

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)
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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
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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
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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)
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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
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6. Commitment to Shared Life

- Future plans (travel, housing, children, etc.)
 - Joint memberships or subscriptions
 - Evidence of joint decision-making
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7. Sponsor Eligibility (NZ Citizen/Resident Partner)

- Evidence of NZ citizenship or residence status
 - Confirmation of no sponsorship limitations
 - Police certificate if required
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8. Immigration History Disclosure

- Previous visa approvals or refusals
 - Any overstays or visa breaches (with explanation)
 - Character-related disclosures (if applicable)
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9. Optional Supporting Evidence

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