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Mr George O'Donnell  
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**Ref: DOIA 1617-1021**

Dear Mr O'Donnell,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 1 March 2017 requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand (INZ):

- Whether visas are now required for South African Nationals with permanent residency when returning to New Zealand from other nations.
- How many South African nationals with permanent residency have been denied entry to New Zealand since the visa requirements have changed?
- The reason why these people were denied entry.

**Our Response**

There are no additional requirements of South African nationals with Permanent Residency, when returning to New Zealand. Once a Permanent Resident Visa is granted, the visa holder is able to live, work and study in New Zealand permanently and come and go from New Zealand without travel conditions.

Since the 21 November 2016 visa changes for South Africa nationals, there have been no South African nationals with Permanent Residency, refused entry on return to New Zealand.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Nicola Medway, Senior Business Advisor, Business Support, Immigration New Zealand at [nicola.medway@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:nicola.medway@mbie.govt.nz) or 04 901 2075.

Yours sincerely,

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