



# Working Abroad as a Recent Graduate

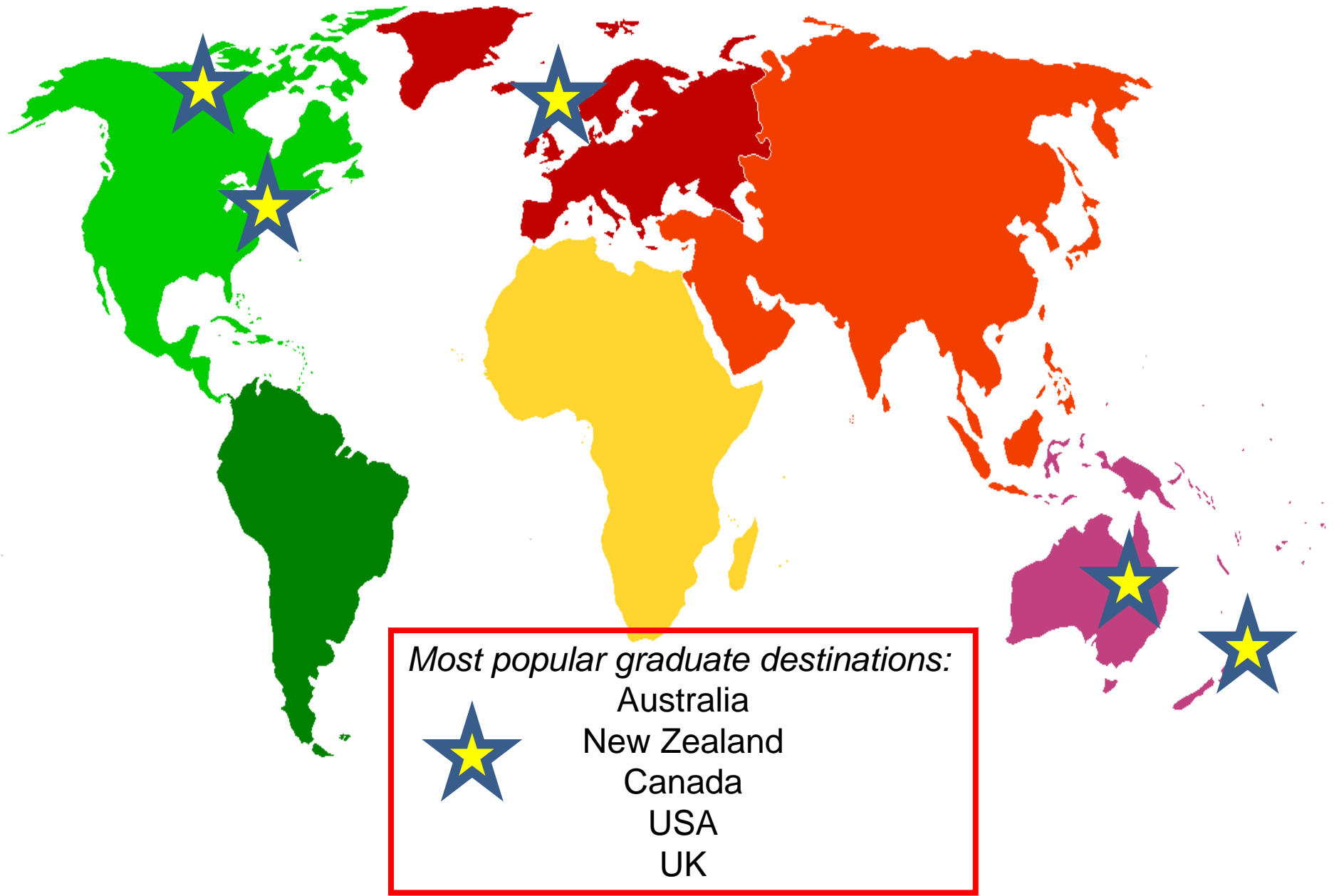
## What you need to know

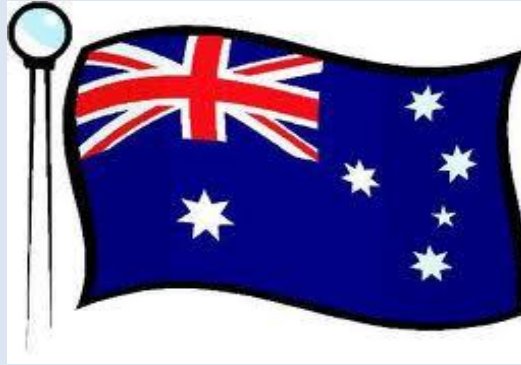
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This presentation outlines the rules and regulations for an Irish passport holder. Different rules **may** apply for holders of non Irish passports. Please consult the relevant immigration authorities – list of websites at the end of the presentation.

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**Australia**

# *Australia-Working Holiday Visa*

## 1 Year Working Holiday Visa (WHV)– Key points

- Primary Visa purpose is Holiday but...can work provided not working with any one employer from more than 6 months
- Proof of funds of ACCESS TO AUD 5,000 (€3,500) with you when you arrive – can be a credit card limit
- Can't have previously entered Australia on WHV
- Need to be outside Australia when applying for WHV
- Don't need to have secured employment before you go...**but prior planning will save you €€€€€€€**
- Must be aged 18-30 at time of application, no dependents (travelling with you)
- Can apply up to 12 months before you travel. Once you have visa you then have 12 months to activate it
- Can leave and enter Australia multiple times
- Can study for up to 4 months of the 12 months



# *Australia-Working Holiday Visa*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Working Holiday Visa – Key points

- Once there you have the option to apply for a Second Working Holiday visa for a further year ..PROVIDED
  - You have worked as *seasonal/harvest worker\** in regional Australia for 3 months *during your first 12 months- **plan ahead!** (Oct-April are the harvest months)*
