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Tēnā koe N Tas,

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

"I would like to know the difference in RV 2021 and other Resident Visa class for employment purpose?"

While applying for jobs, application has options of Permanent Resident only and no other resident visa options.

I hold RV 2021 and applied in role at MBIE. My application was not taken to next level as I do not possess appropriate visa

Please inform the difference in resident visas and policy for differentiation between resident visas."

Our Response

The 2021 Resident Visa is a residence class visa that grants the same work rights as permanent residence visas. Permanent residence visas do not have travel conditions and have no expiry date, while residence class visas are normally issued with travel conditions. For more information please refer to the links below:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident/resident-to-permanent-resident>

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/permanent-resident-visa>

MBIE requires staff employed in some of its business groups to hold permanent residency of New Zealand or New Zealand citizenship. People working for Immigration New Zealand (INZ), or people who have access to INZ's systems, where they are engaging with the immigration regulatory system to obtain a New Zealand visa, present an inherent conflict of interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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 inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K MacLeod".

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