



## Cook Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

### Expression of Interest for Permanent Residence in Own Right

You should use this form if you are expressing interest in applying for permanent residence in your own right. This is part 1 of a 2-step process. Expressions of interest that meet the criteria may be invited to apply for permanent residence. The grant of permanent residence is dependent on the availability of places and meeting criteria.

*Please complete this form using BLUE or BLACK pen only. Write clearly using BLOCK lettering. Mark boxes  with an*

<b>Section A: Applicant's personal details</b>					
<b>A1. Name as shown in passport</b>					
Family/last name:					
Given/first name(s):					
Title:	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr <input type="checkbox"/>
Other names you are known by or have ever been known by:					
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	/ /	
Town/city of birth:			Country of birth:		
<b>A2. Passport details</b>					
Passport Number:		Country of Issue:		Expiry date (DD/MM/YY):	/ /
Other citizenships you hold:					
<b>A3. Permit status</b>					
Do you hold a valid permit to live in the Cook Islands?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>A4. Partnership status</b>					
Single <input type="checkbox"/>		Married <input type="checkbox"/>		Partner/De facto <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Section B: Contact details</b>					
<b>B1. Current residential address:</b>					
<b>B2. Telephone Number/s:</b>				<b>B3. Email:</b>	

<b>B4. Name and address for communication about this application?</b>			
Same as address at <b>B1</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		Different address ( <i>write in B5</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>B5. Address for contact:</b>			
Address:			
Telephone Number/s:		Email:	
<b>B6. Do you authorise any other person to act on your behalf?</b> <i>Note: the person acting on your behalf will receive all communication about your application from Immigration Cook Islands.</i>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B7. If yes, please provide the name, address and contact details for this person:</b>			
Name:			
Address:			
Telephone Number/s:		Email:	
<b>Section C: Permanent resident in Own Right</b>			
<b>C1. Can you obtain at least 4 statutory declarations in support of your application from at least one from each of the following?</b>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an Aronga-mana in your village of permanent residence</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an official from a community organisation for which you have completed voluntary service</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a member of the Cook Islands community who is not an immediate family member or business associate</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C2. Have you completed at least 312 hours of community service in the period before lodging this expression of interest?</b>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C3. Period living continuously in the Cook Islands</b>			
How long have you lived continuously in the Cook Islands?	Years	Months	Days
<b>C4. Kia Orana Values programme</b>			
Have you completed a 'Kia Orana Values' programme or similar authorised programme?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Section D. Character</b>			
<b>D1. Have you been convicted at any time of any offence, including any driving offence?</b>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D2. Are you currently:</b>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• under investigation</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wanted for questioning</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facing charges for any offence in any country</li> </ul>			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>D3.</b> Have you ever been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• excluded from any country, excluding the Cook Islands?</li> <li>• refused entry from any country, excluding the Cook Islands?</li> <li>• removed or deported from any country, excluding the Cook Islands?</li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D4.</b> Have you ever been refused a visa/permit to visit, work, study or reside in any country, excluding the Cook Islands?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D5.</b> Have you ever been a member of, or adhered to, any terrorist organisation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D6.</b> Have you had (or currently have) an association or involvement with, any government, regime, group or agency that has advocated or committed war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or other gross human rights abuses?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D7.</b> Are you a member of a criminal gang? Or associated with a criminal gang?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If you answered Yes to any of the questions <b>D1-D7</b>, provide full details. This includes full details of any charges, convictions and the sentence or penalty imposed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> if you are invited to apply for permanent residence, you must provide a Police certificate or Criminal record from your country of citizenship and any country you have lived in for two months or more in the last 5 years (including the Cook Islands).</p>	
<b>E. Statement of intention to be permanent resident</b>	
<b>E1.</b> Please provide a statement of your intention to be a permanent resident (as required by regulation 9 of the Cook Islands Immigration Regulations 2022) What is your reason for wanting to become a permanent resident of the Cook Islands?	

## Section F. Declaration

- I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct.
- I understand that if my expression of interest for permanent residence is accepted, I will need to make an application for permanent residence and provide all information required by the Cook Island Immigration Act 2021 and regulations.
- I understand that an invitation to apply does not guarantee permanent residence and that there are a limited number of permanent resident places available at any one time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## G. Declaration by any person assisting the applicant

*If no one helped the applicant to fill in this form, this section does not have to be completed.*

### G1: Name and address of person assisting applicant:

Family/last name:

Given/first name(s):

Organisation name (if applicable) and address:

Telephone Number/s:

Email:

### G2. Declaration

*The person assisting the applicant must read and sign their agreement to this declaration in the space below.*

- I understand that after the applicant has signed this form it is an offence for me to change or add further information, or change or add any documents attached to the form, without making a statement identifying what information or material has been changed, added or attached and by whom. If I make these changes or additions, I must state on the form what they were, who made them and the reason they were made.
- I understand that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to NZ\$10,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 7 years.
- I certify that the applicant asked me to help them complete this form and any additional forms.
- I certify that the applicant agreed that the information provided was correct before signing the declaration

Signature of person assisting \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Documents required

*Use the checklist to find out which documents you must provide.*

<b>All applicants must provide:</b>	✓
• Completed, signed expression of interest form	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Appropriate fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Copy of passport or travel document for everyone included in the application	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Copy of permit endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Statement of intent to become a Cook Islands permanent resident	<input type="checkbox"/>

## About the information you provide

### **Deciding whether you are eligible to apply for permanent residence**

Cook Islands Immigration collects the information about you on this form to decide whether you are eligible to apply for permanent residence. Collecting the information is authorised by the Cook Island Immigration Act 2021 and the Cook Islands Immigration Regulations 2022 made under that Act. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not, we are likely to decline your application.

Cook Islands Immigration may also share the information you have provided with other government agencies that are entitled to it by law, or with other agencies (as you have agreed in the declaration). You are able to ask for the information we hold about you and have any of it corrected if you think it is necessary. The address of Cook Islands Immigration is Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Government Building, Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

### **Other documents we may need**

Sometimes we may ask for additional documents or information to consider with an application. You may wish to send other documents or information so that we can consider it with this application. Send photocopies only (not original documents), as these documents will not be returned to you.

If we need to see an original document, we will ask you to produce it later.

### **Returning your documents**

We will return original documents to the address given at **B4** above.

<b>Office Use Only</b>			
<b>Fee breakdown – tick required fee/s</b>			
Independent Adult	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse of PR or Cook Islander	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>
Receipt No.		Date:	/ /
<b>Receiving Officer</b>			
Name			
Date:	/ /	Application scanned to file	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Allocating Officer</b>			
Name			
Date:	/ /	Application entered into CMS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant CMS No.			
<b>Travel Movements Check</b>			
Arrival	/ /	Departure	/ /
<b>Principal Immigration Officer Check</b>			
Comments			
Signature:			
Date	/ /		
<b>Communication</b>			
Decision letter sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	/ /