

New Zealanders who arrived in Australia:

Before 26 Feb 2001

- Automatic Permanent Residency
- Protected Special Category Visa (SCV)
- 2 year waiting list for access to Social Security Payments
- Children born here were automatic Australian Citizens
- Eligible for Tertiary Education
- Apply for Citizenship after 4yrs - then eligible to vote.

After 26 Feb 2001

- Not Automatic Permanent Residency
- Non Protected* Special Category Visas (SCV) - temporary Visa
- Not eligible for most Government payments
- Children not born Australian Citizens - wait 10 years to apply for Permanent residency. Can then sponsor parents.
- HELP loans become available to eligible NZ SCV holders from 1 Jan 2016
- From July 2017 - Can apply for Permanent Residency if earned \$54k in Australia for 5 years btw Feb 2001 and 19th Feb 2016 and meet mandatory health, character, and security checks. May be eligible for Income exemption (eg. Family Law Court assigned primary carer of child with restrictions to travel; or unable to earn due to injury/illness)

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