



Residency for New Zealand Citizens

New Zealanders have two main pathways to permanent residency.

1. Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 888) Visa

Eligibility:

You must have lived in Australia and worked on your farm for at least two years. You need to show ownership interest and active management of your farm. You must have an annual turnover of at least \$300,000 in the last 12 months. You must have owned one of the following percentages of your farm in the year before applying:

- 51% (where the farm had a turnover of less than \$400,000)
- 30% (where the farm had a turnover of more than \$400,000)
- 10% (if your farm is publicly listed)

You must also meet **two of the following three** requirements:

1. A net value of business assets of at least \$200,000
2. Net value of personal and business assets of at least \$600,000
3. Employment of at least two full-time employees (or the part time equivalent) who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or holders of valid New Zealand passports (not including your family members) for the past two years

State Nomination:

You need to gain approval from the Victorian Government as part of your 888 application.

Processing Time:

The 888 visa processing time is approximately 9 – 12 months. Once granted, all dependent family members are Australian permanent residents.

Visa Application Costs:

- The visa application fee of \$2,305 for the main applicant, \$1,155 for the partner (and any dependent child over 18) and \$575 for each child under 18 years of age
- Medical tests (approximately \$350 each/\$300 each child)
- Character/police checks (approximately \$30 each applicant aged 16 or over)

True Blue Migration Management Fee:

Our fee to manage an 888 visa is \$6,650* fully refunded if your 888 visa is not granted.

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True Blue Migration - free visa assessment: Phone: 03 9038 9070 or email: udv@truebluemigration.com



2. Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (subclass 187) visa

An alternative pathway to permanent residency is self-sponsorship on a Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (subclass 187) Visa, through the Direct Entry Scheme.

Farm Business Set Up:

If your farm is set up as a company, co-operative, trust or an incorporated association, it is classed as a separate entity from its owner, making self-sponsorship a possibility.

Regional Certifying Board Approval:

Your application will need to be approved by the local Regional Certifying Board prior to lodging your nomination and visas with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Warrnambool City Council is the Regional Certifying Board for the Great South Coast region. There is no fee for this step and we manage it with you.

Eligibility:

You need to have worked on your farm for at least two years. You must have been paid through PAYG for at least two of the past three years, at a Dairy Farmer market rate (approximately \$55,000). The 187 Direct Entry Stream does not require your farm to show paid training of Australian staff.

Processing Time:

The 187 visa processing time is approximately 6 - 9 months. Once granted, all family members are Australian permanent residents.

Visa Application Costs:

- The visa application fee of \$3,600 for the main applicant, \$1,800 for the partner (and any dependent child over 18) and \$900 for each child under 18 years of age
- Health test (approximately \$350 each/\$300 per child)
- Character/police checks (approximately \$30 each applicant aged 16 or over)

True Blue Migration Management Fee:

Our fee to manage a 187 visa is \$4,180* fully refunded if your 187 visa is not granted.

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