

Immigration ONLINE – eVisas

Information for employers

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Employers may be noticing that many non-New Zealand job applicants no longer have Work visa labels attached to their passports.

That's because Immigration New Zealand has extended its use of eVisas (passport-free applications and label-less visas) to a wider range of Work visa applicants.

From 7 December 2015, most Work visa applicants who apply online while in New Zealand, and Work visa applicants from the 59 visa-waiver countries, visit <http://glossary.immigration.govt.nz/visafreecountries.htm>

who apply from outside New Zealand will no longer be issued with a visa label.

Employers should use INZ's VisaView service, visit <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/employers/resources/visaview/default.htm> to confirm online the visa details of a non-New Zealand citizen.

We encourage employers to use VisaView to make sure that a non-New Zealander can work for them.

Assisting an applicant

Employers can submit applications online for their staff who are renewing a Work visa, or for job applicants who need a Work visa.

Employers can give applicants clerical help to fill out an online form, and they can upload the completed form - but, by law, employers cannot provide immigration advice. See overleaf for more information on this, including examples of what constitutes immigration advice.

To use this service, you should visit the Immigration New Zealand website online application page at <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/secure/default.htm>. After selecting a visa type, you will be prompted to create your own New Zealand Government RealMe login.

After logging in, you can start the form and work through the questions. When asked for your status in relation to the application, you should choose the "assisting" option, not "applying on behalf".

Your Immigration ONLINE account shows a summary list of applications and PDF versions of application forms and supporting documents that you submit to Immigration ONLINE on behalf of others.

Work, Visitor and Student visa applicants can apply online directly themselves.

