



## Maternity claiming and eligibility

New Zealand citizens and permanent residents are entitled to free pregnancy care unless they choose a private obstetrician or private sonographer. Non-citizens or non-permanent residents may also be eligible for free or subsidised maternity care under specific conditions.

### Eligibility for Pregnant Partners (regardless of their own immigration status)

**Pregnant partners of the following individuals are eligible for publicly funded maternity care:**

- New Zealand citizens
- New Zealand resident visa (including residence permit) and permanent resident visa holders
- Australian citizens or permanent residents who have been living in or intend to live in New Zealand for two years or longer
- Refugees or individuals whose refugee status has been accepted by Immigration New Zealand, or those awaiting an appeal decision from the Immigration and Protection Tribunal
- Individuals with protection status, those applying for protection status, or those appealing a refusal of protection status
- Children under 18 under the care of a parent or guardian who is:
  - A New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, OR
  - An Australian citizen or permanent resident who has been living or intends to live in New Zealand for two years or longer, OR
  - A Work Visa holder with a visa for two years or more, or a current work visa that, along with previous visas, allows for continuous residence in New Zealand for two years or more (visa duration begins on the person's first day in New Zealand)
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- Partners who are not eligible for publicly funded health and disability services in their own right but qualify for the same maternity-related services as New Zealand citizens

Maternity-Related Services include all services outlined in the Section 88 of the [Primary Maternity Services Notice 2021](#), as well as any additional treatment required for conditions that could adversely affect the health and survival of the mother or baby, as determined by a clinician.

### Proof of Eligibility

To access publicly funded maternity care, the pregnant partner must provide:

1. **Proof of Eligibility:**
  - your partner's proof of eligibility e.g. a valid New Zealand Passport, Passport with a current Work Visa AND
  - proof of being the wife or partner of an eligible person
2. **Proof of Relationship:**
  - a partner's Passport AND a marriage or civil union certificate OR
  - a Visa or Permit granted by Immigration New Zealand on the basis of the relationship OR
  - a statutory declaration from both partners, detailing how they meet the definition of "de-facto partner"

**To register as a Maternity Provider, download and complete the application pack**

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