My granted accreditations**.

Selecting the **Manage accreditations** button or **Manage existing job checks** button gives a view of all accreditation and job check applications the user has access to.



For a quick guide to navigating some key elements, use the following table.

I want to	Employ migrants page
apply for accreditation for a new organisation	select Get accreditation button
complete a draft accreditation application	select Manage accreditations, thenselect Continue

I want to	Employ migrants page
upgrade accreditation from standard to high volume	 select Upgrade accreditation from the drop-down options in My granted accreditations section, then select Upgrade accreditation top-of-page link complete Upgrade accreditation online form
change accreditation type	 select My accredited organisations, then select View organisation option, then select Renew accreditation When you renew your accreditation, you can apply for a different accreditation type.
renew accreditation	 select My accredited organisations, then select View organisation option, then select Renew accreditation
request (apply for) a job check	select Request a job check from the drop- down options in My granted accreditations section
complete a draft job check application	 select Manage existing job checks, then select Continue
view approved jobs	 select My granted accreditations, then select View accreditation option OR select View organisation from My accredited organisations OR select Manage existing job checks, then select the relevant job check application
	Records display in Approved jobs section.
send a request to a migrant worker to apply for an AEWV using a new job token	 go to the Approved jobs section, then select the relevant approved job, then in the Options drop-down list, select Send request
send a request to an employee to apply for a further AEWV reusing a job token	 go to the Migrant workers with visas section, then select the relevant employee, then in the Options drop-down list, select Send request
view hired migrants and their visas	 select My granted accreditations, then select View accreditation option OR

I want to	Employ migrants page
	 select View organisation from My accredited organisations OR select Manage existing job checks, then select the relevant job check application Records display in Migrant workers with visas section.

6.1 Sharing accredited employer details

Employers can share information about their organisation, accreditations, job checks and migrant workers within their Immigration Online account at various levels.

Within your own organisation, you can create a network of staff working on employer accreditation or job check applications and share those applications (and associated documents) to the network. For more information about networks, see section 2.3 Networks.

You may wish to share details with a third party acting on your behalf, for example an LIA, immigration lawyer or recruitment company.

You are required to act in accordance with the Immigration Online terms of use for sharing:

→ Immigration Online's terms of use | Immigration New Zealand

You need to clearly understand what the sharing function allows others to do at each level. Make sure you read the information in the dialogue box that displays when you select the **Share** option.

The following table describes each level.

Sharing level	Description
Organisation	An organisation is the highest level of sharing. It enables access to all documents associated to that organisation and the following functions: organisation (view and renew or upgrade accreditation) accreditation applications (create, view and edit) accreditation certificates (view) job check applications (create, view and edit) approved jobs (view) approved migrant workers (view and request).
Employer accreditation application	Sharing at this level enables the following functions and access to all associated documents:

Employer accreditation certificate (when accreditation has been granted)	Sharing at this level enables the following functions and access to all associated documents: • job check applications (create, edit and view) • approved jobs (view) • approved migrant workers (view and request).
Job check application (individual)	Sharing at this level enables the following functions and access to all associated documents: • job check application (view and edit) • approved jobs (view) • approved migrant workers (view and request). Job check applications are not to be shared with a prospective worker.

Select **Share** (either from the **Options** drop-down list or a button) for the relevant item you want to share. Enter the sharing ID of the person or network you want to share with. See section <u>2.1</u> <u>Sharing.</u>

6.1.1 Viewing and managing access

You can see what items have been shared with whom at different levels through the **Access** section on relevant pages. Note that you will only have access at the level you are shared with.

To remove access to draft accreditation and job check applications, select **Manage access** from the **Options** drop-down list.

To remove access to submitted applications and associated documents, select **Remove** from the **Options** drop-down list in the relevant **Access** section.

