



Skilled Migrant Category – Points Overview (1/2)

Skilled Employment	Points
Current Skilled Employment in NZ or an offer of skilled employment in NZ	50
Bonus Points: Current Skilled Employment in NZ or an offer of skilled employment in NZ in an area outside the Auckland region	30
Bonus Points: current Skilled Employment in NZ or an offer of skilled employment in NZ in an area of Absolute Skills Shortage	10
Bonus Points: current Skilled Employment in NZ or an offer of skilled employment in NZ with remuneration of at least \$46.98 per hour, or the equivalent annual salary	20

Age (Primary Applicant)	Points
20 - 39	30
40 - 44	20
45 - 49	10
50 - 55	5

Skilled Work Experience	Points
2 years	10
4 years	20
6 years	30
8 years	40
10 years	50
Bonus Points: Skilled Work Experience in New Zealand for 1 year or more	10
Bonus Points: Skilled Work Experience in an area of Absolute Skills Shortage (2 to 5 years)	10
Bonus Points: Skilled Work Experience in an area of Absolute Skills Shortage (6+ years)	15

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Qualifications	Points
Recognised Level 3 qualification if included on the List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment	40
Recognised level 4-6 qualification (e.g. trade qualification, diploma)	40
Recognised level 7 or 8 qualification (e.g. bachelor's degree, bachelor's degree with Honours)	50
Recognised level 9 or 10 post-graduate qualification (Master's degree, Doctorate)	70
Bonus Points: 2 years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized bachelor degree (level 7) New Zealand qualification; or	10
Bonus Points: 1 year of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized post-graduate New Zealand qualification; or	10
Bonus Points: 2 years of full-time study in New Zealand completing a recognized post-graduate New Zealand qualification	15

Partner (Bonus points for partner's skilled employment/qualification)	Bonus Points
Partner's current skilled employment in New Zealand or offer of skilled employment in New Zealand	20
Partner qualification: recognized qualification at level 7 or 8; or	10
Partner qualification: recognized qualification at level 9 or 10	20

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