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Essential visa extension provides certainty for wine industry

New Zealand Winegrowers welcomes the extension of some essential skills visas from 12 to 24 months, and the streamlining of the application system.

“At a time of increasing labour shortages and competition for skilled workers, these changes will help employers retain their skilled staff and provide certainty for businesses and their employees,” says Philip Gregan, CEO of New Zealand Winegrowers. “We also welcome the pragmatic decision to delay the implementation of the new Accredited Employer Work Visa.”

“Skilled international wine talent makes a vital contribution to our industry, and these changes will support our industry’s growth.”

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