6.2 Apply for employer accreditation (employers)

For information and checklists to help you apply for accreditation, visit the INZ website:

- → The accreditation process | Immigration New Zealand
- → How to apply for AEWV employer accreditation | Immigration New Zealand
- → How we define franchisees and controlling third parties | Immigration New Zealand

To start an employer accreditation application:

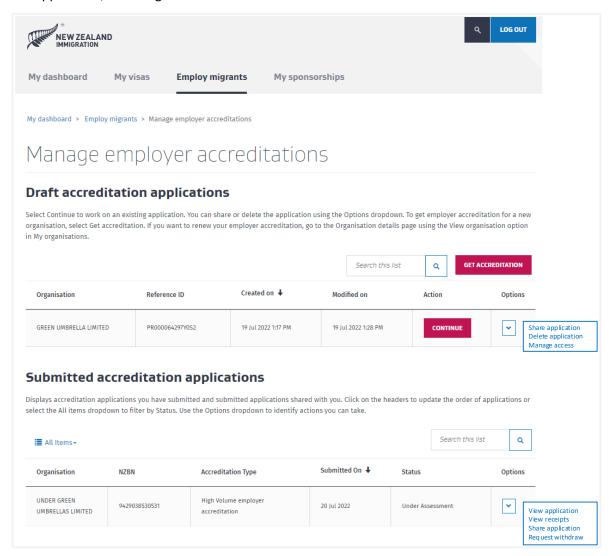
- On the **Employ migrants** page, go to the **My accredited organisations** section.
- Select Get accreditation.
- Complete and submit the online form and pay the employer accreditation fee.

You can view **Draft accreditation applications** and **Submitted accreditation applications** on the **Manage employer accreditations** page.

To continue working on a draft accreditation application, select **Continue**.

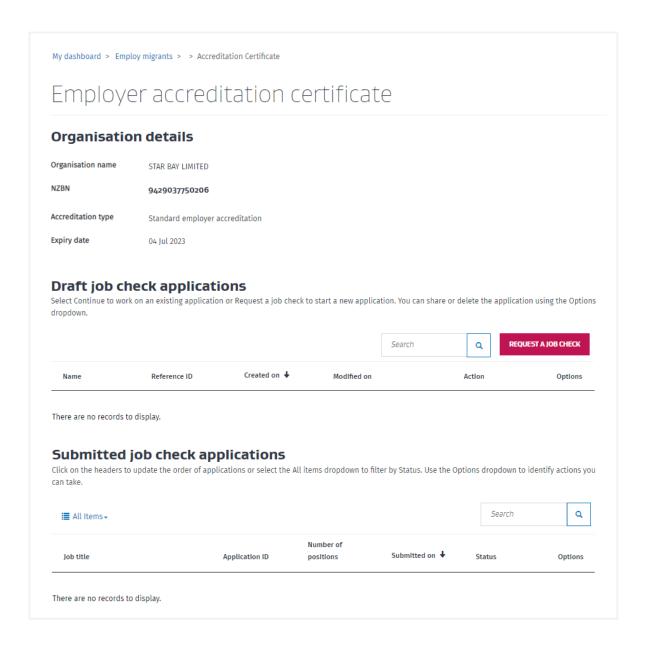
To withdraw a submitted accreditation application, select **Request withdraw** from the **Options** drop-down list.

To view a submitted accreditation application, select **View application** from the **Options** dropdown list. The **Employer accreditation application summary** page opens and displays details of the application, including the status.



When accreditation is granted, the **Employer accreditation certificate** is available to view in the **My granted accreditations** section on the **Employ migrants** page.

From here, accredited employers can select **Request a job check**, which starts a new application for the next step in the AEWV process. See section <u>6.3 Request a job check (employers)</u> below.



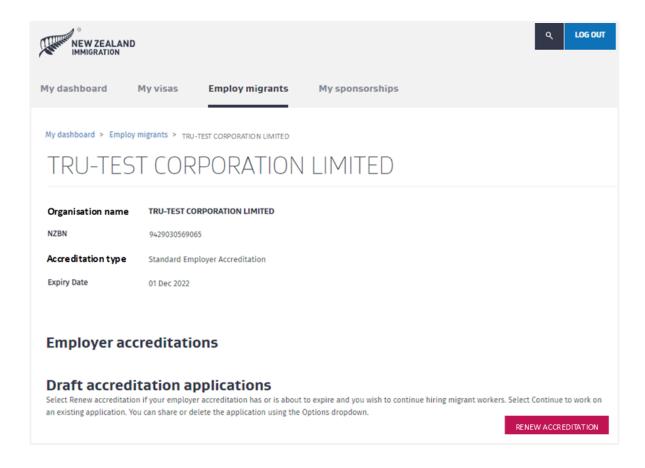
Important note: As stated in the application declaration, if there is any change to key people or the business structure of your organisation after you have submitted your accreditation application, you must advise INZ within 10 working days. Contact ICC as necessary.

