# Agreement

# on a

# Working Holiday Scheme

between

# the Government of New Zealand

and

the Government of Norway

The Government of New Zealand and the Government of Norway ("the Parties") have come to the following agreement for the operation of a Working Holiday Scheme ("the Scheme") between the two countries.

#### Obligations of the Government of New Zealand

#### ARTICLE 1

The Government of New Zealand, through a visa processing office, shall, subject to Article 2, on application by a citizen of Norway, issue a work visa valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) is a citizen of Norway;
- (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 at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than thirty-one
  (31) years of age, at the time of application;
- (d) is not accompanied by children;
- (e) possesses a valid Norwegian 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 hospitalisation insurance for the duration of his/her stay in New Zealand; and
- (j) complies with any health requirements imposed by New Zealand.

### **ARTICLE 2**

The Government of New Zealand will issue no more than 200 per annum of the work visas mentioned in Article 1 to citizens of Norway, unless it determines

otherwise. The Government of New Zealand will advise the Government of Norway of any such adjustment. An adjustment to the number of work visas issued per annum shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement.

# **ARTICLE 3**

Subject to Article 2, the Government of New Zealand shall grant a work permit to a citizen from Norway, 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 twelve (12) months from the date of entry into New Zealand.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

The Government of New Zealand shall require any citizen from Norway who has entered New Zealand through the Scheme operating under this Agreement to comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the Scheme. They may enrol in one training or study course of up to three (3) months' duration during the course of their visit to New Zealand.

# **Obligations of the Government of Norway**

#### **ARTICLE 5**

1. The Government of Norway shall, on application by a New Zealand citizen, grant a work permit to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) is a citizen of New Zealand;
- (b) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in Norway, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
- (c) is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than thirty-one (31) years of age, 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 Norway, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
- (h) pays the prescribed work permit application fee; and
- (i) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance for the duration of his/her stay in Norway.

2. The application may be lodged at any Norwegian Foreign Mission. The work permit must have been granted before entering Norway under the Scheme.

3. The work permit is valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of registration with the Norwegian Police Authorities in accordance with Article 6.2 of this Agreement. Such registration must take place within six (6) months of the work permit being granted.

# ARTICLE 6

1. The Government of Norway shall require any citizen from New Zealand who has entered Norway through the Scheme operating under this Agreement to comply with the laws and regulations of Norway and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the Scheme. They may enrol in one training or study course of up to three (3) months' duration during the course of their visit to Norway.

2. If not otherwise agreed, participants in the Scheme shall report to the Police Office in Oslo (Oslo Politikammer), within seven (7) days after their entry into Norway, to register the work permit.

### **General Clauses**

#### **ARTICLE 7**

Either of the Parties may refuse any particular application it receives.

#### ARTICLE 8

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 9**

1. Either Party may, at any time, through diplomatic channels request consultations on the provisions of this Agreement, including any proposed amendments to it. The other Party shall respond to the request within sixty (60) days. 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.

2. Any amendments mutually agreed following consultations pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be effected through an exchange of notes through the diplomatic channel which shall include a reference to the date on which the amendments shall come into force.

#### ARTICLE 10

Either of the Parties 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**

Either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months' prior written notice to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.

#### ARTICLE 12

Each Party shall notify the other, by diplomatic notes, of the completion of its internal procedural requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at <u>Wellington</u> on <u>14 March 2005</u>, in two original copies, in English and Norwegian, both texts being equally authentic.

Zealand For the Government of New

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For the Government of Norway