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Office of the Minister of Immigration

Chair, Cabinet Legislation Committee

Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025

Proposal

- 1 This paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025* (the Amendment Regulations).

Policy

Parent Boost Visitor Visa fee and levy

- 2 In May 2025, Cabinet agreed to introduce the Parent Boost Visitor Visa, a five-year renewable visitor visa for parents of New Zealand citizens and residents.
- 3 The visa will be established in immigration instructions as certified by the Minister of Immigration. However, changes to the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations (the Regulations) are needed to establish a fee and levy for this visa type and the agreed Compliance with Conditions check within the visa duration [ECO-25-MIN-0069].
- 4 Cabinet agreed to the fee and levy rates set out in the table below:

Item		Fee – NZD\$
Parent Boost Visitor Visa Application Fee ¹	Standard	1,940
	Pacific	1,390
Parent Boost Visitor Visa Immigration Levy		1,060
Compliance with Conditions Check	Standard	325
	Pacific	240

- 5 The attached Amendment Regulations give effect to these decisions by:
 - 5.1 Amending schedule 4 of the Regulations to allow for a new prescribed fee for the ‘Parent Boost Visitor Visa’ under the ‘Temporary visa – visitor visa’ heading and add a new fee to facilitate the Compliance with Conditions check under the heading ‘Other matters – general’;

¹ As the Parent Boost Visitor Visa is a temporary entry visa, applicants will also be required to pay the International Visitor Levy, this does not require changes to the Regulations.

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- 5.2 Amending regulation 26AA to add a new prescribed fee called ‘a check of compliance with conditions imposed under immigration instructions on a Parent Boost visitor visa’; and
- 5.3 Amending schedule 6 of the Regulations to add ‘Applicant for Parent Boost Visitor Visa’ to the list of visa types required to pay the Immigration Levy.

Business Investor Visa

- 6 Cabinet has agreed to a suite of changes to the Entrepreneur Category Visa which will be given effect to in immigration instructions as certified by the Minister of Immigration. Cabinet has agreed to rename the Entrepreneur Category Visa to the Business Investor Visa [ECO-25-MIN-0100], requiring changes to the Regulations. In effect, new categories are added while the original visas will be temporarily retained to allow for existing applications to be processed and for renewals of work visas (if necessary).
- 7 The attached Amendment Regulations give effect to this decision by:
 - 7.1 Amending schedule 4 of the Regulations to add the:
 - 7.1.1 ‘Temporary visa application - Business Investor Visa’
 - 7.1.2 ‘Residence visa class application - Business Investor Category’.
 - 7.2 Amending schedule 6 of the Regulations to add both types of visas to the lists of visas required to pay the immigration levy.
- 8 The current fee and levy rates under the Entrepreneur Category Visas will apply to the Business Investor Visa.
- 9 In the Cabinet policy paper *Changes to refresh New Zealand’s business immigration settings* [ECO-25-MIN-0100], it was not clear that the policy intent was to apply the existing levies to the new visas – the financial implications section did note that the current fee and levy rate for Entrepreneur Category applications will apply to the Business Investor Visa. In line with my delegated authority to take minor policy decisions, I have agreed that the same levy rates apply to ensure that drafting could occur.

Timing and 28-day rule

- 10 The Parent Boost Visitor Visa will open for applications from 29 September 2025. The Business Investor Visa will go live on 24 November 2025.
- 11 The Amendment Regulations will commence in two stages: on 29 September 2025 for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa, and 24 November 2025 for the Business Investor Visa. To comply with the 28-day rule, they will need to be gazetted on or before 1 September 2025. No waiver to the 28-day rule is sought.

Compliance

- 12 The Amendment Regulations comply with each of the following:
 - 12.1 the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;

- 12.2 the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993;
 - 12.3 the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020;
 - 12.4 relevant international standards and obligations;
 - 12.5 the Legislation Guidelines (2021 edition), which are maintained by the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee.
- 13 Section 403A of the Immigration Act 2009 requires that the Amendment Regulations be made only on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration. I recommend that the Amendment Regulations be made and therefore this requirement has been met.

Regulations Review Committee

- 14 There are no anticipated grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw the regulations to the attention of the House of Representatives under Standing Order 327.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel

- 15 The Amendment Regulations were certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office for submission to Cabinet.

Impact Analysis

Parent Boost Visitor Visa fees and levy

- 16 Regarding new fees and levies for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa, the Ministry for Regulation has determined that this proposal is exempt from providing a Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS), on the grounds that there are no or only minor economic, social or environmental impacts, and existing impact analysis supporting the fee levels proposed is in the previous CRIS [ECO-24-MIN-0040 refers].

Business Investor Visa

- 17 Regarding adding new visa types for the Business Investor Visa, the Ministry for Regulation has determined that this proposal is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the grounds that it has no or only minor economic, social, or environmental impacts.

Publicity

- 18 The introduction of the Parent Boost Visitor Visa was announced publicly on 8 June 2025. Further information about the visa will be made available on the Immigration New Zealand website in August 2025.
- 19 The introduction of the Business Investor Visa is due to be announced on 25 August 2025. Further information about the visa will be made available on the Immigration New Zealand website in October 2025.

20 Notice of the regulations will be published in the Gazette.

Proactive release

21 I intend to release this paper proactively. Any redactions made will be consistent with the Official Information Act 1982.

Consultation

22 This Cabinet paper was prepared by MBIE. The Parliamentary Counsel was consulted during its development.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 note that on 21 May 2025 the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to the implementation of the Parent Boost Visitor Visa and:
 - 1.1 agreed to set the immigration fee for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa application at \$1,940 for standard applicants and \$1,390 for applicants eligible for the Pacific fee band;
 - 1.2 agreed to set the immigration levy for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa at \$1,060;
 - 1.3 agreed to set the immigration fee for the Compliance with Conditions check at \$325 for standard applicants and \$240 for applicants eligible for the Pacific fee band [ECO-25-MIN-0069]
- 2 note the requirement to amend regulation 26AA to introduce a clause allowing for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa's Compliance with Conditions check fee
- 3 note that on 25 June 2025 the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to rename the Entrepreneur Category Visa to the Business Investor Visa [ECO-25-MIN-0100]
- 4 note that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 will give effect to the decisions referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 above
- 5 note that the Cabinet paper *Changes to refresh New Zealand's business immigration settings* did not clearly seek agreement to apply the existing levy rates to the Business Investor Visa despite this being the policy intent, and that I have agreed to this in line with my delegated authority to make minor policy decisions [ECO-25-MIN-0100]
- 6 note that the existing Entrepreneur Category Visas will be retained alongside the Business Investor Visas, to allow for existing applications to be processed and for renewals of work visas (where necessary)
- 7 note that section 403A of the Immigration Act 2009 requires that the amendment regulations be made only on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration, and I recommend that they be made
- 8 note that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 comes into effect on 29 September 2025 for the Parent Boost Visitor Visa and on 24 November 2025 for the Business Investor Visa

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- 9 authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Erica Stanford

Minister of Immigration

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