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About Parry Field Lawyers

We are a New Zealand owned company that has been serving our clients since 1948. Our aim is not only to provide sound legal advice, but to also find solutions which deliver the best practical outcome for those we represent.

Our History

In 2023 we celebrated 75 years in practice. Our founder, Glynn Parry, was joined in partnership by Brian Field in the early 1950s. Since the later 1970s, Peter van Rij, Ken Lord, and Grant Adams have each led the firm into a new period of growth. Today we have grown to 11 partners, around 100 staff and operate from five locations. Parry Field Lawyers incorporated as a company under the Companies Act 1993 on 1 July 2021.

To The Heart Of What Matters

We see our clients in a rounded way and wanted to help them with 'what really matters', for legal services and beyond, where appropriate. With our growing team, we are excited by what the future holds and look forward to continuing to provide exceptional legal services to our valued clients.

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The Immigration team at Parry Field Lawyers have experience in all aspects of immigration law and offer professional, reliable, and comprehensive legal advice and assistance with your immigration needs.

New Zealand (NZ) is renowned for its stunning landscapes, diverse wildlife and vibrant culture, making it a popular destination for tourists and those visiting family.

We understand the confusion that can arise when faced with many different immigration categories and policies. Our goal is to serve you in a professional and efficient way by assessing your immigration status, giving you realistic options and preparing your application, in consultation with you.

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WHO NEEDS A VISITOR VISA?

You will need a visitor visa if you are either of the following:

- Not a NZ citizen or resident visa holder.
- A non-visa waiver visitor or do not hold an NZeTA.

You can apply for the following types of visitor visas based on your purpose of travel.

General Visitor Visa

If you want to:

- Have a holiday in NZ for up to six or nine months;
- Visit family and friends in NZ for up to six or nine months; or
- Study for up to 3 months.

Business Visitor Visa, Sport Event Visitor Visa, and Medical Treatment Visitor Visa

If you want to:

- Discuss or negotiate business arrangements for up to three months;
- Attend a sports event or tour for up to three months;
- Receive medical treatment or consultation in NZ for up to six months;
- Accompany your child who is an international student; or
- Reunite with your partner, children, or grandchildren temporarily or permanently.

Please refer to our *"A Guide to Studying in New Zealand"* and *"A Guide to Reuniting with your Family"* for further information.

When you need to apply

A general visitor visa is usually processed within weeks. However, during peak travel periods like summer, processing times may be longer. We recommend applying as soon as your travel plans are finalised.

WHAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE

General Visitor Visa

You will need:

- **Valid Passport:** Ensure your passport is valid for at least 3 months after your planned departure date from NZ.
- **Chest X-Ray/Medical Examination:** May be required depending on the duration of your stay.
- **Police Certificate:** May be required depending on the length of your stay.
- **Evidence of Genuine Intentions:** Provide proof of the purpose of your visit, such as detailed travel plans.
- **Family Relationships:** If traveling with a partner or dependent children, provide evidence of their identity, good character, and good health.
- **Funds or Sponsorship:** You must show proof of sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay. You will need:
 - Evidence of sufficient funds which might include bank statements and pre-booked hotel receipts; or
 - An acceptable sponsor.
- **Onward Travel:** Proof of a return ticket or funds to purchase one.
- **Agreement to Cover Healthcare Costs:** Acknowledgment that you will pay for any healthcare costs incurred during your visit.
- **Certified English Translations:** All documents that are not in English must be accompanied by certified full English translations.

Business Visitor Visa

In addition to the requirement for a general visitor visa, you will need evidence of:

- Your employment.
- The business reasons for your visit, such as:
 - Participation in an official trade mission recognised by the NZ government. Selling or buying goods and services in NZ.
 - Negotiating or discussing the setup, expansion, or winding up of a business. Conducting business with authorised representatives of overseas entities.

Sport Event Visitor Visa

In addition to the requirement for a General Visitor Visa, you will need evidence of:

- Your role in the event if you are a sports participant or support staff, demonstrating that you're essential to the success of the event, tour, or tournament.
- Your accreditation if you are media or broadcasting personnel, either from the international governing body of the event or the NZ organising committee.

Medical Treatment Visitor Visa

In addition to the General Visitor Visa requirements, you will need:

- A completed 'Details of Intended Medical Treatment' form.
- Written evidence of your acceptance for treatment, such as a letter from medical authorities.
- Details of the expected treatment costs.
- Proof that you can pay for your medical expenses, unless the treatment is covered by special arrangements for South Pacific citizens.
- If necessary, evidence that you require an escort due to your condition.

HOW TO APPLY

- **Online:** The quickest and easiest way to apply is online via the Immigration New Zealand website. We highly recommend you apply online.
- **Paper Application:** You can also submit a paper application at a New Zealand Visa Application Centre. The details of receiving centres are based on the country you live.

Please ensure you upload or attach all necessary documents when submitting your application.

TIPS

- **Check processing times:** Be aware of processing times and allow extra time for any potential delays.
- **Accurate information:** Ensure all information provided is accurate and up to date. Small errors can lead to delays, especially when boarding your flight.
- **Keep copies:** Make sure to keep copies of all documents and forms submitted.
- **Prepare early:** Gather all required documents well in advance to avoid any last-minute issues.
- **Demonstrate genuine intentions:** You can strengthen your application by including documents like proof of employment, property ownership, return flight tickets, or a letter explaining your intentions. If you apply offshore and do not provide sufficient evidence to satisfy INZ that you are a genuine visitor, INZ do not have to give you an opportunity to respond to their concerns and can decline your visa application.
- **Ensure you apply for the correct visitor visa type:** If you apply for the wrong type of visitor visa, you may be denied boarding to travel / entry to NZ.

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