

## The Skilled Migrant Category points system

The table below shows how points are allocated under the Skilled Migrant Category. Please see our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) to get more information, definitions of terms, and an indication of your potential points score and eligibility under this category.

Factors	Points
<b>Skilled employment</b>	
Current skilled employment in New Zealand for 12 months or more	60
Offer of skilled employment in New Zealand or current employment in New Zealand for less than 12 months	50
<b>Bonus points for employment or offer of employment</b>	
In an identified future growth area	10
In an area of absolute skills shortage	10
In a region outside Auckland	30
Partner employment or offer of employment	20
<b>Relevant work experience</b>	
Two years	10
Four years	15
Six years	20
Eight years	25
Ten years	30
<b>Additional bonus points if work experience in New Zealand</b>	
One year	5
Two years	10
Three years or more	15
<b>Additional bonus points for work experience in an identified future growth area</b>	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
<b>Additional bonus points for work experience in an area of absolute skills shortage</b>	
Two to five years	10
Six years or more	15
<b>Points for recognised qualification</b>	
Level four to six on the NZQF (e.g trade qualification, diploma)	40
Level seven or eight on the NZQF (e.g bachelor degree, bachelor degree with Honours).	50
Level nine or ten on the NZQF (e.g Masters degree, Doctorate)	60
<b>Bonus points for qualifications</b>	
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised bachelor degree (level seven on the NZQF) New Zealand qualification	10
One year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification (levels eight, nine, or ten on the NZQF)	10
Two years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognised post-graduate New Zealand qualification (level nine or ten on the NZQF)	15
Qualification in an identified future growth area	10
Qualification in an area of absolute skill shortage	10
Partner qualifications – recognised level four to six qualification	10
– recognised level seven or greater qualification	20
<b>Bonus points for family</b>	
Close family in New Zealand	10
<b>Points for age</b>	
20 to 29	30
30 to 39	25
40 to 44	20
45 to 49	10
50 to 55	5