NEW ZEALAND

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

This program allows young Canadians to holiday in New Zealand and to take temporary employment as needed to cover the expenses of their visit. The program aims to increase travel by young people between Canada and New Zealand, and to strengthen the links between the two countries.

Participants receive the same treatment as New Zealand nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

How long is it?

Eligible participants may stay up to 12 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age;
- · a Canadian citizen;
- able to satisfy the visa officer that the primary intention is to holiday in New Zealand, rather than to find employment; and
- in possession of a round-trip airplane ticket and sufficient funds to cover your living expenses during the first six months of your stay in New Zealand.

There is no student status requirement.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must themselves cover the costs of their travel, room and board. This is a year-round program. Visa applications must be made to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of New Zealand in Canada. Candidates may also apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See Part 3 of the directory.

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