# South Island Contribution visa – applications closing soon!

Do you hold an Essential Skills work visa?

Have you been employed and living in the South Island for the five years to 22 May 2017?

If you have answered ‘yes’ to these questions then you may be eligible for the South Island Contribution visa – but you will need to be quick!

The South Island Contribution visa was introduced in May 2017 after Government announced a new policy to provide a one-off pathway to residence for migrant workers and their families living in the South Island.

To be eligible you need to apply before 23 May 2018.

If successful, you will be granted an initial South Island Contribution work visa, which may make you eligible for residence in two years (provided you stay in the same industry and South Island region). You will then be granted a resident visa, with conditions requiring that you stay in the same region for a further two years.

If you think that you are eligible and you haven’t already applied then make sure you get your application in as soon as possible so you don’t miss out.

[More information can be found on our website](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/south-island-contribution-work-visa)