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Australian ordinary passport holders and permanent residents of Australia (who do not have certain criminal convictions or significant character issues) may visit, live and work in New Zealand indefinitely.

While there is no requirement for Australian passports to be valid for any set period of time after arrival or departure, it is recommended they be valid for at least one month beyond the intended date of departure from New Zealand. Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a New Zealand mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter New Zealand without a visa.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in New Zealand. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Monitor the media and other sources for changes to local conditions.

Make sure your travel insurance covers all the activities you might participate in. Check any insurance limitations and conditions carefully, especially for snow sports and adventure activities. See [Local travel](#).

Check weather conditions and activity operators' safety precautions before participating in any adventure activities. See [Local travel](#).

New Zealand is subject to earthquakes and volcanic activity. See [Natural disasters](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in New Zealand at www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a traveller's individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Frequent travellers or those intending on an extended stay in New Zealand may consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

In-patient treatment and accommodation at public hospitals for Australians in New Zealand is covered under the reciprocal health care agreement (RCHA), provided they can present their Australian Passport and Medicare card. This agreement does not replace the need for travel insurance. For further information on the RCHA, please go to www.humanservices.gov.au.

Australians travelling to New Zealand should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips.

New Zealand representation in Australia

High Commission of New Zealand, Canberra

Level 2, 65 Canberra Avenue
GRIFFITH ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6270 4211
Fax: (02) 6273 3194

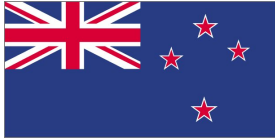
Web: www.nzembassy.com/australia

New Zealand Visa Application Centre, Sydney

Level 6, 66 Hunter Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: 1 800 388 718

Web: www.immigration.govt.nz or www.ttsnzvisa.com



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Time differences between New Zealand and Australia

New Zealand is Greenwich Mean Time +12 hours (+13 during daylight saving). The applicable time zones are NZ Standard Time (NZST) or NZ Daylight Time (NZDT). Daylight saving is observed from the last weekend in September to the first weekend in April.

NZ, 12 noon, December = Perth 7am, Darwin 8:30am, Brisbane 9am, Adelaide 9:30am, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10am.
NZ, 12 noon, June = Perth 8am, Darwin, Adelaide 9:30am, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country code for New Zealand: +64
To dial Australia call: 00 61 <City> <Number>
Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
Telstra - 0800 931 818
Clear - 0800 602 878
Telecom - 000 961
To dial nationally within New Zealand:
South Island - 03
Wellington - 04
Hamilton/Rotorua - 07
Auckland - 09
Travelex Card Services: 0800 450 128
Visa Global Assist: 0508 600300
MasterCard: 0800 44 9140
American Express Travellers Cheques:
0508 55 5358
Emergency Services: 111

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____
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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____
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Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
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Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

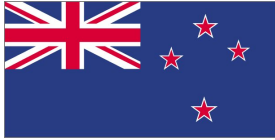
Australian Representation in New Zealand

Australian High Commission, Wellington
72-76 Hobson Street
THORNDON
Tel: (+64 4) 473 6411
Fax: (+64 4) 498 7103
Web: www.australia.org.nz

Australian Consulate General, Auckland
Level 7, Price Water House Coopers Tower
186-194 Quay Street
AUCKLAND
Tel: (+64 9) 921 8800
Fax: (+64 9) 921 8820

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in New Zealand are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian High Commission in Wellington, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Allowances when entering New Zealand:

Alcohol: 3 bottles (up to 1.125 L each) of spirits or liqueur.
 4.5 litres of wine or 4.5 litres of beer.
 Tobacco: 50 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 50 g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to the value of \$700 NZ Dollars.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting New Zealand and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on NZ customs please visit www.customs.govt.nz, or for information on Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors and Voltage

Electrical Socket type: Australian (type I).

Supply: 220-240 V, 50 Hz (same as Australia).

No socket or voltage converter will usually be required to use devices in New Zealand that were designed for Australian use .



New Zealand Holidays 2018

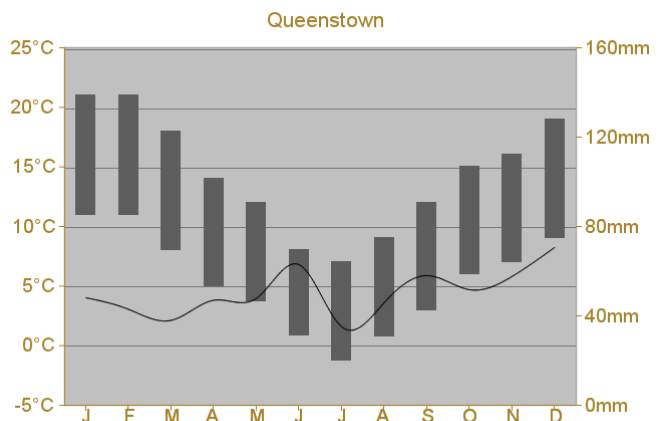
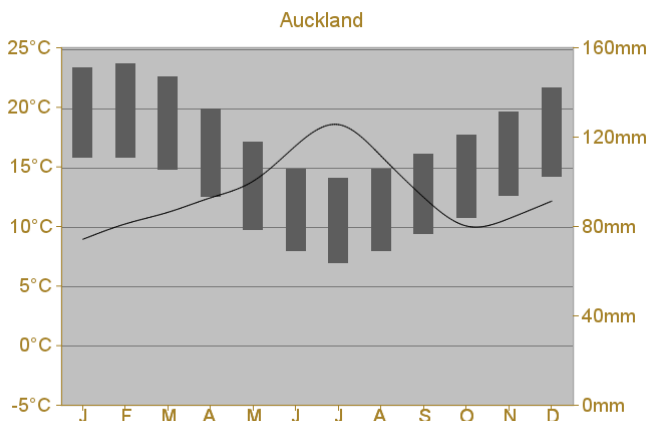
National Public Holidays

