

Student Visa

We strongly recommend that where possible, you use an Agent to help get your first student visa. A list of some of our contracted Agents is available at:

<https://www.internationalstudents.school.nz/agents>

Or contact us for information on our current agents near you.

Existing students:

For existing students in New Zealand visa renewing can be done on-line or we can do it for you.

New students:

The usual procedure for obtaining a student visa outside of New Zealand is:

1. Apply to the school using the forms from www.internationalstudents.school.nz/how-to-apply
Make sure you complete all sections and that you and your parent(s) sign it, and you supply all needed documents.
2. If your application fulfils our criteria, we will accept you and reserve a place.
3. We will email your agent or family an 'International Student Offer of Place' and an 'invoice'.
4. The 'Offer of Place' can be sent along with a student visa application form to Immigration New Zealand for 'approval in principle' (AIP).
5. One AIP is granted, your family pay the required fees to the school and forward the 'fee receipt' we give you to Immigration NZ.
6. Immigration NZ issues a student Visa.

Note 1:

To speed up the visa application process you can skip the AIP process by paying the fees when you get the invoice and providing the 'fee receipt' to Immigration NZ with your student visa application form. You can check with Immigration NZ if your country has a high approval rate with little chance of the visa being declined.

Note 2:

For study 3 months or less you may come on a visitor visa rather than a study visa.