6.2.1 Renew employer accreditation

To renew your accreditation, go to **My accredited organisations** on the **Employ migrants** page. Select **View organisation** from the **Options** drop-down list for the relevant organisation. The **Organisation details** page displays. Select **Renew accreditation**, then complete and submit the online form and pay the fee.

You can renew your accreditation at any time.

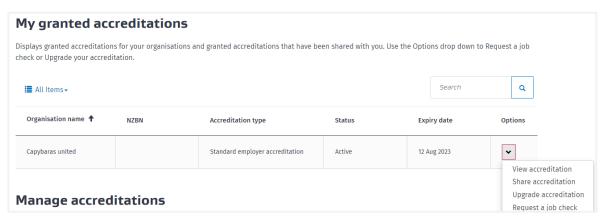
Important note: When we approve your renewal application, your application status will change to **Draft** for around 10 minutes while Immigration Online processes the approval. During this time, you will be unable to create job checks and send job requests to migrant workers. Please wait 15 minutes and then refresh your browser window.



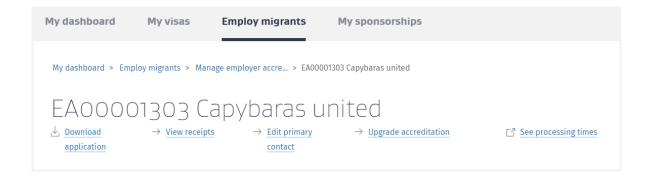
6.2.2 Upgrade accreditation from standard to high volume

To upgrade your accreditation from standard to high volume:

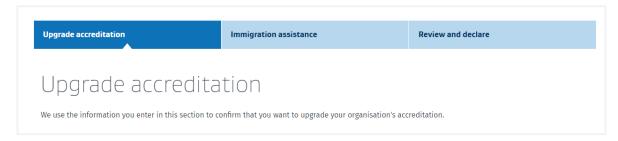
- select the relevant accreditation in the My granted accreditations section on your
 Employ migrants page
- select Upgrade accreditation from the Options drop-down list



Result: The Employer accreditation application summary page displays.



 select the Update accreditation top-of-page link. Complete and submit the Upgrade accreditation online form and pay the upgrade fee.



6.2.3 Change accreditation type

You can upgrade your accreditation from standard to high volume on the Employer accreditation application summary page. See section <u>6.2.2 Upgrade employer accreditation from standard to high volume</u>.

For all other changes to accreditation type – for example, to change your accreditation from standard to franchisee – you must renew your accreditation and pay the full accreditation fee.

When you renew your accreditation, you can choose the right accreditation type for your organisation. You can renew your accreditation at any time.

For information on how to renew your accreditation, see section <u>6.2.1 Renew employer</u> <u>accreditation</u>.

6.2.4 Request reconsideration of a decline decision (Employer Accreditation)

If your accreditation application is declined, you can request reconsideration of the decline decision within 14 calendar days of receiving the decision. Your organisation is deemed to have received the decision three working days after the notification about the decision was emailed to your organisation's contact person.

To request reconsideration of a decline decision for your employer accreditation application:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. Go to the **Employ migrants** tab.
- 3. In the Manage accreditations section, select Manage accreditations.
- 4. Check the Submitted accreditation applications section to find your declined application.
- 5. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View application**. The Employer accreditation application summary page opens.
- 6. At the top of the page, select **Request reconsideration**.

7. Complete and submit the online form and pay the fee.

Note: If the 14-day reconsideration period has ended, you will not see the **Request reconsideration** top-of-page action displayed on the Employer accreditation summary page.

Requests for reconsideration are reviewed by a different immigration officer from the one who made the decline decision. When your reconsideration request has been decided, you will be notified by email that a decision letter is available for review in your Immigration Online account.

