Arrangement on a
Working Holiday Scheme
Between
the Government of New Zealand
and
the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

The Government of New Zealand and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand ("the participants") have come to the following understandings concerning an Arrangement for the operation of a Working Holiday Scheme ("the Scheme") between the two countries.

Responsibilities of the Government of New Zealand

1. The Government of New Zealand, through a visa processing office operating under the authority of the Department of Labour through the New Zealand Immigration Service, will, subject to paragraph 2, on application by a national of the Kingdom of Thailand, issue a multiple entry work visa valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue to persons who satisfy each of the following requirements:

(a) is a national of the Kingdom of Thailand who is ordinarily resident in Thailand at the time of application;
(b) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in New Zealand, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
(c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
(d) is not accompanied by children;
(e) possesses a valid Thai passport;
(f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
(g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in New Zealand, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
(h) possesses a tertiary education qualification granted in respect of a minimum of three (3) years full-time study;
(i) has a level of proficiency in English which is assessed as at least functional;
(j) meets the requirements, as detailed in the Generic Temporary Entry Policy of the New Zealand Immigration Service's Operations Manual, with regards to health, character and being able to demonstrate that they genuinely intend a temporary stay in New Zealand for a lawful purpose;
(k) pays the prescribed work visa application fee;
(l) complies with any health requirements imposed by New Zealand;

(m) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in New Zealand; and
(n) satisfy the conditions contained in the Annex.

2. The Government of New Zealand may issue each year up to one hundred (100) of the work visas mentioned in paragraph 1 to nationals of the Kingdom of Thailand.

3. Subject to paragraph 2, the Government of New Zealand will grant a work permit to a national from the Kingdom of Thailand, provided that he/she possesses the work visa issued pursuant to paragraph 1 and satisfies each of the requirements in paragraph 1.. The work permit will be granted to such person on his/her arrival in New Zealand and will be valid for a period of not more than twelve (12) months from the date of entry into New Zealand.

4. The Government of New Zealand will require any national from the Kingdom of Thailand who has entered New Zealand through the scheme operating under this Arrangement to comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the Scheme. Participants in the Scheme are not permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and should not work for the same employer for more than three (3) months during the course of their visit to New Zealand. Participants in the Scheme may apply for student permits for graduate or post-graduate study, for skills shortage work permits, or for skilled/business residence permits, while they are in New Zealand under the Scheme.

Responsibilities of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

5. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, through its visa processing offices in New Zealand, will, subject to paragraph 6, on application by a New Zealand citizen, issue a multiple entry work and holiday visa valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue to persons who satisfies each of the following requirements:

(a) is a citizen of New Zealand who is ordinarily resident in New Zealand at the time of application;
(b) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in Thailand, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
(c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
(d) is not accompanied by children;
(e) possesses a valid New Zealand passport;

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(f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
(g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in the Kingdom of Thailand, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
(h) possesses a tertiary education qualification granted in respect of a minimum of three (3) years full-time study;
(i) pays the prescribed work visa application fee; and
(j) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in Thailand.

6. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand may issue each year up to one hundred (100) of the Work and Holiday visas mentioned in paragraph 5 to citizens of New Zealand. Work and Holiday visa holders will automatically be entitled to work and reside temporarily in the Kingdom of Thailand, subject to the conditions in paragraph 7.

7. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand will require any citizen from New Zealand who has entered the Kingdom of Thailand through the scheme operating under this Arrangement to comply with the laws and regulations of the Kingdom of Thailand and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the Scheme. Work and Holiday visa holders are not permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and should not work for the same employer for more than three (3) months during the course of their visit to the Kingdom of Thailand.

General Provisions

8. Either of the participants may refuse any particular application it receives.

9. Either of the participants may, consistent with its own law, refuse the entry into its territory of any person participating in the Scheme whom it may consider undesirable, or remove any such person from the country who has obtained entry under this Arrangement.

10. Either participant may, at any time, through diplomatic channels request consultations on the provisions of this Arrangement. The other participant will respond to the request within sixty (60) days. The Arrangement will be subject to a review after a period of two (2) years from the date it comes into effect and subsequently as requested by either participant.

Suspension of the Arrangement

11. Either of the participants may temporarily suspend the Arrangement, in whole or in part, for reasons of public security, public order, public health or

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immigration risk. Any such suspension, and the date of its effect, will be notified to the other participant through diplomatic channels.

Termination

12. Either of the participants may terminate this Arrangement by giving three (3) months prior written notice to the other participant.

Entry into Effect

13. This Arrangement will come into effect on a date which will be determined by an exchange of notes between the participants following the completion of their respective domestic procedures required for entry into effect.

Signed in duplicate at Bangkok on 19 APRIL 2005 in the English language.

For the Government of New Zealand	For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand
(Jim Sutton) Minister for Trade Negotiations	(Kantathi Suphamongkhon) Minister of Foreign Affairs

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ANNEX
TO THE ARRANGEMENT ON A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

All Thai nationals applying for a work visa under the Scheme operating under this Arrangement will need to provide a letter from the Office of Welfare Promotion, Protection and Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups to confirm that they satisfy all the eligibility requirements contained in Paragraph 1 of the Arrangement. A letter of consent from the Thai applicants' parents or guardians will also be required, as further evidence that the applicant will have the incentive to return home at the end of their stay.

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