



# Understanding New Zealand's Investor Visa

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New Zealand's investor visa settings aim to attract experienced, high-value investors to help build globally successful New Zealand businesses. Investor migrants play an important role in directly supporting New Zealand business with access to capital, knowledge, and connections to keep expanding.

At BNZ, we work with you to create customised solutions to meet your banking and investment preferences, while being compliant with New Zealand immigration policy. We go beyond banking to offer services that help you settle in quickly in New Zealand.



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# Introducing the Active Investor Plus visa

## An overview of the Active Investor Plus visa

The Active Investor Plus visa uses a weighting system. This incentivises investor migrants to directly invest in New Zealand's high value, high growth potential investment opportunities.

At a high level, the visa requires the investor to:

- Invest a total of between NZ\$5 million and NZ\$15 million (depending on a weighting system that incentivises more 'active' investments).
- Invest across three years and maintain the investment for a further fourth year.
- Spend 117 days in New Zealand across the four-year conditional visa period.
- Have a reasonable command of English to at least Level 5 of the International English Language Testing System.

## Acceptable investment classes

Acceptable investments carry different weightings towards the NZ\$15m investment threshold (and an investor may invest across a combination of these):

- Direct investments into private businesses will receive the highest weighting (3x), e.g. an investor could meet the required investment amount by investing NZ\$5m into direct investments.
- Investments into private equity or venture capital funds will also be upweighted (2x), e.g. an investor could meet the required investment amount by investing NZ\$7.5m into private funds.
- Investments into listed equities and philanthropy will receive no additional weighting and each are capped at 50% of the NZ\$15m investment requirement, e.g. an investor could meet the required investment amount by putting NZ\$7.5m into listed equities and NZ\$7.5m into eligible philanthropic causes.

For further eligibility criteria and information on other visa options visit [www.nzte.govt.nz](http://www.nzte.govt.nz)



# BNZ's dedicated service for Active Investor Migrants

At BNZ, we work with applicants to transfer and invest nominated investment funds into eligible investments, our service includes collating and providing relevant documentation to assist with Active Investor visa compliance.

## Why choose Bank of New Zealand?

Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) is one of New Zealand's leading full-service banks and has been helping people start a new life in this country since 1861.

### BNZ Migrant Banking

**You can apply online to establish your personal bank accounts while you're overseas, via [Moving to New Zealand - BNZ](#).**

Your personal bank account can be established as a 'control' account to keep your nominated investment funds isolated, to simplify compliance with New Zealand immigration (INZ).

Note: Active Investor visa instructions require you to transfer nominated investment funds via the banking system and evidence this with INZ.

**BNZ Migrant Banking has a dedicated offering to assist Active Investor Plus applicants.**

- Open a personal bank account before arriving to New Zealand, to receive your nominated investment funds.
- A dedicated Migrant Banking specialist is assigned as your personal BNZ contact during onboarding and your transition to New Zealand.
- Via our strategic partner, JBWere provide customised investment strategies to meet acceptable investment criteria, this includes NZ Equities, Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Philanthropic Services.
- Complete our offshore Know Your Customer process to enable transfer and investment of nominated investment funds via JBWere and eligible Venture Capital and Private Equity funds prior to arriving in New Zealand.
- We work with BNZ Private Capital to source acceptable Direct Investment opportunities.
- We collate and provide relevant documents to verify nominated funds receipt and transfers, to assist with INZ compliance requirements.

Terms and fees apply. Refer to our [Migrant account terms and conditions](#). BNZ standard terms and conditions apply to all BNZ transaction and savings accounts. Details of our fees can be found in our Fees Guide at [bnz.co.nz](#)

## BNZ Growth Sectors

Bank of New Zealand's Growth Sectors is committed to growing New Zealand's prosperity by growing New Zealand businesses and their people. The Growth Sectors help sunrise industries mature sooner, get more New Zealanders into higher productivity roles, and turbo-charge SME business capability.

This is achieved through investing in partnerships to provide insights into New Zealand and the world economy to grow the networks and knowledge of our customers and bankers; and invest in the capability of business owners and their leaders to grow existing and new clients.

