



In 2004/05 about 30 % of all applicants were granted residency under this category. Applications are only accepted if the applicant is supported by direct relatives who have been living in New Zealand as a citizen or at least 3 years on a permanent residence visa.

Direct relatives in this context are spouses, brothers and sisters, parents or children. The varying criteria is complex and only a small number of applicants can gain residency under this category. Important is for example family affairs such as resident status of other family members etc.

Please note that points can be claimed for direct relatives also under the Skilled Migrant Category.

Refugee Status:

An application under this category can only be lodged prior to the applicant being officially recognised as a refugee by the United Nations (UN). In addition, the refugee can lodge his application on New Zealand territory only.

Please note that all inquiries from the Middle East and the Indian Subcontinent are required to contact our Dubai office

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