

# Green List Skilled Occupations

As at September 2022, the [skilled occupation list](#) includes:

## The Straight-to-Residence Pathway

- Anaesthetist
- Chemical engineer
- Civil engineer
- Civil engineering technician
- Clinical psychologists and psychologists
- [Construction](#) project manager
- Electrical engineer
- Electrical engineering technician
- Electronic engineering technician
- Electronics engineer
- Engineering professionals not elsewhere classified
- Environmental engineer
- Environmental research scientist
- Food technologist
- General practitioner
- Geotechnical engineer
- ICT managers (minimum salary NZ\$120,000)
- ICT security specialist (minimum salary NZ\$120,000)
- Industrial engineer
- Materials engineer
- Mechanical engineer
- Medical laboratory scientist
- Multimedia specialists (minimum salary NZ\$95,000)
- Orthoptist
- Other medical practitioners (including dermatologist, gynaecologist, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, radiation oncologist and diagnostic and interventional radiologist)
- Other spatial scientist
- Physicist (medical)
- Production or plant engineer
- Project builder
- Psychiatrist
- Quantity surveyor
- Resident medical officer

- Software engineer (minimum salary NZ\$120,000)
- Specialist physicians not elsewhere classified
- Structural engineer
- Surgeons (Including cardiothoracic surgeon, general surgeons, neurosurgeon, otorhinolaryngologist, orthopaedic surgeon, vascular surgeon and urologist)
- Surveyor
- Telecommunications engineers
- Telecommunications network engineers
- Veterinarian

## The Work to Residence Pathway

After a person has spent two years working in one of the following roles, eligible migrants can apply for residency.

- All registered nurses (including aged care)
- Anaesthetic technician
- Audiologist
- Automotive electrician
- Dairy farm managers
- Diesel motor mechanic (including heavy vehicle inspector)
- Medical imaging technologist
- Medical laboratory technician
- Medical radiation therapist
- Midwife
- Occupational therapist
- Plumber – registered
- Podiatrist
- Registered electrician (general)
- Sonographer

## Your Pathway to PR with Green List in NZ

There are some general requirements you must meet in order to apply for green list roles.

- The role must be on the tier one of the green list for a straight-to-residence visa, or on the tier two of the list for work-to-residence
- You must be suitably qualified as outlined in the role requirements. This may include a minimum time already in employment

- The role must be full time or at least 30 hours a week, and permanent/ at least a 12 month contract
- You must be 55 years old or younger
- You and all family aged 16 and over who will be accompanying you must meet the [English language requirements](#)
- You, the visa holder, must have an IELTS overall score of 6.5 or more
- Dependent children must have an IELTS overall score of 5.0 or more
- Your spouse must have a minimum IELTS score of 5.0 or more or 4.0 or more in a minimum of two of the four skills
- You and all family accompanying you must meet [health](#) and [character](#) requirements
- On a work-to-residence visa, you must work for 24 months before applying for PR

However, other people can get to NZ and based on your concerns we do have Working Holiday Visas which allows a stay to 12 months for those aged between 18-30 years of age. We do have a quota on these. Applications are processed in approx. 47 days. The advantage of this type of visa:

- If the applicant finds a position in NZ which is long term, he could get offered a permanent ongoing job which would open up the opportunity to progress their future in NZ.

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