Working holiday programme concluded between Croatia and New Zealand

1. **Age limit**: 18 - 30 years of age at the moment of application

2. Requirements for NZ applicants to participate in the Working holiday programme in Croatia:

- New Zealand citizen
- primarily wants to spend holidays in Croatia, whereas work and study are of secondary importance
- not accompanied by family member(s) that are dependent of the applicant
- possesses valid NZ passport
- possesses financial means for your subsistence during your stay in Croatia as regulated by the Croatia authorities
- pays appropriate fees (consular/administrative)
- has a medical insurance and comprehensive medical insurance including hospitalization
- did not participate in the programme before.

3. Application procedure:

You can apply either through Croatian Diplomatic Mission or directly in Croatia in the Police Office in accordance with the intended place of your temporary stay.

Since you do not need a visa to enter Croatia, your application can be processed either before your intended trip to Croatia (in this event you apply via Croatian Embassy/Consulate) or once you arrive to Croatia (in the respective Police Office/Station as mentioned above). In other words, there is no working holiday visa issued by Croatia, but you will be applying for temporary stay as regulated by the Act on status and work of aliens.

Temporary residence that could be approved based on the above Programme may be granted for up to 12 months period, during which time you are entitled to work (maximum 3 months work contracts with one employer) and/or study (courses and trainings that do not exceed 6 months in duration).

Approximate processing time for your application is 2 months.

4. General information on temporary stay permit:

A temporary stay permit shall be issued with the term of validity of up to one year. The term of validity of a travel document shall be at least 3 months longer than the time period for which the temporary stay permit is issued. Aliens shall be granted temporary stay if they prove the purpose of temporary stay, hold a valid travel document, have funds to support themselves, have health insurance, are not prohibited entry and stay and are not considered to be a threat to public order, national security or public health

A stay and work permit within this programme can be granted outside the annual quota or based on the work registration certificate.

The nationals of the countries with which the Republic of Croatia has not concluded an agreement on social insurance are obliged, when applying for the first temporary stay permit, to submit a travel insurance policy.

The minimum amount of funds that an alien needs to have on a monthly basis for his/her own needs is approx. 550-600 NZD (depending on the current exchange rate). It can be considered as proofs: copy of statement of the 3 last salary payments, tax payment decision, work contract etc.

5. Documentation:

- application form

https://mup.gov.hr/UserDocsImages//dokumenti/stranci//Obrazac%201a.pdf

- photo 3.5 x 4.5 cm
- copy of the valid passport
- proof of health insurance (travel health insurance)
- proof of financial means for subsistence
- proof of the aim of your stay Working Holiday Programme