6.3 Request a job check (employers)

You need to meet certain requirements before you apply for a job check, including advertising the role in some circumstances.

For information and a checklist to guide you through the job check application process, visit the INZ website:

→ Job check: check what you need and apply

To start a job check application:

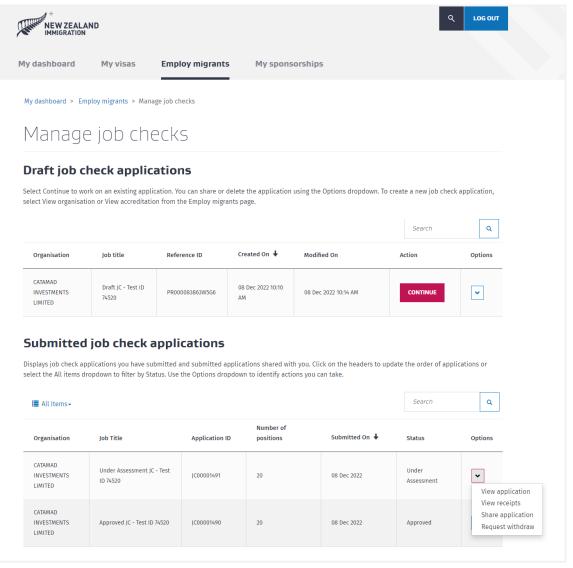
- On the Employ migrants page, go to the My granted accreditations section.
- In the **Options** drop-down list, select **Request a job check**.
- Complete and submit the online form and pay the job check fee.

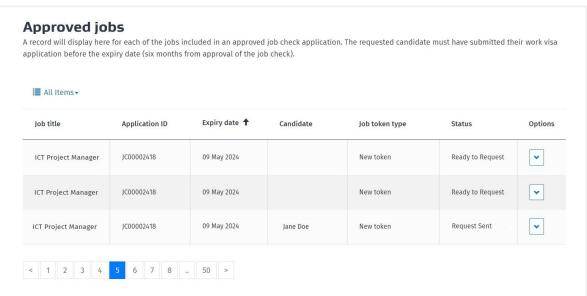
You can view **Draft job check applications** and **Submitted job check applications** on the **Manage job checks** page.

To continue working on a draft job check application, select **Continue**.

To withdraw a submitted job check application, select **Request withdraw** from the **Options** drop-down list.

To view a submitted job check application, select **View application** from the **Options** drop-down list. The **Job check application summary** page opens and displays details of the application, including the status, accreditation type, and supporting documents. The **Approved jobs** section records all jobs included in an approved job check application.





6.4 Request a migrant worker to apply for an AEWV (employers)

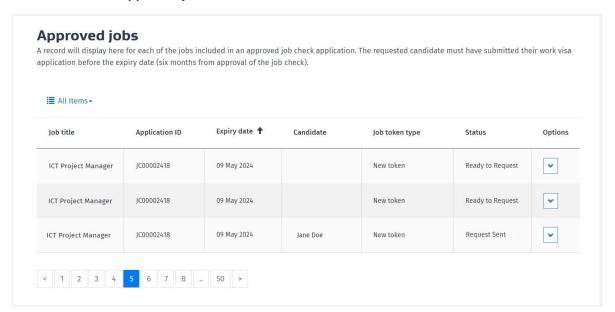
After your job check has been approved, you will receive a job token for each position included in the job check application.

Job tokens display in the **Approved jobs** section on the following pages:

- The Employer accreditation certificate page
- The Job check application summary page

To view job tokens:

- 1. Log in to <u>Immigration Online</u>.
- 2. Open the Employer accreditation certificate page:
 - a. On the **Employ migrants** tab, go to the **My granted accreditations** section.
 - b. Find the accreditation that you want to open.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View accreditation**. The Employer accreditation certificate page displays.
- 3. Go to the **Approved jobs** section.



Job tokens that can be used to send a request have a **Status** of **Ready to request**.

You can use each of these job tokens to send a request for a migrant worker to apply for an AEWV. See 6.4.1 Send a request using a new job token.

