OVERSEAS INVESTMENT OFFICE

Land Information New Zealand
Toitū te whenua

Can you buy a home in New Zealand to live in?

Most overseas people are not able to buy homes in New Zealand to live in, but some can apply to the Overseas Investment Office for consent.

You don't need consent if...

- You are a New Zealand, Australian or Singaporean citizen.
- You have a New Zealand, Australian or Singaporean Permanent Resident visa and live in New Zealand.*
- You have a New Zealand Resident visa and live in New Zealand.*

*You have been here for at least 12 months, and spent at least 183 days of the past 12 months here.

You must apply for consent to buy one home to live in if...

- You have a New Zealand Permanent Resident or Resident visa and do not live in New Zealand.*
- You have an Australian or Singaporean Permanent Resident visa and do not live in New Zealand.*

*To get consent you'll need to live in New Zealand, and if you stop living here, you'll have to sell.

You can't buy one home to live in if...

- You have a Temporary visa, such as a visitor, student, working holiday, or work visa (you don't have a Permanent Resident or Resident visa).

There are other ways you may be able to invest in property.

Check if you can buy

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