



FACT SHEET: NEW ZEALAND

'Look Through Company' (LTC)

Introduction:	<p>New Zealand is an OECD country and is a member of the British Commonwealth. It has a high standard of education and professional services and is regularly cited as one of the least corrupt countries in the world.</p> <p>In April 2011, a new company taxation regime came into effect called the "Look Through Company (LTC)". The new LTC regime will provide significant benefits to non-residents of New Zealand who use New Zealand vehicles for international wealth structuring purposes. All owners of a company can elect for that company to become an LTC.</p> <p>The LTC retains its identity as a registered entity and keeps the benefits of limited liability and separate legal personality. For income tax purposes, LTCs are fiscally transparent and are not taxed in New Zealand at the corporate level. The tax liability of the LTC lies in the shareholders/ beneficial owners of the LTC. Shareholders/ Beneficial Owners who are not resident in New Zealand will not be subject to tax in New Zealand on their pro rata share of income, provided that the income does not have a New Zealand source.</p>
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Statutory Requirements

1. Shareholders:	Minimum one, maximum five. Individual or Trustee (Individual or Corporate). No residency requirement.
2. Directors:	Minimum one. Individual. No residency requirement.
3. Company Secretary:	Recommended.
4. Registered Office:	Must be maintained in New Zealand. Statutory books of the company must be kept.
5. Auditors:	Optional. Filing of return is required with offshore shareholder.
6. Share Certificates:	Registered shares only.
7. Share Capital:	Minimum capital requirement is NZ\$1. Can be denominated in only in New Zealand Dollars.
8. Re-domiciliation:	Permitted.
9. Time to Incorporate:	1-2 days. Application to IRD to convert to LTC status is approximately 60 days.

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