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Guide on whether POEA or CFO pre-departure clearance is needed

Meaning of abbreviations:

- CFO – Commission on Filipinos Overseas
- PDOS – Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar
- GCP – Guidance and Counseling Program
- OEC – Overseas Employment Certificate
- PCP – Peer Counseling Program
- POEA – Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
- ERB – Employment Regulation Branch
- POLO – Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Canberra, Australia
- PHL – Philippines
- NZ – New Zealand
- INZ – Immigration New Zealand
- WTR – Work-To-Residence
- SMC – Skilled Migrant Category

OFWs in most cases, are required to register with POEA. Moreover, an **OEC is needed for those with contracts having duration of one year or more**. Those going to NZ to settle permanently, or as fiancé/es, spouses or partners of foreign nationals, are required to register with CFO.

The following was furnished by CFO to the Embassy and validated with POEA and the NZ Embassy in Manila for reference and guidance of Filipino nationals departing for NZ.

VISA CATEGORY / CLIENT PROFILE	TRAVELER DESCRIPTION	NZ VISA LABEL	REMARKS
1. Visitor visa – dependent of worker	Partner/spouse is holder of temporary work visa in NZ	Visitor	POEA clearance not required. GCP required if spouse/ partner is non-Filipino or former Filipino. Contact CFO.
2. Visitor visa – dependent of NZ resident/citizen	Parents are NZ residents/citizens	Visitor	CFO – PDOS/PCP required. CFO registration sticker issued.
3. Visitor visa – partner/spouse of NZ resident	Partner/spouse is Filipino NZ resident	Visitor	CFO – PDOS required. CFO registration sticker issued.
4. Visitor visa – partner/spouse of NZ citizen	Partner/spouse is NZ citizen, former Filipino citizen and non-Filipino NZ resident	Visitor	CFO – GCP required. CFO issues GCP certificate and registration sticker.
5. Visitor visa – partner/spouse of NZ citizen or of non-Filipino NZ resident	Will not stay in NZ permanently, only a short visit declared to INZ.	Visitor	CFO – GCP required and certificate issued. CFO registration not required.
6. Visitor visa – partner/spouse of Filipino NZ resident	Will not stay in NZ permanently, only short visit declared to INZ.	Visitor	CFO not required.
7. Limited visa – partner/spouse of NZ citizen or non-Filipino NZ resident	Restricted visa for limited time. Will stay with NZ boy/girlfriend or partner. Visa cannot be extended or changed. Will definitely have to	Limited visa	CFO – GCP required and certificate issued. CFO registration sticker not required.

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	return to PHL.		
8. Limited visa – partner/spouse of Filipino NZ resident	Restricted visa for limited time. Will stay with Filipino NZ resident boy/girlfriend or partner. Visa can't be extended or changed. Will definitely have to return to PHL.	Limited visa	CFO not required.
9. Work visa – work specific	Will work for specific company for short period only and return to PHL.	Work	POEA clearance required. Contact POEA.
10. Work visa – specific for artists, musicians, etc.	Will travel to NZ for specific performance or engagement. Usually 1-3 days only.	Work	POEA clearance required. Contact POEA.
11. Work visa – specific for nannies/helpers	Will travel to NZ for short period to accompany employers on holiday. Will not be employed in NZ nor stay in NZ permanently.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. May need evidence of employment, e.g., contract, pay slips, employer's SS contributions, etc., and proof s/he will return to PHL. INZ Manila to issue POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
12. Work visa – specific for tour guides	Employed by local travel agency accompanying a group as tour guide.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. May need proof of PHL employment and to show work IDs. INZ Manila to issue POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
13. Work visa – internship/ trainee visas	Students in PHL taking short term work as prerequisite to courses in NZ.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. Check/ refer to CHED. INZ Manila to issue POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
14. Work visa – general	Will work in NZ.	Work	POEA clearance required. OEC needed for contracts w/ 1 yr. duration or more. Contact POLO.
15. Work visa – dependent of work visa holder	Partner/spouse is work visa holder. Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA clearance not required. GCP required if spouse/partner is non-Filipino or former Filipino. Contact CFO.
16. Work visa – dependent of student	Partner/spouse is student visa holder. Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA clearance not required. GCP required if spouse/partner is non-Filipino or former Filipino. Contact CFO.
17. Work visa – partnership	Partner/spouse is NZ citizen or non-Filipino NZ resident. Open visa. No	Work	CFO – GCP required and certificate issued. CFO registration sticker issued.

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	employer listed.		
18. Work visa – partnership	Partner/spouse is Filipino NZ resident. Open visa. No employer listed.		CFO – PDOS required. CFO registration sticker issued.
19. Work visa – WTR /Accredited Employer/Long Term Skills Shortages w/ job offer/employer specified on visa	Will work for an NZ employer. May be eligible for residence after living in NZ for certain period of time. An employer noted on label.	Work	POEA clearance and OEC required. Contact POLO.
20. Work/visitor visa – partner/spouse of WTR visa holder, principal/spouse/partner w/ job offer/ employer specified on visa	Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. INZ Manila will issue a POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
21. Work visa – WTR Job Search Visa w/o employer or job offer.	With pending Skilled Migrant Residence/SMC application, will travel to NZ to find job for residence application. Open Visa.	Work	CFO–PDOS required. CFO registration sticker issued.
22. Work /visitor/student visa – partner/spouse/dependent of WTR Job Search Visa holder (w/o job offer employer)	Open Visa. No employer or school listed. Partner/spouse has pending Skilled Migrant Residence Category application with NZ Embassy.	Student or visitor	CFO–PDOS/PCP required. CFO registration sticker issued.
23. Silver Fern	No pending residence application. Will travel to NZ to find work – job search visa. Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. INZ Manila will issue a POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
24. Graduate Job Search Visa	For international student graduates of NZ schools only. Will travel to NZ to find work. Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance not required. INZ Manila will issue a POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
25. Work visa – partner of graduate job search visa	Partner/spouse of graduate job search visa holder. Open visa. No employer listed.	Work	POEA/CFO clearance is not required. INZ Manila will issue a POEA/OEC clearance exemption letter.
26. Residence visa holder	Resident of NZ. First time traveler to NZ after approval of application.	Residence	CFO – PDOS required. CFO registration sticker issued.

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CHED

- For more information about internships and requirements, see the CHED website or call the Office of Student Services (02) 441-1220 or (02) 3854388.

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