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Dear Sunny Kumar

Thank you for your email on 14 July 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I would like to know the answers to the following questions regarding partnership visas being processed at the Hamilton INZ branch:

- What documents are/were in 2019-2020 required for partnership visa?*
- Do the marriage certificate and chat history is sufficient to get partnership visa approved? If not, which other documents require and what is the purpose of providing those?*
- Is it must for applicant partner having both of there names and common residence address to be updated on all required documents? If so, which documents are those which must be having both of there details?*

Our response

What documents are/were in 2019-2020 required for partnership visa? Do the marriage certificate and chat history is sufficient to get partnership visa approved? If not, which other documents require and what is the purpose of providing those?

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) considers partnership applications very carefully and an immigration officer needs to be satisfied that the applicant meets immigration instructions – i.e. that the immigration officer is satisfied that relationship is credible, genuine and stable, and likely to endure. It is the responsibility of the applicant to satisfy the immigration officer that the requirements of immigration instructions have been met. Marriage alone is not sufficient evidence for the purposes of the immigration instructions and applicants are required to provide a range of documentation. The purpose of these documents is to demonstrate that the applicant and their partner are living together in a genuine and stable relationship as required by immigration instructions. In cases where INZ is not satisfied immigration requirements have been met, additional documentation may be requested and verification may be completed.

The evidence required in support of partnership for a temporary and residence visa is publically available and it can be found here: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/support-family/partnership> and here: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/opsmanual/#30880.htm>

We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18 (d) of the OIA because the information requested is not publicly available.

Is it must for applicant partner having both of their names and common residence address to be updated on all required documents? If so, which documents are those which must be having both of their details?

Please note that this query is not a request for official information under the OIA as you are seeking advice. You may seek personalised immigration advice from a Licenced Immigration Adviser or immigration lawyer. You can find more information on this here:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/contact/find-immigration-advice>

You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Margaret Huang, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Margaret.huang@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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