

January – December 2023 figures

Between 1 January and 31 December 2023, a total of **35,985** people were approved to be granted New Zealand citizenship. The table below provides the number of applications considered for a grant of citizenship under section 9(1)(c) from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

<i>Date range</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	42	34	8

Types of Section 9(1)(c) applications

The table below details the standard requirements that were not met for consideration under section 9(1)(c).

<i>Requirement(s) not met</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
Full capacity* not met	1	1	0
Presence not met due to applying early – sports representatives	4	4	0
Presence not met due to travel – work related	7	7	0

Presence not met due to travel – non-work related	25	22	3
Presence and intention not met	1	0	1
Good character not met	4	0	4
TOTALS	42	34	8

January – December 2022 figures

Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, a total of **46,845** people were approved to be granted New Zealand citizenship. The table below provides the number of applications considered for a grant of citizenship under section 9(1)(c) from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

<i>Date range</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022	20	11	9

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Entitlement not met	3	0	3
Presence not met due to applying early – sports representatives	2	2	0
Presence not met due to travel – work related	3	3	0
Presence not met due to travel – non-work related	9	6	3

Presence and intention not met	3	0	3
TOTALS	20	11	9

January – December 2021 figures

Between 1 January and 31 December 2021, a total of **17,760** people were approved to be granted New Zealand citizenship. The table below provides the number of applications considered for a grant of citizenship under section 9(1)(c) from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

<i>Date range</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	48	20	28

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<i>Requirement(s) not met</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
Entitlement not met	5	1	4
Presence not met due to applying early	1	0	1
Presence not met due to applying early – sports representatives	5	3	2
Presence not met due to travel – work related	8	6	2

Presence not met due to travel – non-work related	6	3	3
Presence and intention not met	8	1	7
Intention not met	2	0	2
English requirement not met	2	2	0
English and Responsibilities and Privileges not met	1	1	30
Good character not met	7	0	7
Full capacity* not met	3	3	0
TOTALS	48	20	28

January – December 2020 figures

Between 1 January and 31 December 2020, a total of **20,491** people were approved to be granted New Zealand citizenship. The table below provides the number of applications considered for a grant of citizenship under section 9(1)(c) from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

<i>Date range</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	74	38	36

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<i>Requirement(s) not met</i>	<i>Number considered</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Not approved</i>
Entitlement not met	13	8	5
Presence not met due to applying early	10	3	7
Presence not met due to applying early – sports representatives	1	1	0
Presence not met due to travel – work related	15	13	2

Presence not met due to travel – non-work related	12	6	6
Presence and intention not met	9	4	5
Intention not met	1	0	1
English requirement not met	1	0	1
Good character not met	9	0	9
Full capacity* not met	3	3	0
TOTALS	74	38	36

The data is grouped by calendar year based on when an application was considered by the Minister of Internal Affairs or their delegate. These figures have been manually compiled and therefore may be subject to error.

**As defined in the Citizenship Act 1977, a person shall be deemed to be of full capacity if not of unsound mind. Where an applicant is not of full capacity to make decisions about their citizenship status on their own, the Minister considers an application presented on their behalf by their duly-appointed Welfare Guardian.*