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Ref: DOIA 2122-1689

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2022, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

*I would like to know:*

1. *Processing time for the following visas as of 25 Feb 2022:*
  - a. *Critical Purpose Visa - Partner of a NZ citizen or resident.*
  - b. *Partnership Visitor Visa*
  - c. *Partnership Work Visa*
  - d. *Partnership Resident Visa*
2. *Granted length for each of the above visas*

### **Our Response**

The below table shows the average numbers of days taken to process the requested visa application types for the period 1 December 2021 to 28 February 2022.

| <b>Visa type</b>                                      | <b>50% of applications completed within (days):</b> | <b>75% of applications completed within (days):</b> | <b>90% of applications completed within (days):</b> |
|---|---|---|---|
| Partner of a NZ citizen or resident: Critical Purpose | 13  | 25  | 43  |
| Visa, Visitor, Partnership                            | 71  | 197   | 567   |
| Visa, Work, Partnership                               | 59  | 104   | 167   |
| Visa, Resident, Partnership                           | 176   | 257   | 393   |

Immigration New Zealand publishes visa processing times on its website: [How long it takes to process a visa application | Immigration New Zealand](#)

The length of time a visa is granted for can vary depending on the individual circumstances of each case. For example, a visitor visa can be granted to allow a maximum stay of nine months stay in New Zealand but may be less than this depending on an individual's intended plans.



The specific requirements for each visa type, including visa currency, can be found in the Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual which is publicly available on the INZ website at this link: [Operational Manual - Immigration New Zealand](#)

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', is positioned below the closing text.

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