

Immigration time frames, Interim Visas & Upcoming events!

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Our Work

We have had a great month. With Nils on leave, Appley and Jennifer have been super busy meeting with new clients and finalising visa applications for existing clients. We are looking forward to Nils returning to work next week!

Did you know we now have an EFTPOS machine in our Christchurch office and are able to accept card payments in person?

Update on Immigration Time Frames

Some Immigration New Zealand branches are currently experiencing delays in processing applications.

- If you are submitting your temporary entry application to the Christchurch Branch, be aware that it may take four weeks for your application to be allocated to a case officer.
- There are delays with completing Second Person Checks (2PCs) for residence applications currently with the Henderson Branch.
- New Zealand Police Checks which must be completed by Immigration New Zealand are taking four to six weeks.

Please ensure that you take these potential delays into account when considering when to submit your application.

Interim Visas

Interim visas maintain an applicant's lawful status in New Zealand while their further temporary visa application (Student Visa, Work Visa, Visitor Visa) is being considered.

Did you know the conditions on each interim visa depend on the type of temporary visa held and the type of temporary visa applied for? It is quite complex to determine the type of interim visa you will be granted and can catch people out.

For example, if you have an Essential Skills Work Visa to work as a Plasterer for ABC

Company in Christchurch and you are applying for a new Essential Skills Work Visa to work as a Plasterer for XYZ Company in Ashburton, you will be issued with an interim visitor visa. What this means is that once an interim visa is granted, you will need to stop work until your new Work Visa application is (hopefully) approved.

Please contact us directly if you have any questions about interim visas

Upcoming Events

- The Food Show – The Food Show will be held from Friday 1 May to Sunday 3 May at the Horncastle Arena in Christchurch. Tickets are \$23 at the gate. <http://www.foodshow.co.nz/>
- ANZ Championship Netball game between Southern Steel v Central Pulse – On Saturday 2 May the South Steel will take on the Central Pulse at 4pm at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. Tickets are \$28 - \$33.
- Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team (Summer) – At 9am on Sunday 24 May 2015 running races will be held in Summer of 10km, 5km and 2.5km. <http://nz.srichinmoyraces.org/>

We hope you managed to have some time off over Easter or the ANZAC weekend.

That's the news for now from the team at **Heartland Immigration.**



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