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**New Zealand relaxes visa rules for "digital nomads" – 30th January 2025**

## Level 0

There is good news if you want to work in New Zealand online. The country has a new visa. It lets visitors work online for a foreign employer. People staying for nine months have to pay tax. New Zealand's economic growth minister said: "We want...wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] the arrival gates."

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## Level 1

There is good news if you want to work in New Zealand. The country has a new visa for "digital nomads". A digital nomad is someone who can work anywhere because their job is online. The new visa lets visitors work online for a foreign employer for up to nine months. People staying that long may have to pay tax. New Zealand's economic growth minister said: "We want...wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] the arrival gates."

New Zealand's economy has suffered because of the Covid pandemic. It hurt tourism. The tourism industry has not returned to pre-Covid levels. Another thing that hurt the economy is the many young people leaving the country. New Zealand's immigration minister hoped the visitors with the new visa will spend more money. This will help the economy. She also hopes that they will fall in love with New Zealand.

## Level 2

There is good news if you want to work in New Zealand. The country has relaxed its visa rules. It wants "digital nomads" to live in the country for up to nine months. A digital nomad is someone who can work anywhere because their job is online. New Zealand's new visa lets visitors work remotely for a foreign employer for up to nine months. However, people staying for nine months may have to pay tax. New Zealand's economic growth minister hopes the new visa will help the economy. She said: "We want...wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] the arrival gates."

New Zealand's economy has suffered in recent years. The Covid pandemic hurt the tourism industry. Another thing that hurt the economy is many young people leaving New Zealand. Record numbers of people in their twenties are going overseas. New Zealand's immigration minister hoped the visitors with the new visa will spend more money. This will help the economy. She said the visitors would "spend more because they're here for longer. And the thing that we're really hoping for, is that they fall in love with the place".

## Level 3

There is good news for people who want to work in New Zealand. The country has relaxed its visa rules. It wants to attract "digital nomads" to live and work in the country for up to nine months. A digital nomad is someone who can travel and live anywhere because they work online. New Zealand has a new visa that allows visitors to work remotely for a foreign employer for three months. This can be extended for up to nine months. However, someone staying for nine months may have to pay tax. Economic growth minister Nicola Willis hopes the new visa will help New Zealand's economy. She said: "We want more wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] the arrival gates."

New Zealand's economy has suffered in recent years. The Covid pandemic hurt the country's tourism industry. It has not yet recovered to pre-Covid levels. Another thing that is affecting the economy is the number of young people leaving New Zealand. Record numbers of people in their twenties are going overseas to work. Immigration Minister Erica Stanford hoped the visitors with the new visa will spend more money. This will boost the economy. She said: "I expect in their time here, visitors will spend longer than they normally would. They will spend more because they're here for longer. And the thing that we're really hoping for, is that they fall in love with the place."