Information for New Zealand citizens applying for an Australian Government funded scholarship.

Applicants for an Australian Government scholarship administered by Australian College of Nursing (ACN) must be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident. Successful applicants must provide satisfactory evidence of their Australian citizenship or permanent residency to accept the scholarship.

New Zealand citizens who arrived in Australia on or after 27 February 2001 must have applied for, and been granted Australian permanent residency to be eligible to apply for a scholarship.

New Zealand citizens living in Australia prior to 27 February 2001 are eligible to apply for a scholarship. You will be required to provide proof that you have lived in Australia prior to 27 February 2001.

Acceptable proof includes:
- official documentation showing your residential address in Australia prior to February 27 2001 (i.e. Centrelink payments, bank statements, bills)
- a certificate, issued under the Social Security Act 1991, stating you were residing in Australia on 26 February 2001. NOTE These certificates must be held retrospectively as they are no longer issued.

Bilateral social security arrangement between Australia and New Zealand.
On 26 February 2001 a revised social security arrangement was announced jointly by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand. New Zealand citizens entering Australia on or after 27 February 2001 are not considered permanent residents unless they have applied for, and been granted, permanent residence.

New Zealand citizens entering Australia are granted a Special Category Visa (SCV) which allows them to lawfully live and work in Australia indefinitely. However the SCV is a temporary visa and does not entitle the holder to access the full range of benefits for which permanent residents are eligible.

Further information
If you require further information regarding citizenship or permanent, ACN encourages you to contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 131 881 or visit their website: www.citizenship.gov.au/applying/how_to_apply/nz/.

For information about Australian Government scholarships administered by ACN, please contact us on 1800 117 262 or via email: scholarships@acn.edu.au.