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Dear Wendy

Thank you for your email on 27 February 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*I would like to ask if you can send me the criteria to assess the humanitarian reasons for the applicant to request travel to NZ for critical purposes.*

#### **Our response**

Each expression of interest (EOI) is assessed on a case by case basis. They are determined on their own merits in extremely limited cases. To be granted an invitation to apply the applicants must satisfy the Immigration Officer that they meet the conditions of immigration instructions H5.30.25 <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/opsmanual/#73514.htm>. This is the only criteria which must be met.

The attached appendix provides additional guidance for the Immigration Officers to assess EOIs for the humanitarian categories.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Adam Jones, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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