



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Migrant Workers

Blas F. Ople Building, Ortigas Avenue cor. EDSA, Mandaluyong City 1550

Website: www.dmw.gov.ph | Email: feedback@dmw.gov.ph | Hotlines: 8722 1152, 8722 1155, 8822 1159, 8724 3665



ADVISORY No. 17
Series of 2025

Notice on the Issuance of Interim Visas by the Immigration New Zealand (INZ)

Effective **08 April 2025**, Immigration New Zealand has implemented key changes regarding **"Interim Visas"**. These changes aim to streamline the process and provide greater flexibility for applicants. The Interim Visas allow individuals of foreign nationality to lawfully remain in New Zealand while waiting for a decision on their new temporary visa application.

To be eligible for the Interim Visa, applicants must be:

- a holder of either a work visa or a student visa allowing them to work during term time; and
- physically present in New Zealand at the time of application.

If the foregoing eligibility conditions are met, the INZ automatically grants the Interim Visa and shall be:

- at no cost to the applicant;
- no physical label will be placed in the applicant's passport;
- valid for up to six (6) months; and
- takes effect the day after the applicant's current visa expires.

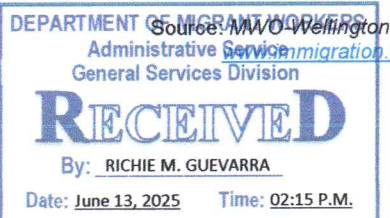
For applicants under the **Skilled Migrant Category**, more restrictive conditions shall be applied. While holding a Skilled Migrant Category Interim Visa, the applicant:

- cannot apply for another type of temporary visa;
- cannot sponsor a partner or dependent children for a visa;
- cannot change most conditions of the visa.

In light of these changes, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in New Zealand are advised to carefully review the conditions set by the INZ before applying for an Interim Visa. They are further advised to transact only with official INZ channels and the Migrant Workers Office (MWO) in New Zealand to avoid misinformation or fraud; and to remain vigilant against job offers or immigration-related services that may appear suspicious, particularly in sectors experiencing financial downturns, which may increase the risk of scams or exploitative employment conditions.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


HANS LEO J. CACDAC
Secretary



CONTROLLED AND DISSEMINATED
By: DMW General Services Division on June 13, 2025

