

BOP labour shortage declaration - How to apply for a variation of conditions on a visitor visa

As a result of the declared labour shortage, visitor visa holders (including those from visa waiver countries) may apply for a variation of conditions which will enable them to undertake seasonal work for up to six weeks in the Bay of Plenty region. The Declaration of Labour Shortage period is from the 15th of April 2019 to the 27th of May 2019. Seasonal work includes planting, maintaining, harvesting and picking crops in the horticulture industry.

How to apply for a variation of conditions?

From 5th April 2019 you can apply to vary the conditions of your visitor visa to allow up to 6 weeks of seasonal work in the Bay of Plenty. You can not start work until the Variation of Conditions have been approved and it is after the 15th of April 2019. You also must finish work before or on the 27th of May 2019.

Step 1: Complete an application for a variation of conditions or a variation of travel conditions (INZ1020), available [here](#).

Step 2: Pay application fee of \$190 by credit card (details completed on application form), bank cheque or personal cheque.

Step 3: Passports/certified copies of passports are no longer a requirement for VOCs. Please send your application form and fee to the address below and include “Labour Shortage” in the address line.

Postal address:
Immigration New Zealand
Labour Shortages
PO Box 76895
Manukau City
Auckland 2241
New Zealand

Courier address:
Immigration NZ
Labour Shortages
DX Box: EP71514
20 Fairfax Avenue
Penrose
Auckland 1061
New Zealand

What next?

Applications will be processed in Manukau, Auckland. When your application is complete your documents will be couriered back to you. Once you receive confirmation that your application is successful you will be eligible to work for up to six weeks. Lists of employers in the Bay of Plenty Region are available on www.NZKGI.org.nz.

Further information

For more information visit the Immigration New Zealand website [here](#) or email NZKGI on employment@NZKGI.org.nz.