6.4.1 Send a request using a new job token

Job tokens display in the **Approved jobs** section on the following pages:

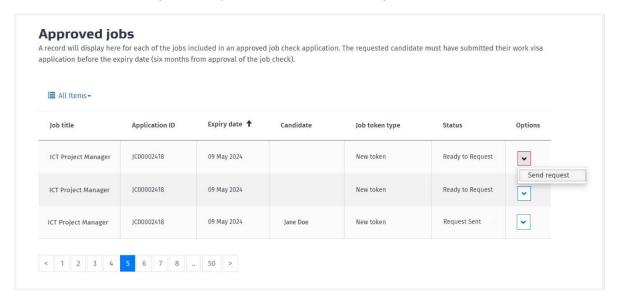
- The Employer accreditation certificate page
- The Job check application summary page

Job tokens that can be used to send a request have a **Status** of **Ready to request**.

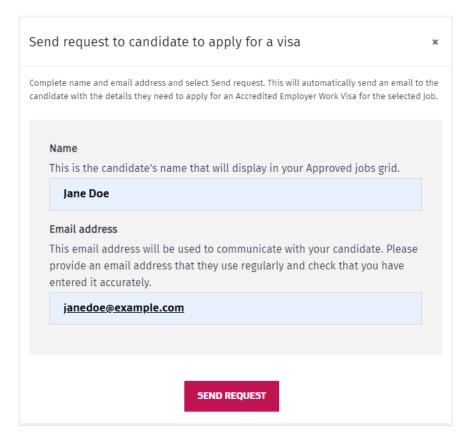
You can use each of these job tokens to send a request for a migrant worker to apply for an AEWV.

To send a request:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. Open the Employer accreditation certificate page:
 - a. On the **Employ migrants** tab, go to the **My granted accreditations** section.
 - b. Find the accreditation that you want to open.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View accreditation**. The Employer accreditation certificate page displays.
- 3. Send the request:
 - a. On the Employer accreditation certificate page, go to the Approved jobs section.
 - b. Find the job token that you want to use to send the request.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **Send request**.



After you select **Send request**, the **Send request to candidate to apply for a visa** pop-up window displays. Enter the name and email address of the migrant worker, and then select **Send request**.



After you send the request:

- We send an email to the migrant worker, telling them that you have sent them a request to apply for a further AEWV. This email contains a unique link, also known as a job token.
 The migrant worker can use this link to log in to Immigration Online, accept the request, and apply for an AEWV.
- The **Status** of the job token you used changes to **Request sent**.

To resend the request, see section <u>6.4.3 Resend a request</u>.

To withdraw the request, see section <u>6.4.4 Withdraw a request</u>.

6.4.2 Send a request reusing a job token

As an employer, you can support your employees to apply for their visa length balance by reusing an existing job token if the employee meets specific eligibility requirements.

For more information, go to the INZ website:

→ Reusing job token

Requests that reuse a job token are sent from the **Migrant workers with visas** section on the following pages:

- The Employer accreditation certificate page
- The Job check application summary page

You can send a request reusing a job token only if:

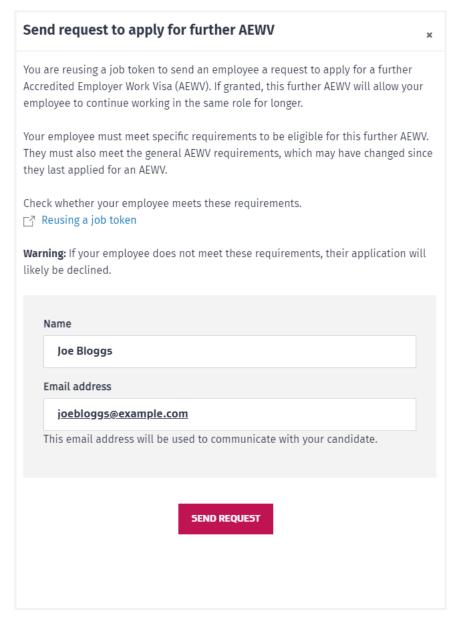
- you hold an active employer accreditation, and
- your employee currently holds an AEWV.

