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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
NEW ZEALAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
passport visa fees. Wellington, 16 December 1957  
and 2 and 5 May 1958**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement amending the  
above-mentioned Agreement. Wellington, 13 May 1958**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux droits  
de visa pour les passeports. Wellington, 16 décembre  
1957 et 2 et 5 mai 1958**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord modifiant l'Accord  
susmentionné. Wellington, 13 mai 1958**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistrés par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 9 décembre 1958.*

No. 4594. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NEW ZEALAND RELATING TO PASSPORT VISA FEES. WELLINGTON, 16 DECEMBER 1957 AND 2 AND 5 MAY 1958

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*The American Embassy to the New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs*

No. 39

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to exchanges of Notes made between the two Governments in July and August 1955<sup>2</sup> and to recent discussions between representatives of the Embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the abolition of fees and the extension of the period of validity in certain types of non-immigrant visas.

On the basis of reciprocity, the United States Government is prepared to amend the categories of non-immigrant visas specified below in the manner set forth :

- 1) A-1, A-2 and A-3 visas will be issued for a period of validity of forty-eight months. (The period of validity at present is twelve months.)
- 2) B-1 and B-2 visas will be issued gratis for a period of validity of forty-eight months. (Period of validity at present is twenty-four months with a fee of \$2.00.)
- 3) C-1 visas will be issued for a period of validity of forty-eight months. (Period of validity at present is twelve months.)
- 4) " D " visas (issued to individuals) will be issued for a period of validity of forty-eight months. (They are now valid for twenty-four months.)
- 5) For E-1 (see description of E-1 visas listed below.)
- 6) Exchange Visitors' visas will be valid for a period of forty-eight months. (They are now valid for twenty-four months.)

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 May 1958 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

- 7) "F" visas will be issued for a period of validity of forty-eight months. (They are now valid for twenty-four months.)
- 8) H-1, H-2 and H-3 visas will be issued gratis. (A fee of \$2.00 is charged at present.)
- 9) "I" visas will be issued gratis for a period of forty-eight months. (They are now valid for twelve months with a fee of \$2.00.)

It will be noted from the above that all fees in connection with the issuance of non-immigrant visas will be eliminated under this proposal.

For the Ministry's information, there is set out below a description of the various types of nonimmigrant visas which will be issued to New Zealand nationals upon the acceptance by the New Zealand Government of the above proposed changes :

<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Validity of visa</i>	<i>Number of times visa may be used</i>
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family.	48 months	Multiple
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and members of immediate family.	48 months	Multiple
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes and members of immediate family.	48 months	Multiple
B-1	Temporary visitor for business.	48 months	Multiple
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure.	48 months	Multiple
C-1	Alien in transit.	48 months	Multiple
C-2	Alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters District.	12 months	Multiple
C-3	Foreign Government official.	12 months	Multiple
D	Individual crewmen.	48 months	Multiple
E-1	Treaty merchant, spouse and children. (The Convention of 1815 <sup>1</sup> with Great Britain is only applicable to British subjects engaged in trade between the United States and British Territory in Europe.)	48 months	Multiple
EX	Exchange Visitor.	48 months	Multiple
F	Student.	48 months	Multiple
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government of international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Multiple
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Multiple
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Single

<sup>1</sup> United States of America : *Treaty Series 110*, or De Martens, *Nouveau Recueil de Traité*s, tome II, p. 582.

<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Validity of visa</i>	<i>Number of times visa may be used</i>
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Multiple
G-5	Attendant, servant or personal employee of G-1, G-2, G-3 and G-4 classes, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Multiple
H-1	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
H-2	Other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
H-3	Industrial trainee.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children.	48 months	Multiple

The above agreement does not apply to New Zealand nationals applying for admission into the United States and its possessions for permanent residence. Under Section 281 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of December 24, 1952<sup>1</sup> a fee of \$25.00 is charged to any person immigrating to the United States.

If the New Zealand Government is able to give the necessary assurance with respect to reciprocity, the Embassy suggests that the new arrangement should take effect on a date to be determined by an exchange of Notes.

Wellington, New Zealand, December 16, 1957

<sup>1</sup> According to the information provided by the United States of America the Act is dated 27 June 1952 and became effective on 24 December 1952.

## II

*The New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs to the American Embassy*

## NEW ZEALAND

P.M. 58/9/29

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 39 of 16 December 1957 concerning the mutual abolition of visa fees.

