

The Skilled Migrant Category points system

This table outlines the points system we use for Expressions of Interest. We have provided a column for you to work out your own points.

Factors	Points	Your points
Skilled employment		
Current skilled employment in New Zealand for 12 months or more	60	
Offer of skilled employment in New Zealand or current employment in New Zealand for less than 12 months	50	
Bonus points for employment or offer of employment		
In an identified future growth area	10	
In an area of absolute skills shortage	10	
In a region outside Auckland	30	
Partner employment or offer of employment	20	
Relevant work experience		
Two years	10	
Four years	15	
Six years	20	
Eight years	25	
Ten years	30	
Additional bonus points if work experience in New Zealand		
One year	5	
Two years	10	
Three years or more	15	
Additional bonus points for work experience in an identified future growth area		
Two to five years	10	
Six years or more	15	
Additional bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage		
Two to five years	10	
Six years or more	15	
Points for recognised qualifications		
Level four to six on the NZQF (eg trade qualification, diploma)	40	
Level seven or eight on the NZQF (eg bachelor degree, bachelor degree with Honours)	50	
Level nine or ten on the NZQF (eg Masters degree, Doctorate)	60	
Bonus points for qualifications		
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised bachelor degree (level seven on the NZQF) New Zealand qualification	10	
One year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification (levels eight, nine or ten on the NZQF)	10	
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification (level nine, or ten on the NZQF)	15	
Qualification in an identified future growth area	10	
Qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage	10	
Partner qualifications – recognised level four to six qualification – recognised level seven or greater qualification	10 20	
Bonus points for family		
Close family in New Zealand	10	
Points for age		
20 to 29	30	
30 to 39	25	
40 to 44	20	
45 to 49	10	
50 to 55	5	