To send a request reusing a job token:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. Open the Employer accreditation certificate page:
 - a. On the **Employ migrants** tab, go to the **My granted accreditations** section.
 - b. Find the accreditation that you want to open.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View accreditation**. The Employer accreditation certificate page displays.
- 3. Send the request:
 - a. On the Employer accreditation certificate page, go to the **Migrant workers with visas** section.
 - b. Find the employee that you want to send the request to.
 - c. In the Options drop-down list, select Send request.

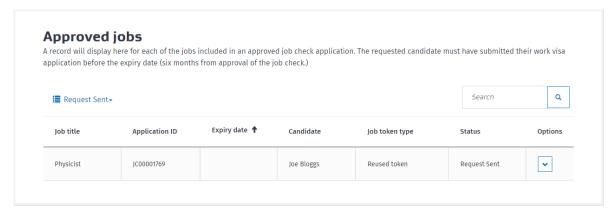


After you select **Send request**, the **Send request to apply for further AEWV** pop-up window displays. Enter the name and email address of the employee, and then select **Send request**.



After you send the request:

- We send an email to your employee, telling them that you have sent them a request to apply for a further AEWV. This email contains a unique link, also known as a job token.
 The employee can use this link to log in to Immigration Online, accept the request, and apply for the further AEWV.
- The **Options** drop-down list for that employee no longer displays in the **Migrant workers** with visas section.
- The reused job token is added to the Approved jobs section with a Job token type of Reused token and a Status of Request sent.



To resend the request, see section <u>6.4.3 Resend a request</u>.

To withdraw the request, see section 6.4.4 Withdraw a request.

If you withdraw the request, the **Options** drop-down list will once again display for that employee in the **Migrant workers with visas** section. You can then send the request again.

6.4.3 Resend a request

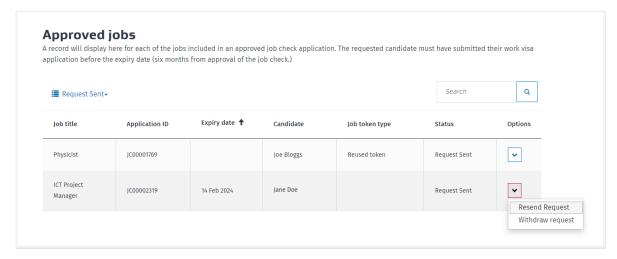
If you want another email notification to be sent to a migrant worker that you have previously sent a request to, you can resend the request.

Requests are resent from the **Approved jobs** section on the following pages:

- The Employer accreditation certificate page
- The Job check application summary page

To resend a request:

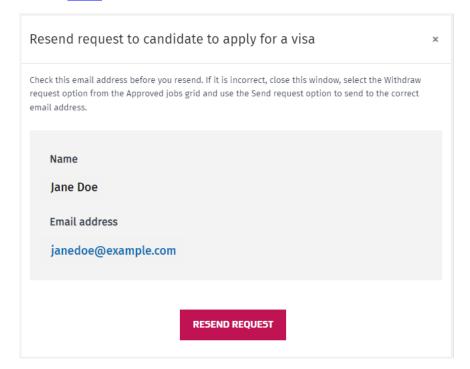
- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. Open the Employer accreditation certificate page:
 - a. On the **Employ migrants** tab, go to the **My granted accreditations** section.
 - b. Find the accreditation that you want to open.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View accreditation**. The Employer accreditation certificate page displays.
- 3. Resend the request:
 - a. On the Employer accreditation certificate page, go to the **Approved jobs** section.
 - b. Find the request that you want to resend.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **Resend request**.



After you select **Resend request**, the **Resend request to candidate to apply for a visa** pop-up window displays.

Before you resend the request, check the email address of the candidate.

- If the email address is correct, select **Resend request**.
- If the email address is incorrect, close the pop-up window. Then withdraw the request and send it again. See <u>6.4.4 Withdraw a request</u> and <u>6.4.1 Send a request using a new job token</u>.



6.4.4 Withdraw a request

In some situations, you may want to withdraw a request that you have sent to a migrant worker.

Example

The email address that the request was sent to is incorrect, and you want to withdraw the request so that you can send it to the correct email address.