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	25 Apr:	ANZAC Day
02 Jan:	New Year's Holiday	04 Jun:	Queens Birthday
06 Feb:	Waitangi Day	22 Oct:	Labour Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	26 Dec:	Boxing Day

School Holidays (Primary and Intermediate Schools)

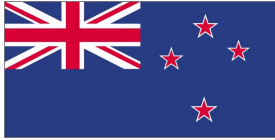
Autumn:	13 Apr – 30 Apr	Spring:	28 Sep – 15 Oct
Winter:	06 Jul – 23 Jul	Christmas:	19 Dec – 28 Jan 19

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation Days (Line) in New Zealand



For local forecasts please go to the Meteorological Service of New Zealand website at www.metservice.co.nz.

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Exchange Rate with New Zealand

Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.09 New Zealand Dollars
 1 New Zealand Dollar (NZD) = 0.92 Australian Dollars

Buy Rate (average rate when buying NZD cash in Australia)

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 1.04 New Zealand Dollars
 1 New Zealand Dollar (NZD) will cost 0.96 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "Buy Rate" adds 4.2% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when exchanging these currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

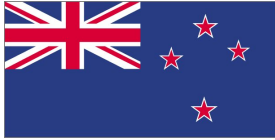
Currency Cheat Sheet

\$0.50 NZ = \$0.48 AUD			This cheat sheet uses the "Buy Rate" of exchange listed above.
\$1 NZ = \$0.96 AUD	\$10 NZ = \$9.59 AUD	\$100 NZ = \$95.86 AUD	
\$2 NZ = \$1.92 AUD	\$20 NZ = \$19.17 AUD	\$200 NZ = \$191.72 AUD	
\$3 NZ = \$2.88 AUD	\$30 NZ = \$28.76 AUD	\$300 NZ = \$287.58 AUD	
\$4 NZ = \$3.83 AUD	\$40 NZ = \$38.34 AUD	\$400 NZ = \$383.44 AUD	
\$5 NZ = \$4.79 AUD	\$50 NZ = \$47.93 AUD	\$500 NZ = \$479.30 AUD	
\$6 NZ = \$5.75 AUD	\$60 NZ = \$57.52 AUD	\$600 NZ = \$575.16 AUD	
\$7 NZ = \$6.71 AUD	\$70 NZ = \$67.10 AUD	\$700 NZ = \$671.01 AUD	
\$8 NZ = \$7.67 AUD	\$80 NZ = \$76.69 AUD	\$800 NZ = \$766.87 AUD	
\$9 NZ = \$8.63 AUD	\$90 NZ = \$86.27 AUD	\$900 NZ = \$862.73 AUD	
		\$1,000 NZ = \$958.59 AUD	

Notes and Coins of New Zealand

The currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar, which is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" and has the currency code "NZD". Pictures are not to scale. Other notes (especially older versions) and coins are also in circulation.





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About New Zealand

- Full Name: New Zealand.
- Size: 267,710 sq km (15% larger than VIC).
- Population: 4.4 million. Auckland 1.3 mil; Wellington 438,000; Christchurch 379,000.
- Ethnicity: European 71%, Maori 14%, Asian 11%, Pacific peoples 7%.
- Language: English 90%, Maori 3.5%.
- Religion: Christian 44%, no religion 38.5%, Hindu 2.1%, Buddhist 1.4%.
- GDP Per Capita: US\$35,000 (Australia US\$46,600).
- Significant Dates:
- c1200 AD - Maori arrive from east Polynesia by canoe and settle the islands.
 - 1642 - Dutchman Abel Tasman sights the islands, naming them after the Dutch province Zealand.
 - 1769 - Briton Captain Cook explores the islands, returning in 1773 and 1777.
 - 1840 - Treaty of Waitangi establishes British rule over New Zealand (NZ) in return for protecting Maori rights. Organised settlement begins.
 - 1845-72 - Britain prevails in the New Zealand Wars with the Maori.
 - 1893 - NZ becomes the first state to grant all adult women the right to vote.
 - 1907 - NZ becomes a dominion of the British Empire.
 - 1914 - Over 10% of the population serve in WW1, half are killed or injured.
 - 1947 - NZ gains full independence.
 - 1953 - Sir Edmund Hillary becomes the first person to climb Mount Everest.
 - 1985 - US nuclear ships are barred from entering NZ. French secret service blow up the ship Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbour.
 - 2011 - An earthquake hits Christchurch killing scores of people.