

China-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Skilled Workers Side Letter

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CHEN Deming
Minister of Commerce
The People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the signing on this date of the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the People's Republic of China ("the Agreement") and the commitments made by New Zealand under Article 130 of the Agreement regarding temporary employment entry for natural persons from China to work in specified skilled occupations in which New Zealand has an identified skills shortage.

I have the honour to set out the list of specified skilled occupations to which the commitment will apply for a period of five years from entry into force of the Agreement.

Title	Requirements
1. Computer Application Engineer	Degree-level (Level 7) qualification majoring in computer science, information science or information technology and three years of relevant work experience
2. Senior Test Analyst	Degree-level (Level 7) tertiary qualification (e.g. B Tech in Electronics, BSc or BE) and three years' work experience with at least 12 months relevant work experience in the past 18 months
3. Structural Engineer	A degree level (level 7) qualification and registered on the International Professional Engineers Register or Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Engineers Register or a Washington Accord accredited engineering degree
4. Veterinarian	Bachelor of Veterinary Science or equivalent, approved by the Veterinary Council of New Zealand and registration with the New Zealand Veterinary Council
5. Fitter and Turner	National Certificate in Maintenance and Diagnostics in Mechanical Engineering (Level 5), or National Certificate in Engineering, Machining and Toolmaking (Level 5)
6. Registered Nurse	Bachelor of Nursing or Diploma in Comprehensive Nursing, diploma or hospital based certificate and NZ registration
7. Fitter Welder	National Certificate in Maintenance and Diagnostics in Mechanical Engineering (level 5), or National Certificate in Engineering – Fabrication with strands in Welding or Heavy Fabrication (level 5)
8. University or Higher Education Lecturer	Masters degree or PhD
9. Early Childhood Education Teacher	A qualification in Early Childhood Education (ages 0-5) at a minimum of Level 7, which is approved by the New Zealand Teachers Council and NZ registration

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10. Design Engineers - Electronics / Product Engineer	Degree-level qualification (Level 7) majoring in electronics, computer science or telecommunications and three years of work experience with at least 12 months' relevant work experience in the past 18 months
11. Auditor	Degree level (Level 7) qualification majoring in accountancy and membership with New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA)
12. Electronics Technician	National Diploma in Engineering (Level 6) (Electronics), or relevant degree-level qualification (Level 7) (for example, B Tech in Electronics, BSc or BE) and three years' work experience and at least 12 months' relevant work experience in the past 18 months
13. Medical Diagnostic Radiographer, Medical Radiation Therapist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist	Bachelor in Health Science specialising in Medical Radiation Therapy or specialising in Medical Imaging and NZ registration
14. Boatbuilder	National Certificate in Boat Building (Level 4)
15. Film Animator	Degree-level qualification (Level 7) in one of the following: Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Computer Science, Software Engineering or Film, specialising in multi media, computer graphics, digital design, computer programming or software development
16. Electrician	New Zealand Electrical Registration
17. Plumber	New Zealand Plumbing Registration
18. Automotive Electrician	National Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 4) or National Certificate in Motor Industry (Automotive Electrical Engineering) (Level 4)
19. Diesel Mechanic	National Certificate in Motor Industry (Automotive Heavy Engineering) (Level 4)
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At the end of this five-year period, this Arrangement will be reviewed in accordance with Annex 11 of the Agreement and a new list of specified skilled occupations to which the commitment will apply will be produced in accordance with the outcome of the review.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply will constitute an arrangement between our two Governments, concluded in association with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Goff
Minister of Trade
New Zealand

7 April 2008

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Yours sincerely,

CHEN Deming
Minister of Commerce
The People's Republic of China