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***Updates: New Zealand Government Policies  
regarding “Study-Work-Migrate”***

The Embassy would like to share OFFICIAL clarifications provided by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and Immigration New Zealand. It is strongly recommended that Filipinos considering pursuing the “Study-Work-Migrate” scheme to NZ read through and consider the information supplied below.

**Q.** *Is it true that students who complete the Philippines’ K-12 programme are already deemed qualified to enroll in NZ in a bachelor’s degree or level five qualifications?*

**A.** While NZQA’s International Policy and Liaison team and the Commission on Higher Education have a project to compare the two countries’ Bachelor’s Degrees, other qualifications are not within its scope, including the recognition of the Philippines’ K-12, for university entrance in New Zealand. The project outcome will not have any implications on entrance requirements for Bachelor’s Degrees.

New Zealand tertiary education providers craft their respective admission requirements and criteria corresponding to the level of qualification the student is applying for entry into. A survey of NZ tertiary education institutions reflect that current admission requirements into their Bachelor’s Degree programmes require additional study beyond the completion of high school in the Philippines as well as English Language proficiency. ***In other words, PH K-12 DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY for enrollment in NZ Bachelor’s / Level 5 programmes.***

**Q.** *Is it true that during or after your studies, there are career services that will look for your employment, part-time as a student and permanent full-time job, after?*

**A.** Filipino students considering study in NZ must exercise due diligence and scrutinize NZ immigration requirements. They should also examine the likelihood of opportunities for work during and post-study, which vary according to the region, the education organization, the particular programme of study, and their credentials pre- and post-study in NZ.

To ensure that prospective international students can make informed choices, the Education Code of Practice 2016 or “The Code” mandates NZ education providers to provide clear, sufficient, and accurate information, among others, on potential learning outcomes, pathways for further study and employment, and estimated study and living costs. Once enrolled with the provider, the latter has to ensure that the international student has access to information, such as on NZ minimum wages, labour conditions, and maximum hours of work permitted under visa conditions.

It has to be underscored also that ***there is no obligation on education providers under The Code to provide information or support of any kind to international students in finding work either during or post-study, or guarantee work after graduation.***

**Q.** *Is it true that the whole family can migrate at the same time and enjoy all the benefits in NZ even if the principal is only on student visa?*

**A.** The Immigration New Zealand (INZ) Student Visa Guide clearly indicates that “You cannot include anyone else on your application form...If ***your partner, your children, your parent/legal guardian***, or anyone else will accompany you to New Zealand, they ***must apply separately*** for the type of visa they require”. Benefits also depend on individual visa conditions. In particular, student visa holders are generally not covered by the NZ government’s free medical services. END