

# SPECIAL CATEGORY VISA

## SUBCLASS 444

The Special Category visa (subclass 444) is a temporary visa that lets New Zealand citizens stay and work in Australia as long as they remain a New Zealand citizen.

### This visa allows the visa holder to:

- enter and stay in Australia, and;
- work and study in Australia.

### Key points

- No age restrictions;
- No restriction on how long the visa holder can work;
- Visa lasts as long as the person is in Australia.

### Eligibility requirements

The Applicant must be:

- a New Zealand citizen;
- have a valid New Zealand passport;
- present a completed incoming passenger card;
- meet specific health and character requirements – not be a behaviour concern non-citizen or a health concern non-citizen (see below).

### What is a behaviour concern non-citizen?

Circumstances where a person might be assessed as a behaviour concern non-citizen include, but are not limited to, where they have been:

- convicted of one or more crimes that have resulted in sentences of imprisonment that add up to at least one year, or
- previously removed from Australia, or
- previously removed or deported from another country.

### What is a health concern non-citizen?

If the applicant suffers from tuberculosis (TB) and is not carrying medication.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For further information about this special category visa, visit [border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-](https://border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/444-)