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New Zealand – Active Investor Plus Visa Attracts NZD \$3.39 Billion Following 2025 Refresh

The Active Investor Plus (AIP) visa program in New Zealand has generated NZD \$3.39 billion in investment less than one year after being refreshed in April 2025, according to an announcement by Immigration Minister Erica Stanford.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The refreshed AIP visa settings have significantly increased the volume and value of inbound investment, compared with previous years, supporting the government’s “Going for Growth” strategy. This development is relevant to global mobility managers, HR leaders, and organizations with internationally mobile employees, as it signals New Zealand’s openness to high-value investors and the potential for expanded business and employment opportunities. The substantial increase in investment could result in greater demand for skilled talent, facilitate business expansion, and offer new opportunities for globally mobile professionals. Additionally, investor visa holders can now deepen their connection to New Zealand through property ownership, which may further influence mobility and relocation considerations.

Key Highlights

Metric	Since April 2025 refresh	Previous settings (2.5 years)
Applications Received	573	116
Total Investment	NZD \$3.39 billion	~ NZD \$70 million
Investment Already Deployed	NZD \$1.05 billion	Not specified
Investment in Pipeline (6 months)	NZD \$2.34 billion	Not specified

Most Popular Category	Growth Category (managed funds)	Not specified
Sectors Supported	Tech, healthcare, aged care, horticulture, digital media, cybersecurity, cloud technology, regional infrastructure	Not specified
Investor Visa Property Provision	May buy/build one home valued at NZD \$5 million or more	Not specified

- The Growth Category is the most popular, with most investment flowing through managed funds.
- Investments are supporting growth across multiple sectors and facilitating access to critical capital for New Zealand companies.
- Visa holders can now buy or build a home valued at NZD \$5 million or more, encouraging deeper connection to New Zealand.

KPMG INSIGHTS

In light of the changes, organizations may wish to:

- Monitor ongoing developments related to the AIP visa for potential talent and business opportunities.
- Assess the impact of increased investment on local hiring, expansion, and partnerships.
- Advise internationally mobile employees and prospective investors about new property ownership provisions and sectoral opportunities.

If assignees and/or their programme managers have any questions or concerns about the scope of the update, its application and potential impacts, and appropriate next steps, they should consult with their qualified immigration professional or a member of the GMS immigration team with KPMG in Australia (see the Contacts section).

ENDNOTE:

1 [Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/news/active-investor-plus-delivers-3-billion-in-investment-in-new-zealand), New Zealand Government, “[Active Investor Plus delivers \\$3 billion in investment in New Zealand](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/news/active-investor-plus-delivers-3-billion-in-investment-in-new-zealand),” published on 13 February 2026.

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