

**Definition**

The New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) instigates a number of special categories during each year which are decided by ballot. These categories are the Family Quota, the Refugee Quota and the Pacific Access Category (PAC) scheme. These categories are in place to give individuals who do not meet any of the regular NZIS policy criteria an opportunity to apply for residence in New Zealand.

To be eligible for the consideration under the Ballot system, an applicant may have to meet stipulations of age, health or character, and employment requirements which differ under each specialised category. However the Ballot process utilised is the same for all categories mentioned above. Specifically, for the Family Quota and Refugee Family Quota each prospective applicant under these categories needs to have a sponsor in New Zealand who is willing to register the principal applicant for eligibility in the Ballot. For the PAC no sponsor is required, but a prospective applicant must have an offer of employment in New Zealand. A time frame is specified during the year for which registrations are accepted and a Ballot is drawn at a pre-arranged time during the year.

Each category has a pre-set limit on the number of individuals that can take up residence each year. Registration numbers are drawn at random until the Quota numbers for the year are met. The Ballot takes into account individuals, not applications, so therefore an application with more than one applicant counts each applicant towards the final Quota figure. The successful individuals that are drawn under the Ballot system are then eligible to apply for residence under the category they are registered under.



**People included on ballot registrations decided, by application criteria and decision.**

Data for period: 21 May 2002 and 4 February 2025

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	Decision																		Total	
	Approved	Ballot Successful	Ballot Unsuccessful	Ballot Unsuccessful (In Progress at Draw)	Cancelled - data entry error	Decision to Proceed	Declined - Not eligible sponsor	Declined Failed Instructions	Declined Failed Other	Failed Immigration Status	Failed Registration Requirements	Failed Requirements	Failed Time in NZ	In Ballot	Invitation to apply issued	Not a UNHCR Mandated Refugee	On Hand	Sponsor Withdrawal		Withdrawn no fee refund
Application Criteria																				
Samoan Quota Reregistration 2015	.	889	14,143	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,564	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16,596
Samoan Quota Reregistration 2016	.	972	15,712	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,382	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18,071
Samoan Quota Reregistration 2017	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Sponsor, Registration, 2005 Samoan Quota	.	1,210	19,975	66	.	.	.	.	.	57	510	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	21,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42,958</b>	<b>967,109</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>82,727</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>2,111,432</b>	



