



2010 Work in New Zealand

Location	Throughout New Zealand with a welcome orientation in Auckland
Start Dates	Year-round; Visa valid for up to 12 months. Once in a lifetime visa issuance
Program Fees	US\$915
What's Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Placement Assistance Airport pick-up in Auckland Welcome Orientation Basic International Traveler's Insurance 2 nights shared housing in Auckland with breakfast Banking Assistance to open an New Zealand account with ATM Registration for Tax File Number Private mailbox & fax service Free one hour internet access Monthly social activities program Housing Assistance (housing and meals are included at some jobs) 24/7 pre-departure & local support with toll-free local number
What's not Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International transportation Traveler's Insurance Visa Fees Accommodations & Meals for most placements (assistance will be available if needed) Personal expenses
Benefits	Varies based on experience and job. Minimum wage is NZD11.25 (US\$8.53) per hour. If position does not include room & board, salary is usually higher.
Accommodations	Short-term housing is relatively easy to find in NZ. Hostels, rental flats and homes are available with weekly rent.
<i>Country Facts:</i>	
Capital city	Wellington
Population	~4.1 million
Currency and exchange rate	New Zealand Dollars (NZD) http://www.xe.com/ucc/

Program Details & Highlights

We know that traveling half-way around the world is a bit daunting, so ***Cultural Embrace*** will take the stress out of your adventure. Our Work in New Zealand program is designed to provide you with a smooth arrival, orientation, and jet-lag recovery when you land. Paid work in New Zealand varies from short and long term work in a variety of industries. The most common job placements consist of: manual/labor work, office temp/administrative, hospitality/food & beverage, seasonal farm work, IT support jobs and much more.

Working holidaymakers from the USA, the UK, Ireland, Germany, Canada, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Malta, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Uruguay can apply for New Zealand work visas and permits on-line. The process is simple and self-explanatory but if you need any assistance, feel free to contact us at anytime!

As part of our job search service we will assist you with opening a local bank account, applying for your IRD Numbers (NZ tax numbers), job and housing assistance and arranging interview times with employers. Jobs are available throughout New Zealand, particularly in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch since they are more populated and have the biggest supply of jobs.

Our local partners have on average 60-120 jobs available (depending on the season). Currently, it is possible to find work in both skilled and unskilled fields. Now is your chance to improve your work skills, make lifelong international friends, and earn money to explore this beautiful country.

Work in New Zealand Offers:

- An opportunity to broaden your perspective and worldview
- An economical way to live and travel abroad
- An opportunity to participate in and learn local cultural activities (e.g.: language, music, cooking)
- Memorable travel experiences with the chance to see exotic sites you have always dreamed about
- The ability to make lifelong friends from around the globe
- A valuable work experience that strengthens your resume
- A great way to develop and support your self-confidence and interpersonal skills

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Cultural Embrace Offers:

- **Job Placement Assistance**
You will have up to 12 months of offers and access to our job center. Organize and confirm jobs through our local representatives, on-line job databank, and local listings.
- **Compensation**
While each position offers a different salary, earning minimum wage is NZD11.25 (~US\$8.5) per hour, but the average salary is ~NZD\$15.
- **Housing Assistance**
Cultural Embrace offers in-country assistance to help you find a clean, safe and affordable room. Short-term housing is relatively easy to find in NZ. Hostels, rental flats and homes are available with weekly rent. Your salary should be enough to cover your basic living expenses while abroad.
- **Arrival Assistance and Jet-Lag Recovery Package**
You will receive one voucher good for free transfer to your hostel. Hop off the plane and hop on the pre-designated shuttle and you will arrive at your pre-booked accommodations free of charge and stress. An orientation will inform you of New Zealand's laws, safety, work, social, and travel customs. Plus, assistance in setting up a bank account, tax file number, and housing/transportation (if applicable).
- **“Welcome to New Zealand!” Orientation**
An orientation will inform you of New Zealand's laws, safety, work, social, and travel customs.
- **Basic International Traveler's Insurance with Medical**
Our policy provides basic emergency medical coverage, as well as document and luggage loss coverage. *Cultural Embrace* highly recommends additional travel insurance, which is available at extra cost.
- **In-Country Assistance**
Personal postal mail and fax services are included, plus free luggage storage for the first week of your stay, and 24/7 toll-free emergency assistance.
- **Visa Assistance**
Cultural Embrace will assist you with the information and paperwork necessary to obtain a visa, but we have neither control nor the ability to guarantee government issuance and/or visa availability.
For Working Holiday Visa Citizens: Citizens of the USA, the UK, Ireland, Germany, Canada, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Malta, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Uruguay can stay up to 1 year.
- **Cultural Embrace Cultural Kit**
Useful tips, advice, and information to prepare you for the amazing adventure of living and working abroad.
- **Full-time Representation**
Cultural Embrace provides representation in the United States and your host country prior to, during, and after your placement.

