

Agreement
on a Working Holiday Scheme
between
the Government of New Zealand
and
the Government of the Czech Republic

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(hereinafter to as "the Parties")

Have come to the following agreement for the operation of a Working Holiday Scheme ("the Scheme") between the two states.

Obligations of the New Zealand Party

ARTICLE 1

The New Zealand Party, through a visa processing office, shall, subject to Article 2, on application by a citizen of the Czech Republic, issue a work visa valid for presentation for a period of one year from the date of issue to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) is a citizen of the Czech Republic who is permanently resident in the Czech Republic at the time of application;
- (b) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in New Zealand, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
- (c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- (d) is not accompanied by children;
- (e) possesses a valid Czech Republic passport;
- (f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- (g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in New Zealand, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
- (h) pays the prescribed work visa application fee;
- (i) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalization insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in New Zealand; and
- (j) complies with any health requirements for entry into New Zealand.

ARTICLE 2

The New Zealand Party shall issue each year the work visas mentioned in Article 1 to citizens of the Czech Republic up to the number specified in a separate arrangement concluded to this end by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

Subject to Article 2, the New Zealand Party shall grant a work permit to a citizen from the Czech Republic free of charge, provided that he/she possesses the work visa issued pursuant to Article 1 and satisfies each of the requirements in Article 1. The work permit shall be granted to such person on his/her arrival in New Zealand and shall be valid for a period of not more than one year from the date of entry into New Zealand.

ARTICLE 4

Any citizen of the Czech Republic who has entered the territory of New Zealand under this Agreement shall comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and the conditions of the Scheme. Participants in the Scheme shall not be permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and shall not work for the same employer for more than three months during their visit. They may enrol in one training or study course of up to three months duration during the course of their visit to New Zealand.

Obligations of the Czech Republic Party

ARTICLE 5

The Czech Republic Party, through a visa processing office, shall, subject to Article 6, on application by a New Zealand citizen, issue a long term visa valid for presentation for a period of one year from the date of issue to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) is a citizen of New Zealand who is permanently resident in New Zealand;
- (b) intends to holiday in the Czech Republic, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
- (c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- (d) is not accompanied by children;
- (e) possesses a valid New Zealand passport;
- (f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- (g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in the Czech Republic, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;

- (h) produces a signed statement stating that he/she has never been convicted of a criminal act in New Zealand;
- (i) submits two photographs;
- (j) pays the prescribed visa fee;
- (k) produces a document proving his/her health insurance to the extent set by the national legislation of the Czech Republic; and
- (l) complies with any health requirements for entry into the Czech Republic.

ARTICLE 6

The Czech Republic Party shall issue each year the visas mentioned in Article 5 to citizens of New Zealand up to the number specified in a separate arrangement concluded to this end by the Parties.

ARTICLE 7

Any citizen of New Zealand who has been granted a visa pursuant to Article 5 and satisfies each of the requirements in Article 5 may engage in an employment during his/her stay in the territory of the Czech Republic without a work permit for a period of not more than one year.

ARTICLE 8

Any citizen of New Zealand who has entered the territory of the Czech Republic under this Agreement shall comply with the laws and regulations of the Czech Republic and the conditions of the Scheme. Participants in the Scheme shall not be permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and shall not work for the same employer for more than three months during their visit. They may enrol in one training or study course of up to three months duration during the course of their visit to the Czech Republic.

General Clauses

ARTICLE 9

The validity of the visa issued within the Scheme may not be extended and the visa may not be repeatedly issued to the same person.

ARTICLE 10

1. Either of the Parties may refuse any particular application it receives.
2. Either of the Parties may, consistent with its own law, refuse the entry into its territory of any person participating in the Scheme whom it may consider undesirable or remove any such person from the country who has obtained entry under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

The relevant authorities of either Party shall issue the respective visas and work permits without delay. The Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels of the administrative procedures and conditions related to the implementation of this Agreement. The Parties shall inform each other of relevant amendments to their respective laws and regulations related to the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

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

ARTICLE 13

1. Either Party may, at any time, through diplomatic channels, request consultations concerning the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, including any questions relating to the possible inconsistency of any changes to their respective laws and regulations, or of their administrative procedures and conditions, with the provisions of this Agreement, or concerning any proposed amendments to the Agreement. The other Party shall respond to the request within 60 days.

2. The Agreement shall be subject to a review after a period of two (2) years from the date it enters into force and subsequently as requested by either Party.

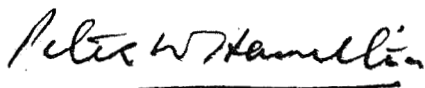
ARTICLE 14

1. Each Party shall in writing notify the other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of its internal legal requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the last of the notifications received.

2. Either Party may notify the other of its decision to implement the Agreement provisionally prior to completion of the requirements in paragraph 1.

3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, with three months notice, by notifying the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. In the event of termination, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply to persons who have been issued visas under this Agreement until the expiry of their respective visas.

Done at Prague on 11th October 2004 in two original copies, in English and in Czech languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For the Government of New Zealand



For the Government of the Czech Republic