

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.

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	Application Substream				Total
	Family Quota Registration	PAC Registration	Refugee Family Quota	Samoan Quota Registration	
Nationality					
Alghanistan	38		5,838	1	5,877
Albania	10		13		23
Algeria	1		17		18
American Samoa				286	286
Argentina	7				7
Armenia			2		2
Aruba	1				1
Azerbaijan			3		3
Bangladesh	532		63	6	601
Belarus	4				4
Belgium			3		3
Bhutan			93		93
Bolivia	7				7
Bosnia & Herzegovina			6		6
Brazil	3			1	4
Brunei Darussalam	4				4
Bulgaria	21		16		37
Burundi	2		100		102
Cambodia	476		1,373		1,849
Cameroon	2		6		8
Canada	51	5	3		59
Chile	24		4		28
China	10,715	4	1,676	7	12,402
Colombia	11		422		433
Congo	1		142		143
Costa Rica	4				4
Croatia	1		3		4
Cuba			3		3
Democratic Republic of Congo			143		143
Denmark	3		8		11
Djibouti	4		16		20
Ecuador	6		33		39
Egypt	117		14		131
El Salvador			13		13
Eritrea	28		681		709
Estonia			3		3
Ethiopia	235		5,157		5,392
European Commission			1		1
Fiji	6,488	142,296	11	43	148,838
France	3		26		29
Gabon			14		14
Gambia	1				1
Georgia	3				3
Germany	24	31	13	4	72
Ghana	12		3		15
Great Britain	985	7	3	23	1,018
Greece	7		8		15
Guinea			3		3
Hong Kong	769		13		782
Iceland	5		10		15
India	2,647	22	803	30	3,502
Indonesia	120		45		165
Iran	340		2,181		2,521
Iraq	696		2,059		2,755
Ireland	19				19
Israel	9		20		29
Italy	1		26	3	30
Japan	44	3	5		52
Jordan	21		60		81
Kazakhstan	3		5		8
Kenya	64		1,171		1,235
Kiribati	20	47,079	19	6	47,124
Kosovo - Republic of			33		33
Kosovo - UN Mission in			74		74
Kuwait	2		10		12
Kyrgyzstan			5		5
Laos	28		454		482
Latvia	13				13
Lebanon	22				22
Liberia		3	6		9
Libya	10		2		12
Lithuania	2				2
Macau	43				43
Macedonia	28		3		31
Madagascar			15		15
Malawi	6		9		15
Malaysia	854		60		914
Mauritius	1				1
Mexico			1		1
Moldova	1				1
Mongolia			12		12
Mozambique	1				1
Myanmar	28	3	1,881		1,912
Nauru		22			22
Nepal	50		129		179
Netherlands	7		14		21
Nigeria	7		9		16
North Korea	4				4
Norway	1		9		10
Oman	4				4
Pakistan	203	4	571	7	785
Palestine	7		78		85
Panama	11				11
Papua New Guinea	7			2	9
Peru	43		12		55
Philippines	2,406		10		2,416
Poland	23		1		24
Qatar			1		1
Romania	15				15
Russia	79		6		85
Rwanda	5		127	3	135
Samoa	677	71		373,569	374,317
Sao Tome & Principe				1	1
Saudi Arabia	7		50		57
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	5		1	14
Somalia	312		3,499	6	3,817
South Africa	460		37		497
South Korea	2,498				2,498
South Sudan			75		75
Spain			1	3	4
Sri Lanka	662		1,996		2,658
Stateless	1		21		22
Sudan	47		843		890
Swaziland				5	5
Sweden	1		7		8
Switzerland	8	1		2	11
Syria	82		365		447
Taiwan	936	5	22		963
Tajikistan			6		6
Tanzania	5		25		30
Thailand	110		80		190
Togo	4	57	5		66
Tonga	1,291	119,334		102	120,727
Trinidad and Tobago	2				2
Turkey	28		98		126
Turkmenistan	3	9			12
Tuvalu	22	11,747		36	11,805
Uganda	1		77		78
Ukraine	21		1		22
United Arab Emirates	18		38		56
United States of America	49	45	22	184	300
Unknown	28		45	12	85
Uzbekistan	2				2
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Venezuela			2		2
Vietnam	705		5,023		5,728
Western Sahara				1	1
Yemen	8	2	60		70
Yugoslavia	52		97		149
Zambia	12				12
Zimbabwe	55		55	5	115
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South Sudan	.	.	75	.	75
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Macau	43	.	.	.	43
Ecuador	6	.	33	.	39
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Israel	9	.	20	.	29
France	3	.	26	.	29
Chile	24	.	4	.	28
Poland	23	.	1	.	24
Albania	10	.	13	.	23
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Lebanon	22	.	.	.	22
Ukraine	21	.	1	.	22
Stateless	1	.	21	.	22
Nauru	.	22	.	.	22
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Algeria	1	.	17	.	18
Nigeria	7	.	9	.	16
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Iceland	5	.	10	.	15
Romania	15	.	.	.	15
Ghana	12	.	3	.	15
Malawi	6	.	9	.	15
Greece	7	.	8	.	15
Madagascar	.	.	15	.	15
Solomon Islands	8	5	.	1	14
Gabon	.	.	14	.	14
Serbia	13	.	.	.	13
Latvia	13	.	.	.	13
El Salvador	.	.	13	.	13
Libya	10	.	2	.	12
Zambia	12	.	.	.	12
Kuwait	2	.	10	.	12
Turkmenistan	3	9	.	.	12
Mongolia	.	.	12	.	12
Panama	11	.	.	.	11
Switzerland	8	1	.	2	11
Denmark	3	.	8	.	11
Norway	1	.	9	.	10
Liberia	.	3	6	.	9
Papua New Guinea	7	.	.	2	9
Sweden	1	.	7	.	8
Kazakhstan	3	.	5	.	8
Cameroon	2	.	6	.	8
Argentina	7	.	.	.	7
Bolivia	7	.	.	.	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina	.	.	6	.	6
Tajikistan	.	.	6	.	6
Swaziland	.	.	.	5	5
Kyrgyzstan	.	.	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
Armenia	.	.	2	.	2
Venezuela	.	.	2	.	2
Moldova	1	.	.	.	1
Aruba	1	.	.	.	1
Seychelles	1	.	.	.	1
Mauritius	1	.	.	.	1
Mozambique	1	.	.	.	1
Gambia	1	.	.	.	1
Western Sahara	.	.	.	1	1
European Commission	.	.	1	.	1
Qatar	.	.	1	.	1
Mexico	.	.	1	.	1
Sao Tome & Principe	.	.	.	1	1
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