

Things to remember once your Visa is approved –

Congratulations on the approval of your New Zealand visa! Here are some important things to remember once your visa is approved:

1. **Read your visa approval letter:** Carefully review the details mentioned in your visa approval letter. Take note of the visa type, validity period, and any specific conditions or restrictions that may apply.
2. **Travel arrangements:** Plan your travel to New Zealand, including booking flights, arranging accommodation, and organizing transportation from the airport to your destination.
3. **Passport validity:** Ensure that your passport is valid for the entire duration of your stay in New Zealand. If it will expire soon, consider renewing it before your departure.
4. **Financial arrangements:** Arrange your finances, including sufficient funds for living expenses, and other expenses during your stay. Familiarize yourself with New Zealand's banking system and consider opening a local bank account upon arrival.
5. **Accommodation:** Secure suitable accommodation in New Zealand. Depending on your plans, this may involve renting a place, arranging on-campus housing, or organizing a homestay.
6. **Research your destination:** Learn more about New Zealand, its culture, local customs, and any specific regulations or laws that may be relevant to your stay. Familiarize yourself with the region you'll be living in and research local services and amenities.
7. **Prepare necessary documents:** Gather all the required documents you will need to carry with you, such as your passport, visa approval letter, proof of finances, accommodation details, and any other documents recommended by immigration authorities.
8. **Communicate with your educational institution:** If you are going to New Zealand for study purposes, keep in touch with your educational institution. Confirm any orientation sessions, enrollment procedures, and other essential information they may provide.
9. **Remember to keep copies of all important documents and contact information in case of any emergencies or unforeseen situations. Enjoy your time in New Zealand and make the most of your study or travel experience!**

Once you are in NZ –

- Buy a NZ Sim card – you can buy this from the international airport, local supermarkets, or any retail stores at the mall. (OneNZ (Vodafone), Spark, Skinny are few of the retailers).
- Visit the college and get **ENROLLED!**
- Attend the college orientation and other welcome events.

- Call your bank and book an appointment, visit the Bank, and apply for the visa or epos card. Check all your information is up-to-date.
- Apply IRD number (this is FREE) – you can do this online and by visiting the local post shop.
- Travel around the city and your college to get a better understanding of the local area, bus and train services etc. Apply the public transport pass if you are using it.
- Socialize, make friends and enjoy each day.
- Once the bank account and IRD is sorted – **Start JOB HUNTING!!!!** Create profiles on SJS (Student Job Search), SEEK NZ, Trade Me Jobs, LinkedIn.

We wish you all the best on your journey! 😊