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Immigrating to New Zealand

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What visa do I need to travel to New Zealand?

Dentists, dental specialists, dental therapists and dental technicians are some of the roles which have been identified as critical to the delivery of health services in New Zealand. If you have job offer from a New Zealand employer to work in one of these roles, you may be eligible to apply for an **accredited employer visa** under the “straight to residence” pathway.

The ability to apply for residence directly is a huge advantage. Acquiring a resident visa means that you and your family can be assured that you can remain in New Zealand indefinitely, you can purchase your own home (subject to some restrictions, see below), and you won't have to pay international student fees for your children's education. Furthermore, once you become a New Zealand resident, the time spent in New Zealand also counts towards your eligibility for New Zealand citizenship.



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How do I go about purchasing my first home in New Zealand?

Under NZ law both the buyer and seller of a property must have their own lawyer. Your lawyer will advise you on all steps in the process, including registering a mortgage if required. In some cases, you may need to apply to the Overseas Investment Office (“OIO”) for consent to purchase your first home. The OIO regulates overseas investment in New Zealand, including the purchase of residential property, and can be an obstacle if you have lived in New Zealand for less than a year.

How do I set up my own dental practice?

Whether you want to purchase an existing dental practice in New Zealand, buy into an existing practice, or you plan to set up your own business, it is essential that you obtain both legal and accounting advice from the beginning.

McMillan&Co will work with your accountant to assist you through the process, from due diligence to final settlement. An accountant will advise you on reviewing financial information, taxation advice and the best structure to use as the purchasing entity, whether that be as a sole trader, company, trust or partnership. We will advise you on the terms and conditions of any purchase agreement, assist you through the due diligence process by reviewing the lease for the premises the practice operates from, any commercial contracts relating to the practice, employment contracts, and we will help you decide on the right financial structure for the business.

Other legal services

As well as advising you on the establishment of your dental business, McMillan&Co would also review your personal legal requirements, such as whether you require an additional or replacement Will to cover assets held here and overseas, and what other steps need to be taken to protect you and your assets, such as the formation of a family trust, or a relationship property agreement with your partner



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