

The NZ Qualifications Authority, <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/>, assesses overseas diploma's and compares a diploma with a qualification for the same profession in New Zealand. Any qualification will be awarded a certain level and the NZ Immigration Service follows the result of an NZQA diploma assessment. The NZQA then verify your qualifications with the school or the issuing authority of your qualification. If the NZQA cannot verify your qualification then the NZQA cannot issue you with an assessment report and therefore you may not be able to claim points for your qualification. For a Diploma Assessment, the NZQA requires the following original documents plus certified translations if not in English plus a set of certified copies of all documents:

- * certificate of completion of final year at a general or junior secondary school
- * degrees and diplomas, or other award certificates from tertiary institutions, trade schools, technical colleges or specialised senior secondary schools
- * transcripts, mark sheets or academic records which list the subjects studied for each year and the grades achieved for each subject
- * evidence of vocational or trades training (contracts with your training employer, completion certificates and trade tests, if applicable)
- * employment records or employer references describing your work experience
- * current practising certificate, registration or licence as appropriate.

Because an applicant of a NZQA diploma assessment may not interfere with the verification process (as some countries have strict privacy laws, no information can be provided to third parties sometimes), it may be a good idea to contact the school or the authority that issued your diploma in your country before you apply for an NZQA assessment and announce the verification request and ask them to reply to the NZQA asap. For an Expression of Interest, a NZQA pre-assessment (NZ\$75) is a minimum requirement. There is also a NZQA full assessment (NZ\$450) available which is mandatory if you wish to proceed with your visa application.