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GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

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**The Government of New Zealand and the Government of the French Republic,**  
Hereafter called "the Parties",

**RECOGNISING** the importance of their citizens spending time in each other's country, to strengthen political, economic, social and cultural ties and to promote better mutual understanding,

**RECOGNISING** also the role young people have to play in achieving and maintaining this goal and

**AIMING**, with this in mind, to encourage their young citizens, especially those residing in their own country, to undertake an extended stay in the other's country combining tourism and discovery, including through work,

**HAVE AGREED** on the following provisions:

### Article 1

1. The two Parties agree to establish a Working Holiday Scheme, allowing young citizens of each of the two countries to stay in the other, on an individual basis, with the aim of holidaying there, with the possibility of undertaking employment as a means of supplementing the funds they have available.
2. Subject to public order and public security considerations, each Party shall issue to citizens of the other country a multiple entry Working Holiday visa, valid for one year, provided these citizens fulfil the following conditions:
  - (a) are motivated by the objectives of the Scheme, as defined in paragraph 1 of this Article;
  - (b) have not previously taken part in the Scheme;
  - (c) are aged between 18 and 30 years (inclusive) at the time the visa application is lodged;
  - (d) hold a valid passport and are in possession of a return ticket or an onward ticket to a third state to which right of entry is guaranteed or otherwise have sufficient funds to purchase such tickets;
  - (e) possess sufficient funds or corresponding guarantees to cover their expenses at the beginning of their stay.

## **Article 2**

Applications to participate in the Scheme shall be made to the appropriate diplomatic mission, in Paris or in Wellington.

## **Article 3**

1. Working Holiday visa issued by the Government of the French Republic shall be valid for the departments of the French Republic and Working Holiday visas issued by the Government of New Zealand shall be valid for the territory of New Zealand, excluding Tokelau.
2. Each Party shall authorise citizens of the other country who are in possession of a valid Working Holiday visa to stay in the territories mentioned in paragraph 1 above for a maximum of one year from the date of arrival and to undertake employment to supplement the funds they have available.
3. Citizens of each of the two countries visiting the other country with a Working Holiday visa may not extend their stay beyond the authorised duration, nor change their status during their stay.

## **Article 4**

1. When New Zealand citizens in possession of a Working Holiday visa issued by the French authorities find employment in France, those authorities shall immediately grant those citizens, without reference to the labour market situation, a temporary work permit for the expected duration of the position. The permit may be renewed under the same conditions, up to the limit of the authorised length of stay.
2. Upon arrival in New Zealand, the New Zealand authorities in charge of immigration shall grant French citizens a work permit valid for a maximum period of twelve months. French participants in the Working Holiday Scheme may enrol in one training or study course of up to three months' duration during their stay. This enrolment may not be renewed.

## **Article 5**

1. Citizens of both countries staying in the other country with a Working Holiday visa shall be required to comply with the legislation in force in the receiving country, in particular concerning the undertaking of paid employment.
2. Any points not dealt with in this Agreement shall be governed by the respective legislation of the Parties.

#### **Article 6**

An information pack shall be given by the respective diplomatic missions to participants in the Scheme. This pack shall contain general information on living conditions and how to find work.

#### **Article 7**

1. All participants in this Scheme must be able to provide evidence of holding an insurance policy covering all risks relating to sickness, maternity, disability and hospitalisation in the receiving State for the duration of their stay.
2. Participants shall not be eligible to receive any unemployment or other social welfare benefits in the receiving State.

#### **Article 8**

1. For the purposes of implementing the Scheme, the number of participants shall be fixed annually by exchange of diplomatic notes.
2. Each Party shall also notify the other annually, by exchange of diplomatic notes, of the minimum sum required in accordance with paragraph 2.e of Article 1.
3. The allocation of participants under this Scheme shall take place from the date the Scheme enters into force until the end of the year in progress, then annually from 1 January to 31 December.

#### **Article 9**

The two Parties shall meet for an annual evaluation of the implementation of this Agreement.

#### **Article 10**

1. Each Party shall notify the other, by diplomatic channels, of the completion of its internal procedural requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following receipt of the last of the notifications mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, with three months' notice, by notifying the other Party through diplomatic channels.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the representatives of both Parties, being thus duly authorised, signed this Agreement.

**DONE** in duplicate at Paris on 2 June 1999 in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of  
New Zealand

For the Government of the  
French Republic

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