

Investing in New Zealand

Here is a general guide to investing in New Zealand

If you are a New Zealand citizen, ordinarily resident in New Zealand, or an entity registered in New Zealand and owned by New Zealanders, you can generally do any of the below and do not need to contact us. Please visit our website to find out more, as there are some exceptions.

	Overseas people, including international entities	Resident visa holder who lives overseas, and entities >25% overseas-owned or controlled	Holders of an AIP visa, Investor 1 visa or Investor 2 visa	Australian and Singaporean citizens, Australian and Singaporean permanent residents who live in NZ
Buying forestry	 Consent generally required ¹	 Consent generally required ¹	 Consent generally required ¹	 Consent generally required ¹
Developing residential land	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Usually OK to buy ²
Buying one home to live in	 Won't get consent	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Usually OK to buy ²
Buying a holiday home >\$5m	 Won't get consent	 Won't get consent	 Consent required ³	 Usually OK to buy ²
Investing in other sensitive land	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Consent required
Investing in significant business assets over \$100m	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Consent required	 Consent required
Investing in SIB involved with military or dual-use technology	 Must notify ⁴	 Must notify ⁴	 Must notify ⁴	 Must notify ⁴
Investing in another type of SIB	 May notify ⁴	 May notify ⁴	 May notify ⁴	 May notify ⁴

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¹ There is an exemption for forestry rights below 1,000 hectares – see schedule 3, clause 6 of the Overseas Investment Act 2005

² Consent is required if the land is both residential land and otherwise sensitive

³ Consent is not available if the land is both residential land and otherwise sensitive

⁴ There are some specific exceptions to this requirement - see s 82 of the Overseas Investment Act 2005