

Student work rights

NZQA Level	Qualification	Student Work Rights (20 hours per week)	Student Work Rights (fulltime during school/ semester break and summer vacation)**	You may be entitled to a Post Study Work Visa (12 month visa) [°]
Level 1	Year 11 High School	-	-	-
Level 2	Year 12 High School	Yes, with permission from parents and school (min. age 16)	Yes, with permission from parents and school (if under 18)	-
Level 3	Year 13 High School / University Foundation Programme	Yes, with permission from parents and school (min. age 16)	Yes, with permission from parents and school (if under 18)	-
Level 4	National or NZ Certificate	Yes*	Yes	Two individual qualifications (second is higher than first) OR one qualification at the same level - min. study time 60 weeks#
Level 5	1st year Bachelor Degree / Certificate / Diploma	Yes	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education***	Two individual qualifications (second is higher than first) OR one qualification at the same level - min. study time 60 weeks#
Level 6	2nd year Bachelor Degree / Certificate / Diploma	Yes	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education***	Two individual qualifications (second is higher than first) OR one qualification at the same level - min. study time 60 weeks#
Level 7	3rd year Bachelor Degree / Graduate Certificate & Diploma / Diploma	Yes	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education***	Level 7 qualification (min. study time 30 weeks) = Post Study Work Visa
Level 8	Bachelor Honours Degree / Post Graduate Certificate & Diploma	Yes	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education	Level 8 qualification (min. study time 30 weeks) = Post Study Work Visa
Level 9	Master Degree	Yes (unlimited hours for Masters by research)	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education	Level 9 qualification (min. study time 30 weeks) = Post Study Work Visa
Level 10	PhD / Doctorate	Yes (unlimited hours)	Yes + work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education	Level 10 qualification (min. study time 30 weeks) = Post Study Work Visa

[°] If you have an offer of employment, relevant to your qualifications, you may apply for a 2-year Study to Work Visa. This work visa may be granted for 3 years if you are working towards obtaining membership or registration from a New Zealand professional association which requires more than two years of relevant practical work experience.

* If it is relevant to an occupation listed at Part B or C of Appendix 6 Immigration Policy Manual.

** Minimum course length for summer vacation must be 1 academic year (minimum 8 months study over two semester and more than 120 credits).

*** Work visa for spouse and domestic fees for child's school education, if qualification is in the area of skill shortage as specified in the Long Term Skill Shortage List. Qualification must lead to A Level 7 or higher qualification if at Level 5 or 6.

Two individual qualifications (total study time min. 60 weeks) where the second is higher than the first - e.g.: L4+L5 or L5+L6 OR one qualification e.g.: a L6 of min. 60 weeks study time.

Correct as at November 2016. Please refer to Immigration NZ for the most up to date information.