



30 October 2019

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
FIFA President
FIFA-Strasse 20
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SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr President

IMMIGRATION AND VISAS – FIFA WOMEN’S WORLD CUP 2023

In relation to New Zealand and Australia’s joint bid to host the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023 (the Event), I, Carolyn Tremain, the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of New Zealand (the Ministry), hereby confirm the following:

- (a) The Ministry is fully supportive of the Event and will facilitate the visa process and efficient entry of the following persons to New Zealand to attend the Event:
- i. FIFA staff and officials and members of the FIFA delegation, including match officials.
 - ii. FIFA Confederations and FIFA Member Associations staff and officials.
 - iii. FIFA Host Broadcasters, FIFA Commercial Affiliates and FIFA Contractors staff and officials.
 - iv. FIFA Listed Individuals.
 - v. Other FIFA partners and their staff whose activities, services or deliveries are important for the organisation of the Event.
 - vi. Hospitality customers and spectators of the Event.
- (b) Persons listed in i. to v. above who are attending the Event are able to enter New Zealand as visitors if they are eligible and intend to be in New Zealand for a period of generally not more than three months. If they are from a country which has a visa waiver arrangement with New Zealand (current list attached as Appendix One), they may be granted a visitor visa and entry permission on arrival in New Zealand. However, to be able to travel visa waiver to New Zealand, such visitors must hold a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) before they travel.
- (c) All other genuine visitors travelling to the Event in New Zealand from visa free countries (refer Appendix One) may be granted a visitor visa and entry permission on arrival. However, to be able to travel visa waiver to New Zealand, such visitors must hold an NZeTA before they travel. Those nationals requiring a visa must hold a valid visa and passport before travelling to New Zealand. The visa applications will be treated on a case by case basis as required by New Zealand’s immigration legislation and having regard to the applicable Government immigration instructions.





- (d) Persons listed in i. to v. above who are required to assist in the organisation of the Event and who meet immigration criteria for a work visa will, upon application, be granted a multiple entry work visa specific to their Event related purpose for the period of between three years prior to the commencement of the Event and one month after conclusion of the Event.
- (e) Persons listed in i. to v. above who are granted a work visa will be subject to the same New Zealand employment law protections as New Zealand citizens, residence class visa holders and other temporary entry class visa holders.
- (f) The Ministry will work closely with FIFA and the local organising committee to determine how we can best facilitate the immigration process. Dedicated immigration staff will be made available to liaise with tournament organisers. In the event that it is not possible for participants to lodge visa applications well in advance, either due to unforeseen circumstances or where urgent replacements need to be made, every effort will be made by the Ministry in conjunction with the local organising committee to facilitate applications as quickly as possible in line with applicable Government immigration instructions.
- (g) It should be noted that, in all cases the grant of a visa by Immigration New Zealand does not guarantee transit visas through other countries en route to New Zealand, as the immigration decisions of those countries are governed by their own legislation and policies.

For the purposes of this letter the following definitions shall apply:

Competition – the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023

Event – the Competition and any and all activities directly or indirectly related to the Competition officially organised, sanctioned or endorsed by, or under the auspices of, FIFA, or the Hosting Association

FIFA – Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), a Swiss private law association, being the world governing body of the sport of association football, as well as any subsidiaries of FIFA.

FIFA Commercial Affiliates – any entity which has been or will be granted any media, marketing, sponsorship, licensing or other commercial rights or opportunities, of whatever nature in connection with FIFA and/or the Event, or any other FIFA competitions.

FIFA Contractors – any individuals and legal entities which have, directly or indirectly, entered into any sort of contractual relationship with FIFA, and/or any individual or entity, directly or indirectly authorised by FIFA, in relation to the Event, including, without limitation, FIFA Commercial Affiliates, FIFA Host Broadcasters, FIFA service providers and any other appointees, licensees or agents of FIFA, as well as sub-contractors of such legal entities.





FIFA Confederations – any confederations representing a group of FIFA Member Associations (e.g. AFC, CAF, CONCACAF, CONMEBOL, OFC and UEFA).

FIFA Host Broadcasters – any legal entity licensed or appointed by FIFA, or by FIFA's licensees or appointees in connection with the production of any content and/or material being subject to any media rights.

