

CAN I BRING MY PARTNER & CHILDREN WITH ME TO NEW ZEALAND?

YOUR VISA: STUDENT VISA	Your Course	NZQF Level	Partner Open Work Visa	Partner Visitor Visa
	PhD	10	Yes	Yes
	Masters	9	Yes	Yes
	Post Graduate Diploma	8	Mostly no, some courses, yes	Yes
	Graduate Diploma	7	Mostly no, some courses, yes	Yes
	Other Diploma	7	No	Yes
	Other Diplomas, etc.	4-6	No	Yes

YOUR VISA: WORK VISA	Visa Type	Visa Length	Partner Open Work Visa	Partner Visitor Visa
	Post Study Open	1- 3 years	Yes	Yes
	Essential Skills	1- 5 years	Yes – if higher skill level (3+ year)	Yes
Work to Residence	2.5 years	Yes	Yes	

Note:

- This is generalised information, correct at November 2018. Details may vary case-by-case
- Partner: need to prove “stable and enduring relationship;” probably 3 – 6 months living together
- Children: 0-5 preschool – visitor visa; 5- 18 ‘domestic’ student visa (Except low-skilled essential skills)
- Student children can only be supported by someone on a work visa (except PhD students)

We recommend you think about

- Moving to another country is a big step – the student needs to
 1. find satisfactory accommodation
 2. then start studying in a new environment
 3. then find a part-time job outside of study time
- Is it best for all the family to come at once, or
 1. Have the student to come first, to establish a base?
 2. Then other family apply for relevant visa when the time is right
- Visitor visa applicants must have “genuine purpose”. “What will partner do all day long if on a visitor visa?”.