

Seasonal Visa Pathways – Factsheet

Category	Peak Seasonal Visa (PSV)	Global Workforce Seasonal Visa (GWSV)
Purpose	For short-term, seasonal workers in lower-skilled roles	For experienced seasonal workers in skilled roles
Duration	Up to 7 months	3 years, multi-season (max 9 months in NZ per year)
Experience requirement	Minimum 1 season in past 3 years	Minimum 3 seasons in past 6 years
Employment contract	Contract must cover full visa duration	One-season contract required upfront
Labour Market Test	Required (via either a standard AEWV Labour Market Test or endorsement from Work and Income)	Exempt
Healthcare	Health insurance required for stays of 3 or more months	Eligible for publicly funded healthcare
English language requirement	No requirement	No requirement
Eligible roles <i>(reflect ANZSCO definition)</i>	• Mussel Oyster Farm worker • Calf rearer • Relief Milker • Forestry worker • Meat boners and slicer • Seafood process worker • Winery cellar hand • Wool handler	• Agricultural and Horticultural Mobile Plant Operator (commonly called rural contractors) • Agricultural Technician (commonly called sheep scanners) • Chairlift Operator • Tulip Grower • Thoroughbred Yearling Preparer • Snow Groomer • Mountain or Glacier Guide • Outdoor Adventure Instructor • Primary Products Inspectors NEC • Shearers • Slaughterer • Snow Sports Instructor • Snow Maker • Snowsport Equipment Technician

		- Whitewater Rafting Guide - Wine Makers - Winery Senior Cellar Hand
Standdown period	4-months offshore required before reapplying, once 7 months have been spent onshore	None (must spend 3 months offshore per year)
Transition options	Can transition to other visas	Can transition to other visas
Visa fee (Employee)	\$1,540 + health insurance costs (if here for 3 months or more) + chest x-ray certificate, where they are from a TB at-risk country.	\$1,540 + the cost of medical and police certificates to verify an Acceptable Standard of Health and good character.
Job check fee (Employer)	\$735	\$735