## BNZ Private Capital

We work with the market to match investors with businesses seeking growth capital.

We realise the opportunity that exists within a commercial bank to help match the right investors and advisors with owners taking their business through step-change growth.

Our Private Capital offering is an important component of BNZ's Growth Sectors to help New Zealand's businesses grow by connecting well-matched smart international capital with knowledge and connections that will accelerate their growth.



## BNZ Migrant Banking

- For more information, contact our New Zealand team on +64 9 956 9431 (international charges will apply) or [bnzmigrant.banking@bnz.co.nz](mailto:bnzmigrant.banking@bnz.co.nz)
- For detailed information, visit Immigration New Zealand at [immigration.govt.nz](http://immigration.govt.nz)

Arrange your bank account before you arrive in New Zealand. Apply online at [bnz.co.nz/movingtonz](http://bnz.co.nz/movingtonz)



## Powerful Partnerships

### Investor Visa Services

As a member of the National Australia Bank (NAB) group, BNZ has access to international resources and capability. NAB is one of Australia's largest banks, and has been supporting customers in Australia for over 150 years. It is one of the top 10 companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX).

## BNZ Partners

BNZ Partners offers a tailored banking service for medium to large businesses with a turnover of over \$1 million. The strength of the Partners model lies in its deep relationships and understanding of client needs. This insight enables us to match your business interests with opportunities across the partner network as they arise.

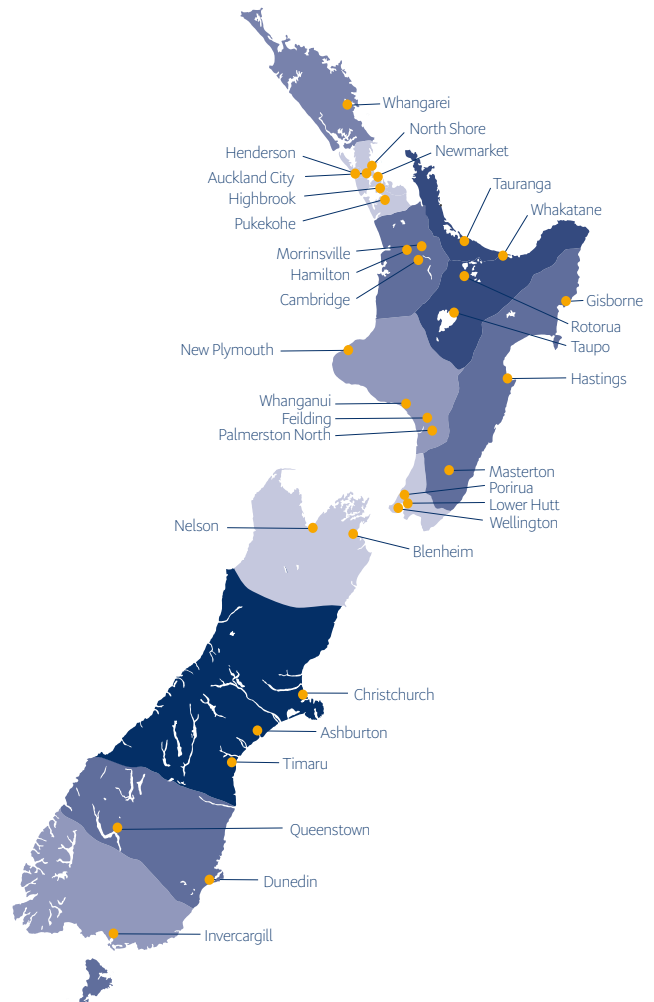
Your Private Banker will connect you with a dedicated BNZ Partner who can provide tailored banking advice on how to establish and grow your New Zealand-based business interests. Your BNZ Partner can also put you in touch with finance and industry specialists, because different industries provide unique financial challenges.

Our specialists cover key industries and sectors including:

- Health
- Professional
- Government
- Property
- Not-for-profit
- Franchising technology
- Not-for-profit

We have 33 Partners centres across New Zealand to support you:

As a BNZ Partners customer you have access to BNZ's nationwide network of Partners centres. Equipped with everything you need to conduct meetings and confidential negotiations, they're available no matter where your business interests take you.



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