

**Joint Declaration  
of the Government of the Republic of Austria  
and  
the Government of New Zealand  
on a Working Holiday Scheme**

The Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of New Zealand (“the Participants”),

- in seeking to intensify their good relations and to further develop their cooperation,
- express their common intention, for the fostering of mutual understanding, to give young Austrian and New Zealand citizens the possibility to become better acquainted with the culture, daily life and working world in each other’s countries in the context of a holiday stay, and to take up employment during such a stay, and
- confirm their firm intention to implement a Working Holiday Scheme for young Austrian and New Zealand citizens to that end, on the basis of this Joint Declaration.

I.

1. The Participants declare their preparedness to grant a working holiday stay for a period of six months to citizens of the other side who
  - (a) are aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application,
  - (b) have the primary intention to holiday in Austria or New Zealand, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit,
  - (c) are not accompanied by dependent family members,
  - (d) have not previously completed a working holiday stay in the other country,
  - (e) are in possession of a valid Austrian or New Zealand passport and hold a return ticket or sufficient funds for the purchase of such a ticket,
  - (f) have sufficient funds for their maintenance for the initial period of their stay in the other country,
  - (g) can show that they have sufficient health insurance coverage,
  - (h) pay the prescribed visa application fee, and
  - (i) comply with any health and character requirements imposed by Austria or New Zealand,

with due regard to the general immigration rules.

2. The Austrian side expects that the New Zealand citizens will, before their entry to Austria, hold health insurance that covers all risks and will be effective in Austria. The New Zealand side expects that the Austrian citizens, during their stay in New Zealand, will hold a valid insurance policy that covers medical and comprehensive hospital treatment including return transport to Austria.
3. The Participants will issue up to 100 visas per annum to citizens of the other side who satisfy the requirements in Paragraph 1 of this Joint Declaration. The Participants will provide written advice to the other party of any decision to adjust the number of visas issued per annum. For the avoidance of doubt, an adjustment in the number of visas issued per annum will not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Joint Declaration, unless its effect is to reduce the number of visas to be issued per annum to fewer than 100 visas, in which case the procedure in Paragraph 11 will apply.
4. Austria requires any citizen from New Zealand who has entered Austria under the Joint Declaration to comply with the laws and regulations of Austria and not to engage in employment or study that is contrary to the terms of this Joint Declaration. New Zealand requires any citizen from Austria who has entered New Zealand under the Joint Declaration to comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and not to engage in employment or study that is contrary to the terms of this Joint Declaration. Any professional qualifications that according to domestic regulations are required for the carrying-out of the employment sought, or other general requirements for registration or notification of the activity in question, are to be observed.
5. The New Zealand side declares that Austrian citizens who meet the requirements in paragraph (1) can be issued a visa, valid for presentation in New Zealand for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue, with which they may:
  - (a) stay in New Zealand for up to six months,
  - (b) work for one or more employers,
  - (c) study or participate in educational courses in New Zealand for up to six months, and

- (d) enter and exit New Zealand during the period of validity of the visa.
6. The Austrian side declares that New Zealand citizens will receive a visa for a working holiday stay in Austria, with which they may:
- (a) for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds or for educational purposes, pursue employment for up to a total of six months without the need for a work permit. However all requirements of employment contract law (*Arbeitsvertragsrecht*), employee protection law (*Arbeitnehmerschutzrecht*) including the special regulations concerning the employment of juveniles, employment relations and workplace labour relations law (*Arbeits- und Betriebsverfassungsrecht*), as well as the collective legal regulation in the field of labour law (*kollektive Rechtsgestaltung auf dem Gebiet des Arbeitsrechts*) and all social security regulations, are to apply,
  - (b) study or participate in educational courses in Austria for up to six months, and
  - (c) enter and exit Austria during the period of validity of the visa.
7. Visa applications by Austrian citizens for a working holiday stay in New Zealand may be made electronically over the internet or at the duly authorized Immigration New Zealand branch, New Zealand embassy or New Zealand consular mission.
8. The Austrian side points out that New Zealand citizens may apply for a visa for a working holiday stay in Austria at the responsible Austrian embassy or the consular missions of the Republic of Austria in New Zealand or at other Austrian consular missions, specifically empowered for that purpose. Applications may not be made in Austria.

9. It is agreed that each side may
  - (a) temporarily suspend, in part or in whole, or
  - (b) cancel, in part or in whole,this Joint Declaration. Such a decision will be communicated to the other side through diplomatic channels promptly, with three months' notice before it comes into effect.
10. Notwithstanding a partial or complete suspension or cancellation of the abovementioned measures, any person who holds a valid visa for a working holiday stay upon the taking-effect of such a decision may enter the other country and/or continue to stay there and work until the expiry of the visa, unless both sides decide otherwise.
11. Either Participant may, at any time, through the diplomatic channel request consultations on the implementation and operation of this Joint Declaration. Such consultations will begin at the earliest possible date, but not later than sixty (60) days from the date the other Participant receives the request unless otherwise mutually determined by the Participants. This Joint Declaration may be jointly reviewed by the Participants upon the request of either Participant. A review of the duration of the working holiday stay will be undertaken a year after this Joint Declaration enters into effect.
12. This Joint Declaration may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

13. Each Participant will notify the other Participant, through the diplomatic channel, of the completion of its internal procedures necessary for this Joint Declaration to come into effect. This Joint Declaration will enter into effect on the date of the later notification.

This Joint Declaration is signed in duplicate at Vienna, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, in the German and English languages.

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