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Dear P D

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2019 requesting the following:

*Can you please update us on when Parent Category visa will be re-opened for EOI / applications?  
As per earlier OIA responses, there should be an update in first half of 2019. (ref:  
<https://fyi.org.nz/request/9443-update-citizens-and-residents-regarding-the-parent-category> )  
We are now in August, almost 3 years after the closure of this category of visas.*

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

On 7 October 2019 the Minister of Immigration, Hon Iain Lees-Galloway, announced that the Parent Resident Visa would reopen with new requirements in February 2020.

If you are interested, you can find further information on the changes to this visa category at: [www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/parent-resident-visa-will-reopen-new-requirements](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/parent-resident-visa-will-reopen-new-requirements). Additionally, the Cabinet paper associated with this decision will be proactively released on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website in due course.

Yours sincerely

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