

Have you lived in New Zealand for more-than 5 years?

As of 15 October 2015 you are required to prove that you have not become a New Zealand citizen when applying for a Dutch passport.

As a Dutch national with a residents permit you can acquire New Zealand citizenship by grant if you have lived in New Zealand for at least the last 5 years and had the right to be in New Zealand indefinitely the whole time

There is no system in place in New Zealand to cancel your existing residents visa when you become a New Zealand citizen. The Department of Internal Affairs and Immigration New Zealand do not share information regarding New Zealand Citizenship. Only when you re-apply for a residency permit after you have become a New Zealand citizen you will receive an endorsement in your Dutch passport.

Because of this, the Embassy cannot determine if a person has become a NZ citizen or not, since this may have consequences for your Dutch citizenship. Therefore you are now required to prove you have not become a New Zealand citizen if you have lived in NZ for more than 5 years.

You can prove this with an authenticated Letter of Denial. For more information on how to apply for a Letter of Denial, please follow the link:

<http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Citizenship-Confirm-you%E2%80%99re-not-a-New-Zealand-citizen?OpenDocument>

You can find more information on how to authenticate (Apostille Certificate) your Letter of Denial here: <http://www.dia.govt.nz/apostille>

Please note: we accept e-apostille.

Please make sure you bring the authenticated Letter of Denial to your appointment. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For more information regarding dual citizenship and loss of Dutch citizenship, please refer to the following website: <https://www.government.nl/topics/dutch-nationality/contents/loss-of-dutch-nationality>.

If you have any questions please contact the Embassy via email wel-ca@minbuza.nl