

Pacific Access Category employment fact sheet

The Pacific Access Category is a visa category that allows people from the Pacific (Tonga, Fiji, Tuvalu and Kiribati) to become residents in New Zealand. The category operates through an annual ballot.

Successful ballot registrants may qualify for residency if they receive a genuine offer of employment from a New Zealand company or organisation.

The employment offer must meet the following criteria:

- It must be full-time work for at least 30 guaranteed hours per week
- The total family income must be above the threshold of \$53,515.28 (before tax) per year
- The position must be paid by salary or wages (positions of self-employment, payment by commission and/or retainer are not acceptable)
- The offer needs to be bound by an employment agreement for a term that is 12 months or longer
- The offer needs to be accompanied by evidence of professional or technical registration if this is required by law to take up the offer
- The employer must be of good standing and comply with all relevant employment and immigration laws in force in New Zealand.

More information about the Pacific Access Category is available on the Immigration New Zealand website.

Pacific Access Category - www.immigration.govt.nz/pacific-access-resident-visa

Information about the Samoan Quota Scheme can also be found on the Immigration New Zealand website.

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