  - Proof of additional sufficient funds is required
  - Passport must be valid for duration of stay
  - Can be applied for when in in or outside of Austral
- \* See [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) for definition

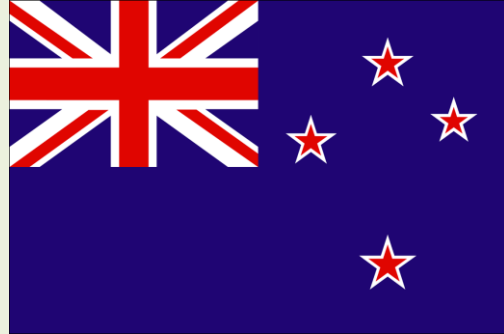


# *Australia-Other Visas*

*Less relevance to recent graduates due to their lack of required work experience*

- Skilled Migration Visa
  - Must have **recent skilled work experience**
  - List of eligible occupations updated regularly- check Skilled Occupation List (SOL)
  - See [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) for details of eligible occupations
  - Points system to qualify
- Employer Sponsored Visa – employers will get you a visa because they need your skill set-**rare for recent graduates except those in medical field**





**New Zealand**

# *New Zealand-Working Holiday Visa*

## 1 Year Working Holiday Visa – Key points

- Primary purpose is Holiday but you can work to fund travels
- Can't have previously entered New Zealand on Working Holiday Visa
- No restrictions on length of time with one employer
- Don't need job before you travel ....but prior planning will save you €€€€€€€€
- Cannot extend for further year if Irish passport holder
- Age 18-30 at time of application and no dependents (travelling with you)
- Can leave and enter New Zealand multiple times
- Can study for up to 3 months of the 12 months
- Evidence of funds of €2,400 plus return ticket on arrival
- Passport valid for duration of stay
- Can apply up to 12 months before you travel





