

Who can sponsor you

You can be sponsored for the Parent Resident Visa by:

- your adult New Zealand citizen or resident child
- jointly by your adult child and their partner, or
- jointly by your adult child and another adult child of a parent included in the application.

Your sponsors need to be New Zealand citizens or residents who have been resident here for at least 3 years.

If you are being sponsored by a child and their partner, they must have been living together for at least 12 months.

Your sponsors must earn enough to sponsor you. They must have earned the income threshold for at least 2 years in the 3-year period before you were invited to apply for residence.

The minimum income they need changes depending on if you have single or joint sponsors.

To calculate your sponsor or sponsor's minimum income

You need to know:

- if you have 1 or 2 sponsors
- how many parents are being sponsored — this includes any parents they are also currently sponsoring
- which two 12-month periods your sponsor will use to have their income assessed on
- what the New Zealand median income was on the last day of each 12-month period that your sponsor’s income will be assessed on.

You can use the minimum income tables to check the New Zealand median wage for the past 3 years and how much your sponsors need to have earned.

Minimum income table: for 1 sponsor

This starts at 1.5 times the New Zealand median wage for 1 parent, and increases by half the median income amount for each additional parent.

Effective date	NZ median wage	1 parent	2 parents	3 parents	4 parents
January 2022 onwards	NZD \$57,740	NZD \$86,611.20	NZD \$115,481.60	NZD \$144,352	NZD \$173,222.40

Effective date	NZ median wage	1 parent	2 parents	3 parents	4 parents
January 2021 to December 2021	NZD \$56,160	NZD \$84,240	NZD \$112,320	NZD \$140,400	NZD \$168,480
January 2020 to December 2020	NZD \$53,040	NZD \$79,560	NZD \$106,080	NZD \$132,600	NZD \$159,120

Minimum income table: for 2 sponsors

This starts at 2 times the median wage for 1 parent, and increases by half the median wage amount for each additional parent.

Effective date	NZ median wage	1 parent	2 parents	3 parents	4 parents
January 2022 onwards	NZD \$57,740.80	NZD \$115,481.60	NZD \$144,352	NZD \$173,222.40	NZD \$202,092.80
January 2021 to December 2021	NZD \$56,160	NZD \$112,320	NZD \$140,400	NZD \$168,480	NZD \$196,560
January 2020 to December 2020	NZD \$53,040	NZD \$106,080	NZD \$132,600	NZD \$159,120	NZD \$185,640