Consultation on immigration settings for international students

Labour and Immigration Policy

Submission document

**The consultation process**

**The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is consulting on:**

* **post-study work rights for international students**
* **eligibility of students’ partners and dependent children to work and study in New Zealand**

You are invited to make a submission on the proposals raised in the discussion document. Submissions are due by **5.00 pm on Friday 29 June 2018**.

Please email your submission to internationaleducation\_consultation@mbie.govt.nz using the below template.

Your submission may respond to any or all of the proposals. In addition, you are welcome to provide other information that you think might be relevant to this consultation. If possible, any views in your submission should be supported by evidence or examples of how the proposals would affect you.

**Use of information**

MBIE will use the information provided in submissions to inform our analysis and the advice to Ministers. MBIE may contact submitters directly if MBIE requires clarification of any matters in the submission.

**Confidential Information**

If your submission contains any confidential information, please indicate this on the front of the submission. In addition, the confidential information should be clearly marked within the text, for example, by including the confidential information in square brackets or as a separate appendix. Please clearly indicate in your submission any confidential information that you do not want published on MBIE’s website or included in any summary of submissions that MBIE may publish.

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**Submitter information**

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| **Please tell us if you are submitting as a:**  |
| [ ]  **Student**[ ] Current [ ] Prospective[ ]  **Education provider** [ ] University[ ] Private Training Establishment[ ] Institute of Technology and Polytechnic [ ] English language provider[ ] Other. Please describe: Click here to enter text.[ ]  **Immigration Agent**[ ] Onshore[ ] Offshore[ ] **Student Association**[ ] **Employer of international students**[ ] **Other**Please describe: Click here to enter text.  |
| If you would like to provide your contact details please fill in the below. MBIE may contact you if we need further clarification on any of your answers.  |
| **Name:** Click here to enter text.**Organisation**: Click here to enter text.**Email address:** Click here to enter text. |

 **Settings for post-study work rights for international students**

**Proposal One: to remove employer assisted post-study work rights visa**

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| **Do you support the proposal to remove employer assisted post-study work visas?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support the proposal?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support the proposal?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **What impacts do you think the proposed change will have on you or your organisation?** |
| Click here to enter text. |

**Proposal Two: to provide a one-year open post-study work visa for non-degree level 7 or below**

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| **Do you support the proposal to provide a one year open post-study work visa for non-degree level 7 or below?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support the proposal?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support the proposal?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **What impacts do you think the proposed change will have on you or your organisation?** |
| Click here to enter text. |

**Proposal Three: to provide a three-year open work visa post-study for degree level 7 or above**

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| **Do you support the proposal to provide a three year open work visa post-study for degree level 7 or above?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support the proposal?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support the proposal?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **What impacts do you think the proposed change will have on you or your organisation?** |
| Click here to enter text. |

**Proposal Four: to require students studying at non-degree level 7 (such as graduate diplomas) to study in New Zealand for at least two years to be entitled to post-study work visas**

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| **Do you support the proposal to require students studying at non-degree level 7 (such as graduate diplomas) to study in New Zealand for at least two years to be entitled to post-study work visas?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support the proposal?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support the proposal?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **What impacts do you think the proposed change will have on you or your organisation?** |
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**Implementation**

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| **If changes are made to the settings for international students, do you think that students with current visas should be exempt from the changes (i.e. still be entitled to post-study visas that were anticipated when they got their first student visa)?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support exempting current students?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support exempting current students?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **If the proposals above are agreed how long do you think would be needed to accommodate these changes?** |
| [ ]  **Immediately**[ ]  **Three months**[ ]  **Six months**[ ]  **One year**[ ]  **Longer**Please describe: Click here to enter text. |

**Other comments**

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| **Do you have any other comments on these proposals?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes.** *Please provide your comments below:* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No** |

**Eligibility of students’ partners and dependent children to work and study in New Zealand**

**Proposal Five: change the requirements for a ‘Partner of a Student’ work visa (which allows the partners’ dependent children to qualify for fee-free compulsory schooling) to require the international student partner studying at Level 8 or 9 to be studying in an area specified on the Long Term Skill Shortage List.**

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| **Do you support the proposal to change the requirements for a ‘Partner of a Student’ work visa?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes***Why do you support the proposal?* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No***Why do you not support the proposal?* Click here to enter text. |

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| **What impacts do you think the proposed change will have on you or your organisation?** |
| Click here to enter text. |

**Other comments**

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| **Do you have any other comments on these proposals?**  |
| [ ]  **Yes.** *Please provide your comments below:* Click here to enter text.[ ] **No** |