

**APPENDIX 9**

**COMPARISON OF CITIZENSHIP POLICIES AND PROCESSES OF AUSTRALIA, USA, CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND**

<b>Citizenship Requirements</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>United States of America</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
<b>Residence requirements</b>	Physical presence in Australia as a permanent resident for at least two years in the five years preceding the date of application, including twelve months in the two years preceding the date of application.	Continuous residence as a permanent resident in the United States for at least five years, and physically present in the United States for at least 30 months out of the previous 5 years (three years for spouses of US citizens); And Have resided within the State or district in which the applicant filed the application for at least three months.	Canadian permanent residence status for three out of the four years prior to application. (Legislation is currently before Parliament which, if successful, would require people to be physically present in Canada for three years out of the six years prior to application).	Ordinarily resident as a permanent resident for 3 years prior to application, (2 years if married to a New Zealand citizen); of which no more than one year in total was spent outside of NZ (8 months if married to a NZ citizen), no single trip was more than 6 months, applicant did not enter into a settled lifestyle overseas; applicant was in NZ for 8 of the 12 weeks at the beginning of the ordinary resident period; and in NZ for 8 of the 12 weeks immediately before applying
<b>Character requirements</b>	Must be of good character	Demonstrate good character	Must not: be under a deportation order; have been in prison, on parole or on probation in the last 4 yrs; have been convicted of an indictable offence in the last 3 yrs; have been charged with an indictable offence; have been charged with an offence under the Citizenship Act; be under investigation for a war crime/ crime against humanity; have had Canadian citizenship revoked in last 5 yrs.	Must be of good character
<b>Language requirements</b>	Possesses a basic knowledge of the English language	Demonstrate an understanding of the English language	Adequate knowledge of one of the official languages of Canada, France or England.	Ability to understand and speak English
<b>Other requirements</b>	Adequate knowledge of the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship; the applicant is likely to reside, or continue to reside in Australia or to maintain a close and continuing association with Australia; Make a Pledge of Commitment to A/a	Demonstrate a knowledge of the fundamentals of history, principles and the form of government; Fingerprinting; Attachment to the Constitution in the form of an Oath of Allegiance;	Adequate knowledge about Canada's history, geography, government and the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship Take the Canadian citizenship Oath	Knowledge of the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship; Intention to continue to reside in New Zealand, or to work for a New Zealand organisation overseas  Take New Zealand Oath of Allegiance
<b>Fee</b>	AUD\$120	US\$225 (aprx. AUD\$400)	CAN\$200 (aprx. AUD\$250)	NZ\$ 360 (aprx. AUD\$ 290)
<b>Application assessment</b>	Interview: answer questions about application; English language and knowledge of responsibilities and privileges assessed	Interview: Written English and Civics test; answer questions about application	Written citizenship test in French or English or in some circumstances an interview.	Interview: answer questions about eligibility; English language ability assessed