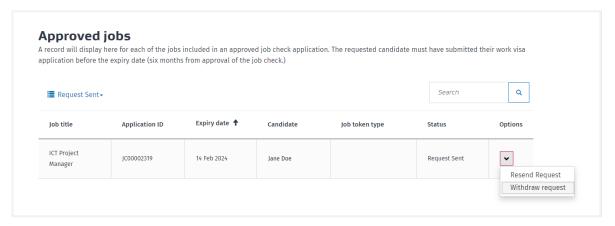
Requests are withdrawn from the **Approved jobs** grid on the following pages:

- The Employer accreditation certificate page
- The Job check application summary page

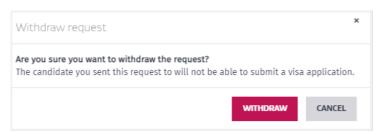
Requests can be withdrawn only if the migrant worker has not yet submitted their AEWV application.

To withdraw a request:

- 1. Log in to Immigration Online.
- 2. Open the Employer accreditation certificate page:
 - a. On the **Employ migrants** tab, go to the **My granted accreditations** section.
 - b. Find the accreditation that you want to open.
 - c. In the **Options** drop-down list, select **View accreditation**. The Employer accreditation certificate page displays.
- 3. Withdraw the request:
 - a. On the Employer accreditation certificate page, go to the **Approved jobs** section.
 - b. Find the request that you want to withdraw.
 - c. In the Options drop-down list, select Withdraw request.



After you select **Withdraw request**, the **Withdraw request** pop-up window displays. To confirm the withdrawal, select **Withdraw**.



After you withdraw the request:

- If you withdrew a request that was sent with a new job token:
 - The migrant worker will no longer be able to submit their AEWV application.
 - o That job token will become available for you to send again.
 - The **Status** of the job token will change to **Ready to request**.
- If you withdrew a request that was sent with a reused job token:
 - The migrant worker will no longer be able to submit their further AEWV application.
 - That job token will be removed from the **Approved jobs** section.
 - o That job token will become available for reuse.

The Options drop-down list will display in the Migrant workers with visas section for the employee whose visa is linked to that job token. You can now reuse the job token to send a request to that employee. See <u>6.4.2 Send a request reusing a</u> <u>job token</u>.

6.5 Apply for an AEWV (migrant workers)

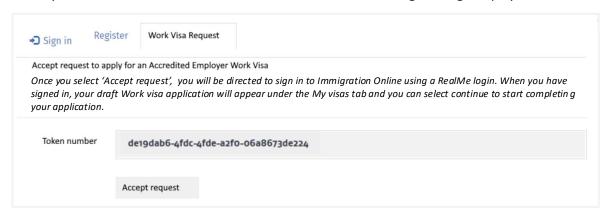
You must have received an offer of employment and a request from an employer to apply for an AEWV. For more information about the visa, go to the INZ website:

→ <u>Accredited Employer Work Visa</u>

More information is available in a checklist to guide you through the application process:

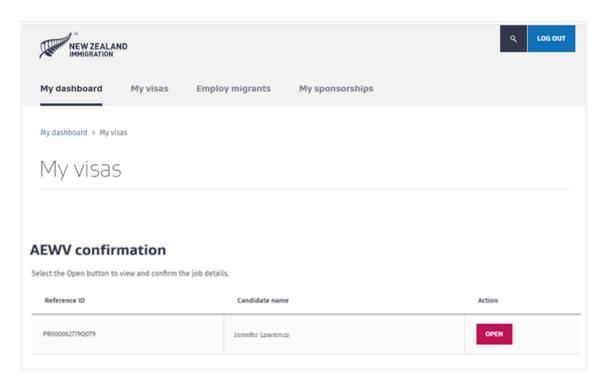
→ Applying for a visa: checklist for migrant workers

When you receive an email from INZ, click on the link. The following message displays.



After you have selected **Accept request** and logged in to Immigration Online you will see the job details under the **AEWV confirmation** section in your **My visas** page.

Select **Open** to start your application for an AEWV. The **Before you start** page displays, from where you can start your application. The online visa application will include some pre-populated information from details the employer has provided about the job. Otherwise, the process is largely as outlined in earlier sections of this user guide.



AEWV applicants and visa holders can share their information outside of their employer, as outlined in section <u>2.1 Sharing</u>.

Note: The Variation of conditions function is not currently available for AEWV holders.