



What types of relationships does NZ recognise?

All types including married, civil union, and de facto, whether heterosexual or LGBTIQ+ relationships.

I'm married. Do we have to still provide other evidence?

Yes. It is not enough just to show that you are married.

Can we get married in New Zealand?

Yes, either after the grant of a visa or a culturally arranged visa if you come from a culture where these occur.

Do we have to live together?

Yes. It is a requirement that you are living together to obtain a partnership-based visa.

However, we understand that some societies do not allow couples to live together, or it can be difficult to obtain this evidence.

We can help you explain this to INZ and see if they would be willing to grant a different type of visa to your partner

My partner is in New Zealand without a visa. What do we do?

All is not lost! It is still possible to get a visa for your partner with them remaining in New Zealand.

You will still have to provide all the evidence as per a standard application but there are different immigration laws and processes in place here and a request, not an application must be made.

However, this is not an easy feat, and we highly recommend that you get legal advice. We have worked on many such cases and can assist yourself and your partner.

We have kids, it's obvious we are together!

While it may seem absolutely obvious to you that you are in a relationship with your partner, it is still important to show INZ evidence of this so they can grant the visa as easily as possible.

Quick tip:
Pop in the kids' birth certificates as evidence along with everything else!

My partner is stuck offshore because of COVID-19. Can they come in to NZ?

If you are a New Zealand citizen or resident, then your partner can make a visa application or a request for an exception to the border restrictions to come to New Zealand.

Get in touch and we can help you through this process.

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Partnership visas What's the deal?

New Zealand allows citizens, residents, and visa holders to bring their partners here to live with them.

To do this, your partner must show that they are living together in a genuine and stable relationship with their New Zealand based partner. Providing evidence of this to Immigration New Zealand (INZ) is very important.

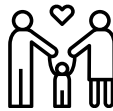
I am a...

New Zealand resident/citizen

- Your partner can apply for a temporary visa based on their relationship with you.
- After you've lived together for 12 months, your partner can apply for a residence visa.

Temporary visa holder

- Your partner can apply for a temporary visa based on their relationship with you.
- After you've lived together for 12 months, you can include your partner in any applications for residence you may make.



What's my relationship status?

INZ defines a partnership as one where both persons are living together in a relationship which was entered into with the intention of being maintained on a long-term and exclusive basis, and is likely to endure.



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Stewart is regarded as an industry expert on all aspects of fertility law, including surrogacy, sperm donor agreements, ECART legal reports and adoptions. Our team is well-versed in immigration law and visa application, immigration deportations, refugee claims and appeals. Pooja also specialises in family (domestic) violence matters.

Where's the evidence?

INZ requires you to provide evidence to show that you are in a partnership. It is not sufficient to just provide a marriage certificate or photos of your relationship.

Here are some ideas of evidence that you can provide:

- Utility bills addressed to you and your partner at the address at which you both live
- Letters from friends and family
- Photos, ticket, bookings for any holidays you have taken together
- WhatsApp, Facebook, WeChat chat logs
- Posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. showing that you two are together
- Insurance documents
- Receipts from nights out you've been on together

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