



QUEEN CITY LAW

LEGAL EXPERTISE

IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE

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Invest in New Zealand Invest in your future

Your gateway to the Golden Visa
Active Investor Plus (AIP)





A tailored approach to AIP immigration

About us

At Queen City Law, we are proud to be New Zealand's leading experts in business immigration categories including AIP. With a proven track record of success, our multi award-winning team has helped more clients successfully secure residency through business immigration than virtually any other firm in the country over the last two decades.

As specialists in the AIP visa - New Zealand's premier Golden Visa pathway - we offer strategic, end-to-end legal support for highnet-worth individuals seeking residency through investment.

Whether you're pursuing the Growth or Balanced investment category, our lawyers provide tailored advice that integrates immigration law with commercial, property, and tax expertise if required.

We understand the complexities of international investment and the importance of a smooth immigration process. That's why we stay ahead of regulatory changes, like the recent updates to AIP in April 2025, and more recently, and ensure our clients benefit from every opportunity, including reduced presence requirements and expanded investment options. Plus we are widely considered to be industry leaders, enjoy an excellent rapport with NZ government officials and have a proven track record over more than 3 decades.

At Queen City Law, your future in New Zealand starts with confidence. Let us guide you through every step of your Golden Visa journey.

Why us

At Queen City Law, we deliver a comprehensive, all-in-one solution for the AIP Golden Visa, setting us apart from traditional immigration advisors and lawyers. Our integrated approach seamlessly combines immigration, tax planning, structuring, and asset protection into a single, streamlined process.

The acceptable investments under the Growth Category of the AIP program are often highly complex and inherently risky, with many managed funds and direct investment opportunities demanding comprehensive due diligence.

What truly distinguishes us is our deep expertise in navigating the definition of "acceptable investment" within this challenging category. We excel at simplifying this complexity, helping you create, connect, and identify investment products that align with New Zealand's immigration criteria and your personal circumstances.

Our guidance ensures you make informed decisions before committing your hard-earned money, minimizing risks while meeting visa requirements. With Queen City Law, you gain a trusted partner committed to making your AIP Golden Visa journey clear, compliant, and tailored to your needs.

We also have an incredible track record in getting approvals for difficult cases whether related to source of funds, money transfer, health or character issues.



What is a Golden Visa?

Getting fit for application

The AIP Visa is New Zealand's premier residency pathway for experienced, high-value investors ready to make a meaningful contribution to our economy. High-quality, well-prepared applications that meet all frontloading requirements from low-risk jurisdictions can result in a residence class visa being issued within weeks of lodgement (priority processing attaches).

What are the Balanced and Growth categories?

The Growth category is for higher risk/reward investments and the Balanced category is for safer investments. Reflecting the higher level of risk involved, the Growth category enjoys several benefits over the Balanced category.

	Growth category	Balanced category
Investment amount	NZ \$5 million	NZ \$10 million
Types of Investment	• Managed funds approved by NZTE • Direct investments • .VC, PE, PC	• Listed equities • Philanthropy • Acceptable property development • Bonds
Investment period and time you must stay in New Zealand	• Investment period of 3 years • Spend 21 days in New Zealand	• Investment period of 5 years • Spend 105 days in New Zealand

- You must also be of good health and character. However, many families have issues that mean they do not neatly fit all INZ requirements. Sometimes our assistance in these matters can be the difference between an approval or decline, and we are often able to get exceptional results in the most challenging circumstances.
- There is no English language requirement under these categories.
- The deployment of your immigration funds for either the 3 or 5 year term is critical. We appreciate that for some, your focus will be on wealth preservation. Significant care is required plus, at times, experienced commercial lawyers to assist you to negotiate the best terms where possible with a focus on protecting your interests and the return of your funds.





We don't just talk We open doors

At Queen City Law, we go beyond advice, we give you direct access to pre-vetted, AIP-eligible investment opportunities that align with your goals and meet immigration requirements.

Our network includes:

- High-growth private companies
- Impact-driven investment funds
- Tech startups and scale-ups
- Real estate and land developments including downtown hotels (via AIP-compliant structures)

With the assistance of Queen City Law's commercial and property lawyers, you will be well placed to navigate this terrain with smart advisors at your side. The doctrine of caveat emptor always applies, but our robust due diligence may make a difference.

We can assist with every step of the process.

Assistance negotiating essential terms if included in scope of work Post-investment immigration & residency support including any INZ requisitions and audits.



At Queen City Law, we don't
just open doors, we walk you
through them.



Ready to invest in New Zealand?

Let's create a tailored AIP Visa
pathway to unlock the opportunity.

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