STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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VISA	Fee Paying Student Visa	COURSE	Master of Information Technology
NZQA LEVEL	Level 9	PROVIDER	[University name], Hamilton
START DATE	February 2027	OFFER REF.	[Offer reference]
PASSPORT	PA0000000		

The Immigration Officer
Immigration New Zealand

Statement of purpose: Master of Information Technology, [University name], Hamilton

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have an offer of place for the Master of Information Technology at [university] in Hamilton, a Level 9 course of 180 credits over 18 months, starting in February 2027. I chose it for its papers in cyber security, cloud infrastructure and network forensics, and for the final 30-credit industry project with a New Zealand company. In Kathmandu I compared the master's courses I could join while working: they are taught in the evenings, mostly in theory, and none had a security specialisation with a supervised project. I chose this university over another that offered me a place because its security papers match the controls I manage at work, and because rents in Hamilton are lower than in Auckland. I chose New Zealand because its universities teach in small classes with practical labs, and because an 18-month course lets me return to my work sooner than a two-year degree.

I completed my +2 in Science in Hetauda in 2018 and a BSc in Computer Science and Information Technology from Tribhuvan University in 2023; my final-year project was a small network monitoring tool. Since August 2023 I have worked as an IT officer at the head office of a development bank in Kathmandu, where I manage user access, firewall rules and backups for 42 branches. Last year I helped the bank answer an audit of its IT controls, which showed me how much I still need to learn about security design and cloud systems. I scored 7.0 overall in IELTS Academic in July 2026, with no band below 6.5. The master's is the next step from the work I already do.

I will share a flat near the campus, where the rooms I have seen advertised cost NZD 220 to 260 a week; with food, transport and a phone I have budgeted about NZD 1,600 a month. I understand that I must attend my classes, make satisfactory progress and keep medical and travel insurance for as long as my visa lasts. I may work up to 25 hours a week in term and full time in scheduled holidays only if my visa conditions allow it, and my study will come first. When the course ends I will leave New Zealand unless I have been granted another visa.

The first year's tuition, as shown on my offer, will be paid to the university before my visa is issued, and the receipt will be attached. For living costs I will show NZD 20,000 for the first year in a fixed deposit in my father's name, held at a bank in Nepal for more than three months, and a further sum in my own savings for a ticket home. The money comes from my father's salary as a teacher at a government secondary school, my mother's grocery shop, registered with the municipality, and the rent from two shops on the ground floor of our house. My father is my guarantor and has signed the Financial Undertaking for a Student (INZ 1014). For the last six months, my parents have opened a second fixed deposit from the same income, and its statements show it growing each month.

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I live in Hetauda with my parents and my grandmother, who is 81 and is cared for by my mother. My younger brother is studying for a bachelor's degree in Kathmandu, and our parents pay his fees. The family owns our house in Hetauda, with the two shops below it, and 10 kattha of farmland in Makwanpur, all in my father's name. My bank has written that it will consider me for a post in its IT security team when I return, and I am the one my parents expect to look after the house and land as they grow older. My family, our property and my career are all in Nepal.

After the course I will return to Nepal to work in IT security for a bank. Banks and financial institutions in Nepal must follow Nepal Rastra Bank's rules on IT and cyber security, and the information security posts I have seen advertised ask for a master's degree or a security certification with experience. My bank's letter, attached, says it will consider me for an information security officer post on my return, two grades above my post now. I do not plan to apply for another visa in New Zealand after the course.

I have not been refused a visa by any country. My passport has no earlier visas; my only travel abroad has been two family trips to India, for which Nepali citizens need no visa. I have had no gap in my studies or work.

Yours sincerely,

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