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Program Requirements

- Between the ages of 18-30 (visa requirements)
- Be enrolled, or be enrolled and deferred as a post-secondary student or be a graduate of a post-secondary institution (does not apply to US citizens).
- You must have access to a minimum of NZD4200 while in New Zealand and proof of a return ticket. This minimum amount does not have to be entirely in cash - traveler's checks, ATM, and debit/credit cards may also be presented. You are required to show that you have immediate access to funds via bank accounts or parental help (this also for visa requirements).
- Enjoy working with others in a busy, fast-paced environment
- Open to foreign cultures and living abroad
- High level of responsibility

For Working Holiday Maker* Citizens:

This visa allows you to work and travel in New Zealand for up to 1 year. You are only eligible to obtain this visa once in your life, and cannot apply a second time.

*Citizens of the USA, the UK, Ireland, Germany, Canada, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Malta, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Uruguay.

2010 Program Fees

US\$915

*Can\$, Aus\$, Br£, Euros€can be accepted with an additional service charge for currency conversion.

**Please note that prices are subject to change according to exchange rate of foreign currency

How to Apply

1. Obtain the Work Abroad **Application Forms & Procedures** documents in one of two ways:
 - (a) Download the forms from our website at www.culturalembrace.com
 - (b) Call **Cultural Embrace** at 1-512-469-9089 to have the forms mailed to you in 7-10 days.
2. Read the instructions carefully and complete all forms.
3. Submit your completed application packet to:

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Completed packet should include:

- Work Program Application
- Signed Work Program Agreement
- Resume/CV
- Cover Letter explaining why you want to work abroad
- Copy of your Bachelor's degree and other significant credentials
- Copy of your passport (information page only)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (your referrer can send it directly to us via post or email)
- Four passport-size photos with name printed on the back of each photo
- Full-length photo (alone or with friends and family)
- Police Background Security Check
- Recent medical record verifying that you are mentally, emotionally and physically healthy
- One full-length picture
- US\$200 non-refundable deposit (credited towards your program fee)

Upon receipt of your application, a ***Cultural Embrace*** coordinator will contact you for a 20-30 minute phone interview. Once we accept you in to our program, you will receive an invoice for the remainder of your program fee. In order for us to contact our local partners to start your placement process, we require at least 50% of your program.

There is no deadline for applications - first come, first serve. We recommend submitting your application and program fee at least 12-16 weeks prior to your desired start date in order for us to organize and arrange your placement.

****Cultural Embrace*** requires an expedited application fee for those applying 12 weeks or less before the desired date of departure. Applications received 8-12 weeks prior to desired departure date will be charged \$150. Applications received less than 8 weeks before the desired departure date will be charged \$250.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) *Why should I use **Cultural Embrace** to organize my work placement?*

Cultural Embrace and our in-country partners specialize in assisting you with your job placement, housing, and insurance. CE's services will alleviate the troubles and stress of getting everything organized in a new country, which will allow you more time and energy to enjoy yourself while abroad. Ultimately, your time in New Zealand will be an independent and memorable one, but we will do whatever possible to ensure you have a safe, healthy, and comfortable experience before, during, and after your adventure.

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2) *What type of job placements can be found?*

Jobs are typically in either food and beverage, kitchen, and cleaning/housekeeping. Front desk or office work and chef/culinary positions are limited, yet available to those with experience. Depending on the time of year, there are also agricultural opportunities and childcare opportunities. Having fluent English skills give you an advantage with employers.

