

SPORT VISA APPLICATION

Citizens and Permanent Residents of New Zealand, Tuvalu, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Pitcairn can apply for a subordinate visa for Italy to the Embassy of Italy in Wellington.

This type of visa allows entry into Italy, for a fixed-term long visit up to a maximum of 365 days and for a trial period (not less than 90 days) for professional, sporting activities either on a self-employed or dependent basis under contracts with sporting organisations based in Italy.

Firstly it will be necessary for the prospective Sports Club in Italy to apply to the local authorities (namely Questura) to obtain the necessary pre-authorisation to the sports visa. The application will then be assessed by the relevant Italian Sporting Federation and the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) of the request. If the pre-assessment is positive, CONI will notify the Embassy accordingly.

Please note that the visa application can be processed only after our Embassy has been directly notified by CONI about the positive pre-assessment.

After reception of CONI's notification (the applicant may contact this Embassy to check if said notification has been received or not), a formal application including the documents listed below can be submitted by posting to our Embassy (PO box 463, 6140) the following documentation:

- National Visa Application Form; the application must be signed in front of a NZ Justice of the Peace (JP);
- A valid passport with at least 90 days validity after the visa expiry date (the passport must have a blank page on which the visa will be affixed);
- 1 recent passport-style photo;
- Full flight itinerary including border of entry into Italy (the flight provided MUST consider that it may take up to 30 days to process the Visa form the arrival of COMPLETE application to the Embassy);
- Proof of Payment of the visa processing fee (i.e. screenshot of your bank account). <u>Payment is required by bank transfer</u>. Please note that the amount of the visa processing fee changes from quarter to quarter. The applicant is advised to check the correct amount to be paid and our bank details <u>at this his link</u> (Please pay amount for National Visa);
- Prepaid self-addressed courier envelope with attached "Courier with Signature" label (to be purchased separately). For Rural deliveries please include also a "Rural Delivery label" (also purchased separately).