

Additionally, the upgraded working holiday scheme will come into effect on July 1 in New Zealand, and June 29 in the United Kingdom. Last year, the Government announced a raft of extensions for Kiwis travelling to the UK to work.

It will see five years added to the age of eligibility for both schemes from 30 to 35 years. It will also see an extension of the maximum period of time individuals can stay in New Zealand and the UK respectively, from two years, or 23 months in the case of New Zealand, to three years. Furthermore, there is an extension to the length of time individuals can work, allowing those in the UK and New Zealand respectively to work for the full duration of their three-year stay.

"Working holidaymakers play a vital role in the New Zealand economy. We need their skills to meet workforce demand in industries like tourism, hospitality, agriculture and horticulture," Hipkins said.

"With the changes to the Working Holiday scheme taking effect soon, we would expect this to provide a boost to the interest from UK working holiday makers, providing additional support to the tourism and hospitality industries through winter as we host the FIFA Women's World Cup from 20 July to 20 August."

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