3) *What is my working schedule and can I take time off to travel?*

Your work schedule will be assigned by your employer, but most positions range from 35-42 hours per week, with a 5 or 6 days work week and one day off. Of course you are encouraged to travel, but please consult with your employer if you plan to return to your job and want time off; or if you wish to travel and find another company and/or destination, then our local partners can assist you with a new job and home search. Please note that you may only work for one employer for a maximum of four months.

4) *What type of visa should I get for this program?*

If you are aged between 18 and 30 years old, New Zealand has *Working Holiday* arrangements with the following countries: USA, Canada, UK, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, and Uruguay.

5) *What is the duration of the visa?*

The visa is valid for 12-months from the date of first entry in to New Zealand.

6) *What are the eligibility requirements for this program?*

In order to get a Working Holiday visa, you must have the following requirements:

- a) You must have a valid passport
- b) Be at least 18 and not yet turned 31 at the time of application
- c) Not bring children with you
- d) Hold a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket
- e) The guideline is proof that you have access to NZ\$4200. This can be in a form of a credit card, or a letter from you bank, or traveler's checks.
- f) Meet New Zealand's health and character requirements

7) *Can I study on this visa?*

Only for three months. If you wish to study longer, you must get a student visa.

8) *How long will it take to make my placement?*

We ask applicants to apply at least 12-16 weeks in advanced of your desired start date. The placement may take less time than this, but we want to ensure that we have enough time to find a great placement for you! There are additional administrative fees if you apply less than 12 weeks in advanced, and we do not contact our local partners until we receive at least 50% of the program fee payment.

9) *What types of housing options are available, and how much does housing cost?*

Short-term housing is relatively easy to find in NZ. Hostels, rental flats and homes are available with weekly rent. **Cultural Embrace**'s Work in New Zealand program offers the flexibility to decide exactly what sort of experience each participant wants. Since housing is so varied (per city, city center vs. suburbs or beach-side accommodations; weekly or monthly leases in shared flats or youth hostels), **Cultural Embrace** does not pre-book your housing before you arrive in Auckland. However, when you arrive in Auckland, **Cultural Embrace** will have pre-booked 2 nights accommodations while you get to know the city, look for a job, and rest up from that jet lag! You will be afforded a variety of options for your housing accommodations, along with dozens of other participants arriving each day, looking for potential roommates and new friends! This way you can pick your city, pick your accommodations, and pick your roommates!

10) *When should I buy my plane ticket and does **Cultural Embrace** provide any resources to help with plane tickets?*

Plane tickets should not be purchased until after your placement has been confirmed. **Cultural Embrace** works with consolidators and discount travel agencies that can help find cheaper tickets than those that are available to the general public.

11) *What do I do if I have a problem or complaint within my work placement?*

You must speak to your employer or manager to give them an opportunity to explain or investigate the situation. If the complaint still exists, then please contact your local representative in New Zealand, as well as let **Cultural Embrace** (Austin office) know so we can mediate on your behalf.

12) *Will I have free time in New Zealand?*

Absolutely! Through this program, you will have a great chance to relax, travel and explore this beautiful continent. You will have the liberty to pick and choose your jobs, so you may opt to have a part-time job(s), full-time job, weekend job, etc. Our on-line members-only database will provide you with a list of vacant jobs, their locations (throughout New Zealand,) their schedule, duties and responsibilities. This provides you with the freedom of selecting where, when, and what you will do in New Zealand. There are a lot of fun and exciting things to do in New Zealand. Each region and state have such diverse and adventurous activities. If you would like to pre-arrange excursions (ie: sight-seeing or adventure sport trips), or cultural activities (ie: diving lessons, surf classes, etc) prior to your departure, we may assist you with making recommendations and reservations. This will alleviate the time and energy to make plans while you are abroad, plus, you often receive a pre-booking discount than organizing it in New Zealand. However, our local coordinators in New Zealand will be able to assist you in person too.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at work@culturalembrace.com or you can call us at 1-512-469-9089 or 1-888-214-8570 (US toll-free).

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