

Going for Growth: Unlocking investment in NZ

The Government is going for growth by modernising the Active Investor Plus (AIP) visa to incentivise more foreign investment into New Zealand.

Summary of the Active Investor Plus visa improvements:

- Introducing two simplified investment categories - **Growth** and **Balanced**;
- Expanding the scope of acceptable investments, including Bonds. This will help local government raise capital for infrastructure, and to support New Zealand businesses to grow.
- Reducing immigration requirements for migrants who choose more active investments (such as time required to be spent in New Zealand);
- Removing the English language requirement.

From 1 April there will be two simplified investment categories under the AIP visa:

- The **Growth** category will focus on higher-risk investments, including direct investments in New Zealand businesses. It will require a minimum investment of \$5 million for a minimum period of three years.
- The **Balanced** category will focus on mixed investments, with the ability to choose ones that are lower risk. There will be a minimum investment of \$10 million over five years.

See table below for a breakdown of the two categories.

	Investment options	Investment period	Time to be spent in New Zealand requirements	English language requirement
Growth category	\$5 million in either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct investments • Managed funds 	3 years	21 days	No requirement
Balanced category	\$10 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonds (eg: Government, local government, traded on NZDX) • Listed equities • New property developments (residential, rental, social housing; commercial and industrial; investments in sensitive land as specified and approved by the Overseas Investment Office) • Existing commercial or industry property developments (including investments in sensitive land as specified and approved by the Overseas Investment Office) • Philanthropy • Direct investments • Managed funds 	5 years	105 days This time can be reduced by investing more: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11 million to be eligible for a 14-day reduction. • \$12 million to be eligible for a 28-day reduction. • \$13 million to be eligible for a 42-day reduction. 	No requirement

Information from the Overseas Investment Office can be found here: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/overseas-investment/buying-residential-property-live>