



Partnership Visa – Evidence Checklist (New Zealand)

1. Identity Documents (Both Partners)

- Passport bio pages
- Current visa copies (if applicable)
- Birth certificates
- Marriage certificate / Civil union certificate (if applicable)

2. Relationship Timeline

- Written relationship history (how you met, progression, milestones)
- Dates of key events (engagement, marriage, moving in together)
- Supporting documents aligned with timeline

3. Living Together (Cohabitation Evidence)

- Joint tenancy agreement / property ownership documents
- Utility bills addressed to both partners
- Official letters addressed to both partners at same address
- Evidence covering full claimed cohabitation period

4. Financial Interdependence

- Joint bank account statements (6–12 months preferred)
- Evidence of shared expenses or financial transfers
- Insurance policies listing both partners
- Shared financial commitments (loans, subscriptions)

5. Social Recognition

- Photos together over time (not only wedding)
- Travel records together
- Messages / communication history (if long-distance)
- Statements from friends and family confirming relationship

6. Commitment to Shared Life

- Future plans (travel, housing, children, etc.)
- Joint memberships or subscriptions
- Evidence of joint decision-making

7. Sponsor Eligibility (NZ Citizen/Resident Partner)

- Evidence of NZ citizenship or residence status
- Confirmation of no sponsorship limitations
- Police certificate if required

8. Immigration History Disclosure

- Previous visa approvals or refusals
- Any overstays or visa breaches (with explanation)
- Character-related disclosures (if applicable)

9. Optional Supporting Evidence

- Affidavits or statutory declarations
- Screenshots of shared social media presence
- Joint invitations or event bookings

Important: This checklist is provided as a general guide. Immigration policies and instructions are subject to change. Each application must be assessed by the Licensed Immigration Adviser based on individual circumstances. This is not a customized checklist.