

The agreement on the Working Holiday Program between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of New Zealand entered into force on August 16, 2014.

The agreement enables young citizens of New Zealand to stay in the Republic of Croatia for up to one year, and their primary intention is to spend a vacation in the Republic of Croatia, while employment and study are secondary, not primary reasons for visiting.

The aforementioned category of persons cannot enter into permanent employment during their stay, nor can they work for the same employer for longer than three months, while they can enroll in training or education courses whose duration does not exceed six months during their stay.

On the basis of the aforementioned Agreement, young citizens of New Zealand can regulate their status in the Republic of Croatia in accordance with the provisions of the Aliens Act.

There are 2 options:

1. New Zealand citizens who intend to reside (**meaning they will not work**) can apply for temporary residence for other purposes,
2. New Zealand citizens that intend to work can apply for a residence and work permit based on Article 110 point 11 of the Aliens Act.

The request for approval of temporary residence/permit for residence and work is submitted to the competent diplomatic mission or consular office of the Republic of Croatia or to the competent police department according to the place of intended residence, the headquarters of the employer or their place of work, and the request for issuing a permit for residence and work can be submitted and the employer.

If the application is submitted in the Republic of Croatia, upon arrival you are obliged to register your short-term stay, i.e. residential address → see link: <https://mup.gov.hr/gradjani-281562/moji-dokumenti-281563/stranci-333/drzavljanitrecih-zemalja/281820>) and during its validity submit an application for the issuance of a temporary residence/residence and work permit. Then you can stay in the Republic of Croatia until the decision on the request is enforceable.

The request for the first temporary residence permit is submitted on Form 1a <https://mup.gov.hr/UserDocImages//dokumenti/stranci/2022//Obrazac-1a-Zajtjev-za-privremeni-autonomni-stalni-boravak-i-dugotrajno-boraviste-za-drz-trecih-zemalja.pdf> , while the request for the residence and work permit is submitted on Form 2a <https://mup.gov.hr/UserDocImages//dokumenti/stranci/2022//Obrazac-2a-Zajtjev-za-izdavanje-dozvole-za-boravak-i-rad.pdf> .

1. If the applicant does not intend to work

Temporary residence for other purposes will be granted to a New Zealand citizen who meets the following conditions:

- the application form has a 3x3.5 cm color photo attached to it
- is between 18 and 30 years old and has not previously participated in the Program
- the applicant's primary intention is to spend vacation in the Republic of Croatia, while employment and studies are secondary and not the primary reasons for visiting,
- is not accompanied by dependents
- holds a valid New Zealand passport
- owns a ticket for departure from the Republic of Croatia or proves sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket
- has sufficient means of support during the period of stay*
- has health insurance*
- pay administrative fees

- attach proof that the applicant has not been legally convicted of criminal offenses from New Zealand or the country in which the applicant has resided for more than a year immediately before arriving in the Republic of Croatia.

2. If the applicant plant to work

If the applicant will work - in addition to the above, the applicant must attach an employment contract.

* **Proof of health insurance:** travel or private health insurance is attached to the request for the first temporary residence permit, while after the temporary residence permit is issued, the obligation is to report to the competent office of the Croatian Health Insurance Institute in order to determine the right to health insurance according to the regulations on health insurance for foreigners in the Republic of Croatia,

- if applying for the residence and work permit on the basis of an employment contract concluded with an employer in the Republic of Croatia → proof of health insurance is not required

***Proof of means of support:** the applicant must prove that they have monthly means of maintenance in the amount of at least 50% of the average monthly net salary in the last year, which currently amounts to 507.86 euros → as proof, a bank statement or a written statement from a third party (for example, it can be given by parents) is attached with proof about the means to support the person giving the statement in the monthly amount required above

In the case of a request for a residence and work permit, an employment contract must be attached, which must show the salary of a third-country national, if the third-country national works for less than 3 months.