

**AGREEMENT
ON A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of New Zealand (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Desiring to deepen the mutual knowledge and understanding of the States of the Parties:

Seeking to encourage close co-operation between the two Parties and increase the opportunities for the citizens of the States of both Parties to have a holiday as well as study or work in the State of the other Party;

Being convinced of the importance for the citizens of the States of both Parties that the conditions and administrative procedures of a Working Holiday Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the "Scheme") are clearly defined,

Have agreed as follows:

**SECTION I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1

Purpose of the Agreement

The Parties agree to strengthen mutual co-operation, establish conditions and administrative procedures applicable to the young citizens of the State of one Party (aged between 18 and 30 years) who, for a period no longer than twelve (12) months, wish to

holiday in the territory of the State of the other Party while also having an opportunity to study and gain work experience.

Article 2

General Conditions Applicable to the Citizens of the States of both Parties

1. The Parties shall require that any citizen of the State of one Party who has entered the territory of the State of the other Party under the Scheme comply with this Agreement and the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the State of that Party.

2. The Parties shall not grant to a citizen of one Party who has entered the territory of the State of the other Party under the Scheme permission to engage in permanent employment in the territory of the State of that Party or to work for the same employer for more than six (6) months during his/her stay in the territory of the State of that Party.

3. The Parties shall grant to a citizen of the State of one Party who has entered the territory of the State of the other Party under the Scheme permission to enrol in training or study courses for a period of up to six (6) months during his/her stay in the territory of the State of that Party.

Article 3

Refusal of Visa Application and Expulsion from the Territory of the State of the Party

1. Either Party may, consistent with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of its respective State, refuse an application made by a citizen of the State of the other Party to issue the visa mentioned in this Agreement.

2. Either Party may, consistent with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of its respective State, refuse the entry into the territory of its State of any citizen of the State of the other Party who has been issued the visa mentioned in this Agreement or expel from the territory of its State any such person, if it considers such person undesirable.

Article 4

Number of Visas to be Issued

Each Party shall issue annually to citizens of the State of the other Party who satisfy the requirements of this Agreement, visas mentioned in Article 5 and Article 7 of this Agreement up to the number specified in an arrangement to be concluded by the Parties in accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement.

SECTION II

OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND

Article 5

Issue of Temporary Visas

The Government of New Zealand shall, subject to Article 3 and Article 4 of this Agreement, on application by a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania, issue a temporary visa valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue, provided such person satisfies the following requirements:

- a) is a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania;
- b) satisfies the Immigration Officer that his/her primary purpose of travel to New Zealand is to holiday, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit;
- c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the date of application;
- d) is not accompanied by dependents;
- e) possesses a valid passport of the Republic of Lithuania;
- f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance for the entire period of stay in New Zealand;
- h) pays the prescribed temporary visa application fee;

- i) holds medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in New Zealand;
- j) complies with all health requirements prescribed by the laws and regulations of New Zealand;
- k) has not participated in the Scheme previously.

Article 6

Permission to Stay and Work in New Zealand

The Government of New Zealand shall, subject to Article 3 of the Agreement, grant any citizen of the Republic of Lithuania who holds a temporary visa issued pursuant to Article 5 of this Agreement permission to enter New Zealand and a right to stay in New Zealand and engage in employment pursuant to the terms of Article 2 of this Agreement for a period of not more than twelve (12) months from the date of first entry into New Zealand under a temporary visa issued under this Agreement, and to exit and re-enter New Zealand for the period of temporary visa.

SECTION III

OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Article 7

Issue of National Visas for Multiple Entries

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall, subject to Article 3 and Article 4 of this Agreement, on application by a New Zealand citizen, issue, through its authorized institutions (the Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania or the Lithuanian visa services abroad), a national visa for multiple entries valid for presentation for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of issue, provided such person satisfies the following requirements:

- a) is a citizen of New Zealand;

- b) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- c) possesses a valid travel document issued during the past ten (10) years with a validity for at least three (3) months longer than the period of validity of the visa requested;
- d) indicates that the primary purpose of his/her visit to the Republic of Lithuania is to participate in the Scheme, i. e. to holiday, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit;
- e) is not accompanied by dependents;
- f) provides a document confirming sufficient funds and/or that he/she receives regular income to stay in the Republic of Lithuania, and has resources to return to the state of origin or foreign state to which he/she has a right to travel;
- g) holds a document certifying health insurance, conforming to the requirements prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania, and valid throughout the period of his/her stay in the Republic of Lithuania;
- h) has paid a fee prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania for the application to issue a national visa for multiple entries;
- i) has not participated in the Scheme previously.

Article 8

Permission to Stay and Work in the Republic of Lithuania

1. The Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall, subject to Article 3 of the Agreement, grant to a New Zealand citizen who possesses the national visa for multiple entries issued pursuant to Article 7 of this Agreement a right to stay in the Republic of Lithuania for a period no longer than twelve (12) months and a right to engage in employment pursuant to the terms of Article 2 of this Agreement.

2. Citizens of New Zealand who have entered the Republic of Lithuania under the Scheme shall not be subject to the requirement to obtain a work permit prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Republic of Lithuania.

**SECTION IV
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 9
Settlement of Disputes and Disagreements**

1. Disputes and disagreements concerning the interpretation, application or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

2. Either Party may propose, through diplomatic channels, to hold consultations on this Agreement. Such consultations must begin without delay but no later than within sixty (60) calendar days from the day on which the proposal to hold consultations is received by the other Party, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

**Article 10
Language**

Communication between the Parties for the purpose of this Agreement shall be in the English language.

**Article 11
Entry into Force of the Agreement**

1. The Parties shall notify each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for this Agreement to enter into force. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the receipt of the later written notification.

2. The Parties shall also inform each other of the minimum amount of financial resources required under Article 5(g) and Article 7(f) of this Agreement.

Article 12

Determination of Number of Visas Issued

1. The Parties within the period specified in Article 11(1) of this Agreement shall agree, through diplomatic channels, on the number of citizens benefiting from this Agreement.

2. Adjustments to the number of citizens benefiting from this Agreement may be agreed by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 13

Amendment of the Agreement

1. Either Party may propose, through diplomatic channels, to the other Party to amend the provisions of this Agreement.

2. Amendments of this Agreement shall be done by a written agreement of the Parties, which shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11(1) of this Agreement.

Article 14

Temporary Suspension of Application of the Agreement

Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, in part or in whole, due to the state of emergency, increasing illegal immigration or in other cases provided for in laws and regulations in force in the States of the Parties. Such temporary suspension and its term shall be immediately notified through diplomatic channels to the other Party.

Article 15

Duration and Termination of the Agreement

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time.
2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving, through diplomatic channels, a three (3) months written notice to the other Party and upon completing internal procedures required for the termination of this Agreement.
3. Any person who, at the date of termination or suspension of this Agreement, already holds a visa issued pursuant to Article 5 or Article 7 of this Agreement shall be permitted to enter and/or remain in the Republic of Lithuania or New Zealand unless the Parties agree otherwise through diplomatic channels.

Done at *New York* on *1 October* 2015, in duplicate, in the Lithuanian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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