

KEY IMMIGRATION DATES

1 December 2021

BROWSE THROUGH OUR
Phase one 2021 Resident Visa (2021RV) applications open and 2021 Interim Visas will start to come into effect.

13 March 2022

From 11:59pm, the other critical worker exception request will be expanded to allow border exceptions to be granted to those who will earn at least 1.5 times the median wage (NZD \$84,240 a year or NZD \$40.50 an hour) for roles longer than 6 months. Phased re-opening of individual working holiday schemes.

1 May 2022

From 11:59pm fully vaccinated visa waiver travellers and existing holders of valid visitor visas will be able to travel to New Zealand.

23 May 2022

Applications for employer accreditation under the new mandatory accreditation scheme open.

After 4 July 2022

Accredited employer work visa holders will be able to travel to NZ.

3 July 2022

Applications close for Essential Skills Work Visas.

31 July 2022

2021RV category will close to new applications.

4 March 2022

From 11:59pm, the border opens to Kiwis and other eligible travellers coming from anywhere in the world. You do not need to self-isolate when you arrive but will still need to provide a Covid-19 negative test before you board your flight to NZ.

18 March 2022

Unvaccinated New Zealand citizens can travel to NZ without having to enter an MIQ hotel or to self-isolate.

12 April 2022

From 11:59pm fully vaccinated Australians (citizens and permanent resident visa holders) will be able to travel to New Zealand without a border exception.

Fully vaccinated Australians, temporary work and student visa holders who still meet their visa requirements and 5000 international students will be able to travel to New Zealand.

20 June 2022

Applications for job checks under the new mandatory accreditation scheme open.

October 2022

The border reopens and normal visa processing resumes for all categories unless the visa is closed or paused. From October, the border exception regime will be phased out.