**Canada**

# *Canada*

## *International Experience Canada (IEC)*

### **IEC**

- Travel and Work Visas
- Can participate once for up to 24 months.
- Some categories of applicant can add a further 12 months to their stay
- All Visas in high demand

**3 categories of visa** for Irish passport holders;

- ① Working Holiday (7,700 Visas available in 2018)
- ② Young Professionals (2,500 Visas available in 2018)
- ③ International Co-op (500 Visas available in 2018)

# *Canada*

## *International Experience Canada (IEC)*

### IEC visa allocation process

- Applicants for visas begin the process by creating an online profile on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/iec/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/iec/index.asp)

This profile is then be submitted to a “pool” of candidates if it meets requirements. Applicants are drawn randomly from these pools at regular intervals, and sent an **Invitation to Apply** for a work permit. Draws continue until all places are filled for the year.

IEC visas will be allocated in several rounds in 2018 rather than on first come, first served basis as was previously the case

# *Canada*

## *International Experience Canada (IEC)*

You will be in the pool(s) for one year from the day you enter, or until CIC removes all of the profiles. This is expected to occur once quotas for specific countries and categories have been met.

Pools for 2018 opened on **03 November 2017**.

The Canadian immigration website frequently updates the status of the pools and numbers of remaining visa slots for the year.

**The most up to date information can be found here:**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/iec/selections.asp?country=ie&cat=wh>

# *Canada - IEC – Working Holiday Visa*

1 Year\* Working & Travel Visa –

- No restrictions on where you can work
- Don't need to have secured employment before you go
- Need to be age 18-35 on date application is received by Embassy of Canada in London
- Some occupations will need medical report as part of visa application.
- Programme open to students and non-students
- Fingerprint and
- All applicants will need a Police Certificate as part of visa application-plan ahead – can take a few months to get

\*Option available to **extend for a second year**

# *Canada - IEC - Working Holiday Visa*

- Proof of funds of €2,500 (approx) plus return ticket
- Passport valid for duration of stay
- Can apply up to 12 months before you travel
- Applications now OPEN



# *Canada-IEC - Young Professionals Visa*

- Career development related working visa – 2 years max
- Need to be between 18-35 at the time your application is received at the Canadian Embassy in London
- Have equivalent of C\$2,500 with you when you arrive in addition to a return ticket
- Programme open to graduates and non-graduates
- Have received a signed letter of offer or contract of employment in Canada related to your work experience/degree

# *Canada - IEC - International Co-op Internship Visa*

- To facilitate work placement to fulfill part of the academic curriculum as part of an ongoing college course
- Maximum stay of 12 months
- Need to be between 18-35 at the time your application is received at the Canadian Embassy in London
- Have equivalent of C\$2,500 with you when you arrive in addition to a return ticket
- Have received a signed letter of offer or contract for a work placement or internship in Canada that meets the requirements of your academic curriculum
- Can only be used once



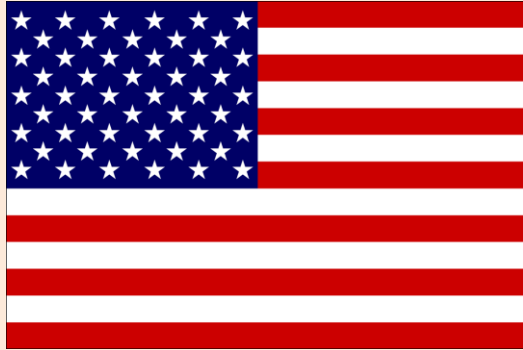


# *Canada-Other Visas*

## *Skilled Workers and Professionals*

- Arranged Employment Offer (AEO) Visa
- Workers with evidence of experience in the last 10 years under one or more of the National Occupation Classifications (NOC)
- To check your if your work experience and/or occupation is eligible under these classifications go to the *eligibility checker* on the Citizen & Immigration Canada website: <http://onlineservices-servicesenligne.cic.gc.ca/eapp/eapp.do>