The New Zealand Government is able to give the necessary assurance with respect to reciprocity, and it is suggested that the new arrangement should come into operation from 1 June 1958.

In this connection, the Zealand Government has noted that the new arrangement would have the effect, in practice, of varying the terms of the Agreement on the subject of visas which was drawn up as a formal Exchange of Notes and signed at Wellington on 14 March 1949.<sup>1</sup> That Exchange of Notes is still in force, and having been registered with the United Nations, constitutes a record of all understandings between the Governments of New Zealand and of the United States of America concerning visas for travel.

In these circumstances a case may arise for a measure of formal action in relation to the new arrangement—thus it might be appropriate to furnish the United Nations Secretariat, in accordance with the United Nations Treaty Regulations, with a statement regarding subsequent action effecting a change in the terms or application of the original Exchange of Notes.

In the view of the New Zealand Government consideration of this question need not in any way affect the entry into force of the new arrangement. Accordingly, the Ministry would ask only for such comments as the United States authorities may in due course wish to offer on the question of formalities.

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Ministry of External Affairs  
Wellington, New Zealand, 2 May 1958

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 32, p. 369.

## III

*The American Embassy to the New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs*

No. 77

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's P.M. 58/9/29 dated May 2, 1958, agreeing to the terms set forth in the Embassy's Note No. 39 abolishing fees for nonimmigrant visas and extending the period of validity thereof to a period of four years on a reciprocal basis.

The Embassy agrees to the Ministry's suggestion that the agreement take effect on June 1, 1958, and the Embassy has requested the advice of the Department of State as to whether copies of the exchange of notes should be sent to the United Nations Secretariat. The Ministry will be notified upon receipt of the Department's reply.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Wellington, May 5, 1958

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
NEW ZEALAND AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF  
16 DECEMBER 1957 AND 2 AND 5 MAY 1958<sup>2</sup> RELAT-  
ING TO PASSPORT VISA FEES. WELLINGTON, 13 MAY  
1958

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*The American Embassy to the New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs*

No. 80

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the exchange of notes between the Embassy and the Ministry regarding the mutual abolition of nonimmigrant visa fees and the extension of the period of validity of certain classes of nonimmigrant visas on the basis of reciprocity.

The Department of State has requested that the proposed agreement as set forth in the Embassy's Note No. 39 of December 16, 1957<sup>2</sup> be modified in the following respects :

Classes A-1, A-2 and A-3 visas be valid for a period of twenty-four months, rather than forty-eight months; all categories of class G visas, except G-3, be valid for a period of twenty-four months, rather than twelve months; and the period of validity of class G-3 remain at twelve months.

The various categories of nonimmigrant visas under the proposed agreement, as modified above, are set forth below :

<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Validity of visa</i>	<i>Number of times visa may be used</i>
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 May 1958 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 60 of this volume.

<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Validity of visa</i>	<i>Number of times visa may be used</i>
B-1	Temporary visitor for business.	48 months	Multiple
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure.	48 months	Multiple
C-1	Alien in transit.	48 months	Multiple
C-2	Alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters District.	12 months	Multiple
C-3	Foreign Government official.	12 months	Multiple
D	Individual crewman.	48 months	Multiple
E-1	Treaty Merchant, spouse and children. (The Convention of 1815 with Great Britain is only applicable to British subjects engaged in trade between the United States and British Territory in Europe.)	48 months	Multiple
EX	Exchange Visitor.	48 months	Multiple
F	Student.	48 months	Multiple
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government of international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	12 months	Single
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
G-5	Attendant, servant or personal employee of G-1, G-2, G-3 and G-4 classes, and members of immediate family.	24 months	Multiple
H-1	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
H-2	Other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
H-3	Industrial trainee.	Period for which employment is authorized, not longer than twelve months	Multiple
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children.	48 months	Multiple



If the New Zealand Government concurs in the above a reply to that effect would be appreciated.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Wellington, May 13, 1958

## II

### *The New Zealand Ministry of External Affairs to the American Embassy*

#### NEW ZEALAND

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 80 dated 13 May 1958 concerning a modification of the arrangement made for the mutual abolition of fees for nonimmigrant visas. The modifications outlined in the Embassy's Note are acceptable to the New Zealand Government.

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Ministry of External Affairs  
Wellington, New Zealand, 13 May 1958

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