

## BRINGING PRODUCTION CAST, CREW AND ASSOCIATED TRAVELLERS TO NEW ZEALAND

## 1. Applying to bring film personnel to New Zealand

Cast and crew traveling to New Zealand for production purposes apply for an <u>Entertainers Work Visa</u>. Applying online is straightforward and you are welcome to <u>contact us</u> if you need help with your application.

FEES: Please note that citizens of the USA do not pay a fee or immigration levy for this application, however an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) of NZD \$100 applies. For non-US citizens, more information on applicable fees can be found <u>here</u>.

PROCESSING TIMES: Allow up to three weeks for processing.

For productions of more than 14 days duration, it is typical for inbound personnel to apply for a Letter of Non-Objection (LONO) from the relevant guild in support of the visa application.

CAST - <u>Actor's Equity</u> CREW - <u>Screen Guild</u> DIRECTORS - <u>Directors and Editors Guild</u> DPs - <u>Cinematographers Society</u> PRODUCERS - <u>Screen Production and Development Association</u> WRITERS - <u>NZ Writers Guild</u>

## **Scouting:**

Typically, personnel scouting from <u>visa-waiver</u> countries do not need a visa to enter New Zealand, although must obtain an <u>NZeTA</u> (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority) prior to travel.

FEES: An NZeTA request costs NZD \$117 on Immigration New Zealand's free app, or NZD \$123 if completed online (this includes an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) of NZD \$100). An NZeTA is useful for multiple visits and is valid for up to two years.

PROCESSING TIMES: Allow up to 72 hours for the processing of your NZeTA request, although it may take as little as 10 minutes.

Travellers from non-visa-waiver countries can visit New Zealand for scouting purposes on a Business Visitor Visa.

FEES: The cost to apply for a Business Visitor Visa online is NZD \$341.

PROCESSING TIMES: Allow up to two weeks processing time for the Business Visitor Visa.