



MIGRANT INVESTOR POLICY

Under the Migrant Investor Policy, investors may apply for immigration under two tiers:

- **Investor 1** – the top priority category for high value investors investing \$10 million for 3 years. It imposes minimal policy conditions and has facilitated, fast-track processing.
- **Investor 2** – a category for those investing a minimum of \$3 million for 4 years.

The category which investors apply under will depend on their potential to contribute to New Zealand in financial and human capital, the amount of investment and the term of that investment. Investment must be active or semi-active (having money in a bank account will not meet the policy requirements).

The Investor 2 policy is a points-based system to prioritise migrants on the basis of their potential to contribute to New Zealand businesses and according to the level of risk.

The points system recognises:

- importance of having both financial and human capital
- benefit of active investment
- value of export linkages, technology transfer, entrepreneurship and management skills.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO TIERS

	Investor 1	Investor 2
Min. Investment Fund	NZ\$10 Million	NZ\$3 Million
Term of Investment	3 years	4 years
Min. Business Experience	None	3 years
Max. Age	None	Up to 65
Min. English Language Requirement	None	IELTS 3.0
Minimum Time in NZ	44 days per year in years 2 & 3	146 days per year in years 2-4

Note: Putting some funds into “growth investments” relaxes the minimum requirements for time spent in New Zealand (both tiers) and the size of the investment fund (Investor 2). See our Guides on the Investor 1 and 2 schemes on our [Investor web page](#).