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Dear Mr Westwood

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2015 on behalf of the Backpacker Youth and Adventure Tourism Association, about the change to the IRD number application form for non-resident/offshore individuals (IR742) – requiring a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) from the individual's home country.

I apologise for the delay in responding to you. While I have noted your comments and appreciate your concerns, I can confirm that those visiting New Zealand on a working holiday visa are only required to provide their TIN if they have one. If they do not have a TIN, they will not be required to complete that part of the form.

Officials have confirmed that the IR742 form will be updated to the effect that people only need to provide a TIN "if you have one".

Thank you for writing. I trust that my comments are of assistance to you and your members.

Yours sincerely

Hon Todd McClay

Minister of Revenue