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	Application Substream				Total
	Family Quota Registration	PAC Registration	Refugee Family Quota	Samoan Quota Registration	
Nationality					
Afghanistan	38	.	6,851	1	6,890
Albania	10	.	13	.	23
Algeria	1	.	17	.	18
American Samoa	.	.	.	286	286
Argentina	7	.	.	.	7
Armenia	.	.	2	.	2
Aruba	1	.	.	.	1
Austria	.	.	2	.	2
Azerbaijan	.	.	3	.	3
Bangladesh	532	.	73	6	611
Belarus	4	.	.	.	4
Belgium	.	.	3	.	3
Bhutan	.	.	96	.	96
Bolivia	7	.	.	.	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina	.	.	6	.	6
Botswana	.	2	.	.	2
Brazil	3	.	.	1	4
Brunei Darussalam	4	.	.	.	4
Bulgaria	21	.	16	.	37
Burundi	2	.	121	.	123
Cambodia	476	.	1,373	.	1,849
Cameroon	2	.	12	.	14
Canada	51	5	3	.	59
Chile	24	.	4	.	28
China	10,715	4	1,692	7	12,418
Colombia	11	.	569	.	580
Congo	1	.	142	.	143
Costa Rica	4	.	.	.	4
Croatia	1	.	3	.	4
Cuba	.	.	3	.	3
Democratic Republic of Congo	.	.	186	.	186
Denmark	3	.	8	.	11
Djibouti	4	.	16	.	20
Ecuador	6	.	36	.	42
Egypt	117	.	15	.	132
El Salvador	.	.	13	.	13
Eritrea	28	.	776	.	804
Estonia	.	.	3	.	3
Ethiopia	235	.	5,237	.	5,472
European Commission	.	.	1	.	1
Fiji	6,488	242,115	16	43	248,662
France	3	.	26	.	29
Gabon	.	.	14	.	14
Gambia	1	.	1	.	2
Georgia	3	.	.	.	3
Germany	24	31	13	4	72
Ghana	12	.	3	.	15
Great Britain	986	7	6	23	1,022
Greece	7	.	8	.	15
Guinea	.	.	3	.	3
Hong Kong	768	.	16	.	784
Iceland	5	.	10	.	15
India	2,647	22	812	30	3,511
Indonesia	120	.	48	.	168
Iran	340	.	2,287	.	2,627
Iraq	696	.	2,094	.	2,790
Ireland	19	.	10	.	29
Israel	9	.	20	.	29
Italy	1	.	26	3	30
Japan	44	7	5	.	56
Jordan	21	.	62	.	83
Kazakhstan	3	.	6	.	9
Kenya	64	.	1,171	.	1,235
Kiribati	20	71,076	19	6	71,121
Kosovo - Republic of	.	.	33	.	33
Kosovo - UN Mission in	.	.	74	.	74
Kuwait	2	.	10	.	12
Kyrgyzstan	.	.	8	.	8
Laos	28	.	454	.	482
Latvia	13	.	.	.	13
Lebanon	22	.	1	.	23
Liberia	.	3	6	.	9
Libya	10	.	2	.	12
Lithuania	2	.	.	.	2
Macao	43	.	.	.	43
Macedonia	28	.	3	.	31
Madagascar	.	.	15	.	15
Malawi	6	.	9	.	15
Malaysia	854	.	53	.	907
Maldives	.	.	1	.	1
Mauritius	1	.	.	.	1
Mexico	.	.	1	.	1
Moldova	1	.	.	.	1
Mongolia	.	.	12	.	12
Mozambique	1	.	.	.	1
Myanmar	28	3	2,059	.	2,090
Nauru	.	39	.	.	39
Nepal	50	.	126	.	176
Netherlands	7	.	14	.	21
Nigeria	7	.	9	.	16
North Korea	4	.	.	.	4
Norway	1	.	9	.	10
Oman	4	.	.	.	4
Pakistan	203	4	817	7	1,031
Palestine	7	.	90	.	97
Panama	11	.	.	.	11
Papua New Guinea	7	.	2	2	11
Peru	43	.	12	.	55
Philippines	2,406	.	10	.	2,416
Poland	23	.	1	.	24
Qatar	.	.	1	.	1
Romania	15	.	.	.	15
Russia	79	.	7	.	86
Rwanda	5	.	139	3	147
Samoa	677	70	.	541,854	542,601
Sao Tome & Principe	.	.	.	1	1
Saudi Arabia	7	.	49	.	56
Senegal	.	.	3	.	3
Serbia	13	.	.	.	13
Serbia & Montenegro	.	.	16	.	16
Seychelles	1	.	.	.	1
Sierra Leone	.	.	32	.	32
Singapore	197	.	4	.	201
Slovakia	4	.	.	.	4
Solomon Islands	8	6	.	1	15
Somalia	312	.	3,749	6	4,067
South Africa	460	.	37	.	497
South Korea	2,498	.	.	.	2,498
South Sudan	.	.	104	.	104
Spain	.	.	1	3	4
Sri Lanka	662	.	2,048	.	2,710
Stateless	1	.	21	.	22
Sudan	47	.	888	.	935
Swaziland	.	.	.	5	5
Sweden	1	.	7	.	8
Switzerland	8	1	.	2	11
Syria	82	.	471	.	553
Taiwan	936	5	22	.	963
Tajikistan	.	.	6	.	6
Tanzania	5	.	25	.	30
Thailand	110	.	85	.	195
Togo	4	57	5	.	66
Tonga	1,291	157,796	.	102	159,189
Trinidad and Tobago	2	.	.	.	2
Turkey	28	.	107	.	135
Turkmenistan	3	9	.	.	12
Tuvalu	22	18,299	.	36	18,357
Uganda	1	.	79	.	80
Ukraine	21	.	1	.	22
United Arab Emirates	18	.	39	.	57
United States of America	49	49	29	184	311
Unknown	28	10	54	35	127
Uzbekistan	2	.	.	.	2
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Venezuela	.	.	14	.	14
Vietnam	705	.	5,026	.	5,731
Western Sahara	.	.	.	1	1
Yemen	8	2	80	.	90
Yugoslavia	52	.	97	.	149
Zambia	12	.	2	.	14
Zimbabwe	55	.	58	5	118
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Israel	9	.	20	.	29
France	3	.	26	.	29
Chile	24	.	4	.	28
Poland	23	.	1	.	24
Lebanon	22	.	1	.	23
Albania	10	.	13	.	23
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Ukraine	21	.	1	.	22
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Nigeria	7	.	9	.	16
Serbia & Montenegro	.	.	16	.	16
Iceland	5	.	10	.	15
Romania	15	.	.	.	15
Ghana	12	.	3	.	15
Solomon Islands	8	6	.	1	15
Malawi	6	.	9	.	15
Greece	7	.	8	.	15
Madagascar	.	.	15	.	15
Zambia	12	.	2	.	14
Cameroon	2	.	12	.	14
Gabon	.	.	14	.	14
Venezuela	.	.	14	.	14
Serbia	13	.	.	.	13
Latvia	13	.	.	.	13
El Salvador	.	.	13	.	13
Libya	10	.	2	.	12
Kuwait	2	.	10	.	12
Turkmenistan	3	9	.	.	12
Mongolia	.	.	12	.	12
Panama	11	.	.	.	11
Switzerland	8	1	.	2	11
Papua New Guinea	7	.	2	2	11
Denmark	3	.	8	.	11
Norway	1	.	9	.	10
Kazakhstan	3	.	6	.	9
Liberia	.	3	6	.	9
Sweden	1	.	7	.	8
Kyrgyzstan	.	.	8	.	8
Argentina	7	.	.	.	7
Bolivia	7	.	.	.	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina	.	.	6	.	6
Tajikistan	.	.	6	.	6
Swaziland	.	.	.	5	5
North Korea	4	.	.	.	4
Brunei Darussalam	4	.	.	.	4
Brazil	3	.	.	1	4
Costa Rica	4	.	.	.	4
Oman	4	.	.	.	4
Spain	.	.	1	3	4
Croatia	1	.	3	.	4
Slovakia	4	.	.	.	4
Belarus	4	.	.	.	4
Guinea	.	.	3	.	3
Senegal	.	.	3	.	3
Georgia	3	.	.	.	3
Belgium	.	.	3	.	3
Estonia	.	.	3	.	3
Cuba	.	.	3	.	3
Azerbaijan	.	.	3	.	3
Lithuania	2	.	.	.	2
Trinidad and Tobago	2	.	.	.	2
Uzbekistan	2	.	.	.	2
Gambia	1	.	1	.	2
Armenia	.	.	2	.	2
Botswana	.	2	.	.	2
Austria	.	.	2	.	2
Moldova	1	.	.	.	1
Aruba	1	.	.	.	1
Seychelles	1	.	.	.	1
Mauritius	1	.	.	.	1
Mozambique	1	.	.	.	1
Western Sahara	.	.	.	1	1
European Commission	.	.	1	.	1
Qatar	.	.	1	.	1
Mexico	.	.	1	.	1
Sao Tome & Principe	.	.	.	1	1
Maldives	.	.	1	.	1
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