

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND
ON A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME

The Kingdom of Belgium and the Government of New Zealand

Hereafter referred to as "the Parties"

Interested in strengthening the cooperative relations between the two countries,
and

Wishing to promote a better mutual understanding by allowing their young nationals to familiarise themselves and appreciate the culture and way of life of the other country by means of holiday stays during which they have the possibility of working in order to augment the financial resources at their disposal;

Have agreed on the following:

PART I – SCOPE AND PROCEDURE

ARTICLE 1

Individuals wishing to benefit under this Agreement shall:

- (a) have a holiday in the other country as their primary intention, with employment being an incidental reason for the visit;
- (b) be aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- (c) hold a valid passport;
- (d) possess a valid return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;

- (e) have sufficient funds for their maintenance during their stay in the other country as determined by each Party;
- (f) not have benefited from the Scheme previously;
- (g) have no disease or infirmity that may endanger public health, order or security;
- (h) be able to produce, at the request of one of the Parties, an official document attesting to their good character;
- (i) have comprehensive medical and hospitalisation insurance for the duration of their stay; and
- (j) pay the prescribed visa application fee.

ARTICLE 2

Each Party, in accordance with this Agreement, shall allow nationals of the other Party who meet the requirements of Article 1, to enter its territory under cover of an appropriate visa as part of the Working Holiday Scheme established by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

1. The residence permit granted by Belgium shall allow the holder, once all registration formalities are completed with the competent authorities of the local commune, to stay temporarily in Belgium for a period that does not exceed twelve months. The permit shall also provide for multiple entries into Belgium during this twelve month period.
2. Requests for Belgian visas under this Agreement may be lodged with the competent Belgian diplomatic or consular post in the country of residence of the applicant.
3. New Zealand nationals participating under this Agreement shall not require a work permit.
4. Upon approving an application, the relevant Belgian authorities shall endeavour to give advice to New Zealand nationals participating under this Agreement as to its practical operation in Belgium, including procedures for registration at a commune.

ARTICLE 4

1. The authorisation that is granted by New Zealand under Article 2 consists of a work visa that is valid for a period of twelve months from the date of issue. This authorisation shall also provide for multiple entries into New Zealand during this twelve month period.
2. Requests for New Zealand visas may be made to any New Zealand visa processing office.
3. The New Zealand Government shall grant a work permit to Belgian nationals who are in possession of a work visa referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. The work permit shall be granted to such persons on their arrival in New Zealand and shall be valid for a period of not more than twelve months from the date of entry into New Zealand.
4. Belgian nationals participating under this Agreement shall not be permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and may not work for the same employer for more than three months during their visit.
5. Upon approving an application, the relevant New Zealand authorities shall endeavour to give advice to Belgian nationals participating under this Agreement as to its practical operation in New Zealand, including the restrictions in paragraph four (4).

PART II – COMMON PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 5

1. Nationals of either country participating under this Working Holiday Scheme Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Participants") shall be treated the same way as the nationals of the host country as far as the enforcement of laws and rules is concerned.
2. When Participants are employed, the laws and rules of the host country concerning terms and conditions of work, remuneration, security and hygiene in employment will apply.
3. Participants and their employers shall comply with the regulations of the host country in matters relating to social security.
4. Participants shall not engage in employment that is contrary to the purposes of this Agreement.
5. Participants may enrol in one training or study course of up to three months duration in the course of their visit.

ARTICLE 6

Participants may not extend their stay beyond the one year period of the Working Holiday Scheme.

ARTICLE 7

1. Either Party may refuse to approve any particular application it receives.
2. Either Party may, consistent with its own law, refuse the entry into its territory of any Participant whom it may consider undesirable, or remove any Participant from the country who has obtained entry under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

The maximum number of Participants authorised by the Parties to stay on their respective territories under this Agreement is fixed, initially, at 100 per annum. This quota may be revised annually by mutual agreement of the Parties and recorded through an exchange of diplomatic notes. Any such exchange revising the quota shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement.

PART III – GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 9

1. Either Party may, at any time, through diplomatic channels, request consultations on the operation of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall be subject to review after a period of two (2) years from the date it enters into force, and subsequently as requested by either Party.

ARTICLE 10

Either Party may temporarily suspend the Agreement, in whole or in part, for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration risk. Any such suspension, and the date of its effect, shall be notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 11

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indeterminate period, subject to termination in accordance with paragraph three (3).
2. This Agreement may be amended once the Parties have agreed on proposed amendments and have completed their appropriate internal procedures and have notified each other by an exchange of diplomatic notes that their internal procedures have been completed. Amendments will enter into force thirty (30) days after the receipt of the second diplomatic note in which one of the Parties informs the other of the fulfilment of its constitutional requirements.
3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months prior written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

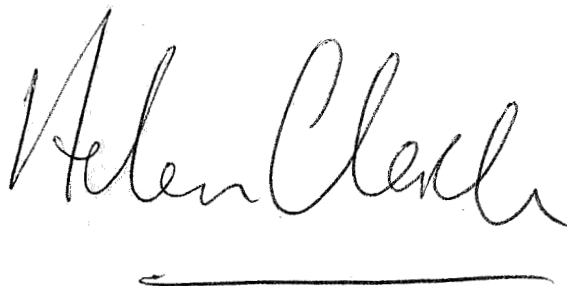
ARTICLE 12

Each Party shall notify the other through diplomatic channels of the completion of its internal procedural requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the date of receipt of the last of these notifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised to this effect, have signed this Agreement.

Signed at Brussels on 23 April 2003, in two original copies, in English, French and Dutch, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of New Zealand



Helen Clark

For the Kingdom of Belgium