FIFA Listed Individuals – any individuals accredited to the Event by FIFA, and/or appointee of FIFA, and/or any individuals listed by FIFA, or by any entity formally appointed by FIFA to prepare such list, to participate in any way in any of the Event (not including the general public).

FIFA Member Associations – any national football association officially affiliated to FIFA, whether or not participating in the Competition.

Carolyn Tremain
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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

Date 30 October 2019





APPENDIX ONE

E2.1 People to whom a visa waiver applies

See also Immigration Act 2009, ss 4, 69

See also Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010, Part 4A, and Schedule 2

A visa waiver means a waiver of the requirement to hold a visa permitting travel to New Zealand in relation to any class of persons. From 1 October 2019, a person travelling to New Zealand visa waiver is required to hold an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) unless exempt (see E12 Electronic Travel Authority). A visa waiver applies to, but is not limited to, the following people:

- a. citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia; and
- b. people who hold:
 - i. a current permanent residence visa issued by the Government of Australia; or
 - ii. a current resident return visa issued by the Government of Australia; and
- c. people granted a visa waiver by special direction; and
- d. members of a visiting force (including members of the civilian component of the visiting force) but only if:
 - i. each person is travelling to New Zealand in the ordinary course of the person's duty or employment; and
 - ii. each person is seeking a temporary entry class visa at an immigration control area; and
 - iii. the craft transporting the visiting force is a commercial craft; and
- e. members of, or any person associated with, a scientific programme or expedition under the auspices of a Contracting Party to the Antarctic Treaty (within the meaning of the Antarctica Act 1960) or any person to whom section 5 of that Act applies, but only if:
 - i. the person concerned is seeking a temporary entry class visa; and
 - ii. the application is made at an immigration control area; and
- f. Cruise ship passengers (from 1 October 2019 onwards); and
- g. Cruise ship crew travelling in the ordinary course of business of the ship (from 1 October 2019 onwards); and
- h. Positioning cruise ship crew (from 1 October 2019 onwards); and
- i. Aircraft crew of an aircraft on a flight between any other country and New Zealand in the course of a scheduled international service (from 1 October 2019 onwards); and
- j. Positioning aircraft crew (from 1 October 2019 onwards); and





- k. British citizens, and other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom, but only if the person concerned is seeking a visitor visa current for not more than six months and the purposes of the visit do not include medical consultation or treatment; and
- l. people travelling on a United Nations (UN) laissez-passer who are seeking a visitor visa current for not more than three months; and
- m. any other class of persons specified in the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010; and
- n. citizens of the following countries, but only if the person concerned is seeking a visitor visa current for not more than three months and the purposes of the visit is not for medical consultation or treatment:

Andorra	Hungary	Oman
Argentina	Iceland	Poland
Austria	Ireland	Portugal ⁵
Bahrain	Israel	Qatar
Belgium	Italy	Romania
Brazil	Japan	San Marino
Brunei	Korea (South)	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Seychelles
Canada	Latvia ¹	Singapore
Chile	Liechtenstein	Slovak Republic
Croatia	Lithuania ¹	Slovenia
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Spain
Czech Republic	Macau ⁴	Sweden
Denmark	Malaysia	Switzerland
Estonia ¹	Malta	Taiwan ⁶
Finland	Mauritius	United Arab Emirates
France	Mexico	United States of America ⁷
Germany	Monaco	Uruguay
Greece ²	Netherlands	Vatican City
Hong Kong ³	Norway	

¹ Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's (non-citizen's) passports issued by these countries.





² Greek passport holders whose passports were issued on and after 1 January 2006. (Greek passports issued before 1 January 2006 are not acceptable for travel after 1 January 2007, see [A2.10.50](#))

³ Residents of Hong Kong travelling on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or British National (Overseas) passports.

⁴ Residents of Macau travelling on Macau Special Administrative Region passports.

⁵ Portuguese passport holders must also have the right to live permanently in Portugal.

⁶ Permanent residents of Taiwan travelling on Taiwan passports. A personal identity number printed within the visible section of the biographical page of the Taiwan passport demonstrates that the holder is a permanent resident of Taiwan (see [A2.10.40](#)).

⁷ including nationals of the USA.

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