**U.S.A.**

# USA

Two types of 1 year+ Visas for students/graduates:

- A. 1 year Grad (Internship) Visa – 3 months to find a job once you arrive in US
- B. 18 month – Career Training Visa - DO need job before you go

**BUT...all jobs must be**

- **Related to your field of study – the typical “*J1 Summer job*” is ineligible with these Visas**
- **Within one of 5 broad industry groups-see list on subsequent page**



# *Visa Type A.*

## *USA-Grad (Internship) Visa - key points*

- 12 month work Visa – recent graduate or gap year
- **You have three months to find a job once you arrive in the US**
- Must start work no later than 12 months from date on graduation certificate, but can start once you finish course (don't need to wait until graduation day).
- Eligible third level courses start at a 2 year Certificate course from a college in one of the 32 counties
- Gap year work experience also allowable
- Job must be related to field of study – “practical training directly related to field of study” and can be UNPAID
- Some restrictions on size of company you work for-must comply to ratio of at least 10 full time employees : 1 intern
- Can get this Visa even if you have previously had a J1 or 1 year Graduate Work visa



# Visa Type *B*.

## *USA - Career Training Visa - key points*

- Up to 18 month Visa
- To qualify you will need 5 years career experience (no third level qualification needed) **OR**
- Have a third level college/university degree and one years related work experience – no time limit on when you graduated.
- Age 18 – 40 (*with some flexibility on upward age band*)
- **Must HAVE to have job lined up before you go.**
- Job in USA must be related to field of study/previous career and can be UNPAID
- Can apply for this Visa even if you have previously gone to the US on an Internship Visa BUT must leave 2 years since completion of Internship visa
- Unskilled Ineligible List applies re what industries are acceptable



# *Both USA Visas*

- Must show evidence of funds - €2,000 approx
- Passport must be valid for duration of stay
- Do your homework BEFORE you go



*For Visas A and B*

*USA- Grad (Internship) Visa & Career*

*Training Visa*

*Eligible Industry Groups*

- Business, Management, Commerce and Finance
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information, Media and Communications
- Public Administration and Law
- The Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics and Industrial Occupations.



Assemblers  
Attendants, Parking Lot  
Attendants ( Service Workers such as Personal Services Attendants,  
Amusements and Recreation Attendants)  
Automobile Service Station Attendants  
Bartenders  
Bookkeepers  
Caretakers  
Cashiers  
Charworkers, House Cleaners  
Chauffeurs and Taxicab Drivers  
Clerks, General  
Clerks, Hotel  
Clerks and Checkers, Grocery Stores  
Clerk Typist  
Cooks, Short Order  
Counter and Fountain Workers  
Dining Room Attendants  
Electric Truck Operators  
Elevator Operators  
Floorworkers  
Groundskeepers  
Guards  
Helpers, Any Industry  
Hotel and Motel Cleaners

**List of Ineligible  
Jobs under the  
US Graduate Visa  
Scheme**

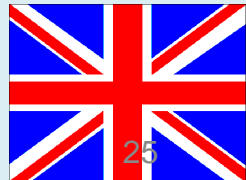
Housekeepers, Domestic Help  
Janitor  
Key Punch Operator  
Kitchen Workers  
Labourers, Common  
Labourers, Farm  
Labourers, Mine  
Loopers and Toppers (tree work)  
Material Handlers  
Nurse's Aides and Orderlies  
Packers, Markers, Bottlers and Related  
Porters  
Receptionists  
Sailors and Deck Hands  
Sales Clerks, General  
Sewing Machine Operators and Handstitchers  
Stock Room and Warehouse Workers  
Streetcar and Bus Conductors  
Telephone Operators  
Truck Drivers and Tractor Drivers  
Typist, Lesser Skilled  
Ushers, Recreations and Amusement  
Yard Workers





# *United Kingdom*

- No work visa required for EU citizens
- Advance planning essential
- Eligible for graduate schemes



# *International Graduate Programmes*

If you would prefer to be part of an organised graduate recruitment programme there are a number of programmes aimed at graduates that will **incorporate an element of working overseas**. Here are links to some of the main ones.

- IBEC EOP Graduate Placement Programme [www.ibec.ie/eop](http://www.ibec.ie/eop)
- Enterprise Ireland – Graduates for International Growth – G4IG [www.enterprise-ireland.com/g4ig](http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/g4ig)
- European Commission – Stage [www.eures.europa.eu](http://www.eures.europa.eu)
- International Internships – AIESEC [www.aiesec.org](http://www.aiesec.org)
- Technical internships – IAESTE [www.iaeste.org](http://www.iaeste.org)
- Jobs & Internships- [www.europeanmovement.ie](http://www.europeanmovement.ie)
- European Job listings & information <https://ec.europa.eu/eures/public/en/homepage>

# *Useful Websites - Australia*

[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

Official Government Immigration Site

[www.prospects.ac.uk/australia\\_job\\_market.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/australia_job_market.htm)

**Excellent overview of  
how to apply for jobs  
and where to look**

[www.graduatecareers.com.au](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au)

Australian graduates career advice site

## **Australian Job Listing/Vacancy Information websites**

[www.careerone.com.au](http://www.careerone.com.au)

[www.hays.com.au](http://www.hays.com.au)

[www.employment.byron.com.au](http://www.employment.byron.com.au)

[www.bestjobsau.com](http://www.bestjobsau.com)

[www.jobnet.com.au](http://www.jobnet.com.au)

[www.tntdownunder.com](http://www.tntdownunder.com)

[www.visitoz.org](http://www.visitoz.org)

[www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au)

# *Useful Websites - New Zealand*

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) – Government Immigration Information Website

[www.prospects.ac.uk/new\\_zealand\\_job\\_market.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/new_zealand_job_market.htm) **Excellent overview of how to apply for jobs and where to look**

## **New Zealand Job Listing/Vacancy Information websites**

[www.gradconnection.co.nz](http://www.gradconnection.co.nz)

[www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz)

[www.nzrecruitme.co.nz](http://www.nzrecruitme.co.nz)

[www.newkiwis.co.nz](http://www.newkiwis.co.nz)

[www.job.co.nz](http://www.job.co.nz)

[www.jobstuff.co.nz](http://www.jobstuff.co.nz)

[www.jobzone.co.nz](http://www.jobzone.co.nz)

[www.jobcafe.co.nz](http://www.jobcafe.co.nz)

# *Useful Websites – USA & Canada*

<https://ie.usembassy.gov/visas/> – Government Immigration Information Website

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/work-canada/iec/application-process-glance.html>

## **USA and Canada Job Listing/Vacancy Information websites**

[www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

[www.aftercollege.com](http://www.aftercollege.com)

[www.careerjournal.com](http://www.careerjournal.com)

[www.careercast.com](http://www.careercast.com)

[www.collegerecruiter.com](http://www.collegerecruiter.com)

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

[http://www.quintcareers.com/top\\_50\\_sites.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/top_50_sites.html)

# *Useful Websites - UK*

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

[www.careers.guardian.co.uk](http://www.careers.guardian.co.uk)

[www.efinancialcareers.co.uk](http://www.efinancialcareers.co.uk)

[www.targetjobs.co.uk](http://www.targetjobs.co.uk)

[www.graduate-jobs.com](http://www.graduate-jobs.com)

[www.europeanmovement.ie](http://www.europeanmovement.ie) – Pan-Europe

**PLUS Careers Websites of all major Universities in the UK**

# *Useful Websites – All Other Countries*

*Search by Country – choice of 52 additional countries:*

[www.prospects.ac.uk/country\\_profiles.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/country_profiles.htm)

~~Plan A~~

Plan B

**Plan Ahead !**