

# New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card—and Notes



Haere mai. Welcome to New Zealand.

## What to do

- A separate Arrival Card must be completed for all passengers including children.
- If necessary, use the notes to assist.
- Tear the card from the notes.
- Show your card and passport at Passport Control in New Zealand.

## How to fill out the card

- Please answer in English.
- Print in capital letters like this:

NEW ZEALAND

- Or mark answers like this:
- Remember to fill in BOTH sides.

## At the Airport

After collecting your baggage you must decide which way out to take.

- If you have any Customs or Agricultural goods declared on your Arrival Card, or if you are unsure, please go to the 'Goods to Declare Way Out' (Red Exit).
- Otherwise depart through the 'Nothing to Declare Way Out' (Green Exit).
- Give your Arrival Card to an official.

You may be stopped and questioned about your decision. Your baggage will also be subjected to further scrutiny including search, x-ray, or detector dog examination.

- The Arrival Card is a legal document—false declarations can lead to penalties including confiscation of goods, fines, prosecution and imprisonment.

**Remember honesty is the best policy. If you are not sure — declare it !!**

## 3 Biosecurity Notes

New Zealand operates very strict biosecurity procedures at airports and ports to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of animals and plants. You are required to declare to an inspector in Part 3 of the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card (pursuant to s30(1)(a) of the **Biosecurity Act 1993**), all items in your possession that are listed below. If you are not sure about any items, ask a MAF Quarantine officer.

**Note: Heavy penalties exist for false declarations.**

### Animal and Animal Products

- Live animals, pets, birds, fish, and insects.
- Meat and meat products (fresh or cooked).
- Dairy products including cheese, milk, milk powder, butter and ghee.
- Egg and egg products including egg powder, and instant meal products.
- Fish/shellfish (fresh, dried and frozen).
- Honey, pollen, honeycombs, and bees wax.
- Feathers, bones, tusks, furs, skins, hunting trophies, stuffed animals and reptiles.
- Unprocessed wool and animal hair, including yarns, rugs, and apparel.
- Coral, turtle and tortoise shells and ivory.
- Sea shells.
- Biologicals, cultures and organisms.

### Plants and Plant Products

- Fruit and vegetables (fresh, dried, frozen or cooked).
- Nuts unprocessed and raw.
- Herbs and spices.
- Noodles and rice.
- Mushrooms and fungi (fresh or dried).
- Plants live and dried, including plant cuttings and budwood.
- Seeds, bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers.

- Straw and mats in any form.
- Cut flowers, dried flowers and leaves.
- Pine cones and pot pourri.
- Wood carvings and artefacts.
- Bamboo, cane, rattan and basketware.
- Soil and water.

### Other Items

- Camping/hiking/hunting gear and boots, bicycles and spiked/cleated/studded sporting shoes.
- Animal food, remedies supplements, cultures and biologicals.
- Riding gear, including clothing, footwear and grooming equipment.
- Equipment and clothing used in association with animals.
- Fresh water fishing equipment, fishing bait and fly tying material.

### Miscellaneous

- **You must declare if you have:**

- been to a farm, abattoir or meat/dairy packing house.
- visited a forest or been hiking/camping/hunting in rural areas or parkland.

You must list all countries you have been in, (including lived in), during the past 30 days.

**WARNING: Failure to make a correct declaration may result in an instant fine of \$200 or prosecution resulting in a fine of up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years.**

## 4 Customs Notes

### Prohibited and Restricted Items

Prohibited and restricted goods include:

- Weapons such as firearms, flick knives, sword sticks; and protection sprays.
- Objectionable (indecent) articles such as video tapes, films, records, CD-ROMs, and publications.
- Illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia.
- Endangered species of Flora and Fauna, and products derived from these endangered species.

### Personal Concessions

Your personal concession allows you to bring into New Zealand free of duty the following:

- Goods obtained overseas and/or purchased duty free in New Zealand with a total combined value of not more than NZ\$700 (don't count clothing, toiletries and jewellery intended for your own personal use and not for gift, sale, or exchange); **and, if you are 17 years of age or over,**
- One bottle (or other container) containing not more than 1125ml of spirits, liqueur, or other spirituous beverages; **and**
- 4.5 litres of wine or 4.5 litres of beer (this is the equivalent of six 750ml bottles); **and**
- 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco or 50 cigars or a mixture of all three not weighing more than 250 grams.

Full Customs charges are payable on goods which are not eligible for concession or are in excess of the allowance.

**IMPORTANT—Please turn over for more Customs Notes**

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## NEW ZEALAND PASSENGER ARRIVAL CARD

**1** flight number/  
name of ship

passport  
number

nationality as  
shown on passport

family name

given or first names

date of  
birth day month year

occupation  
or job

full contact or  
residential address  
in New Zealand

contact phone number

e-mail address

country you were born in

overseas port where you  
boarded THIS aircraft/ship

### 2a Answer this section if you live in New Zealand. Otherwise go to '2b'.

- How long have you been away from New Zealand?  
years months days
- Which country did you spend most time in while overseas?
- What was the MAIN reason for your trip?  
 business  education/medical  
 other
- Which country will you mostly live in for the next 12 months?  
 NZ  other

### 2b Answer this section if you DO NOT live in New Zealand.

- How long do you intend to stay in New Zealand?  
years months days  
 permanently or
- If you are not staying permanently what is your MAIN reason for coming to New Zealand?  
 visiting friends or relatives  business  
 holiday/vacation  conference/convention  
 education/medical  other
- Where did you last live for 12 months or more?  
country  
state, province,  
or prefecture zip or postal code

## 4 Customs Notes—continued

If the duty and/or Goods and Services Tax combined is less than \$50, no collection will be made. However this does not apply on tobacco products, i.e., cigarettes, cigars, and loose tobacco.

17 years is the age limit prescribed in international tourism treaties to which this country is a contracting party. The Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. This restriction also applies to New Zealand duty free outlets.

### Cash Reporting

If you are carrying, on your person or in your baggage, cash in any currency to the value of NZ\$10,000 or more, you must report this to a Customs officer when you are completing passport formalities on arrival in New Zealand. If anyone you are responsible for, who

is travelling with you, has cash to that value, you must tell the Customs officer about that too. Under the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 1996, it is an offence to fail to report as instructed here.

**Biographical information and Part 4 of the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card are required to be produced pursuant to Regulation 26 of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996.**

**WARNING: The importation of prohibited goods, smuggling, and using false receipts brings the risk of fines, loss of goods, or even prison. Think, is it worth the risk?**

## 5 Health Notes

If you become ill within the next three weeks with:

- Diarrhoea; **or**
- Skin Rash; **or**
- Fever.

Please see a doctor and say that you have recently arrived from overseas.

Medical care for sickness is not free to visitors, but some costs of accident-related medical treatment may be met by the Accident Compensation Corporation. You should therefore make your own arrangements (such as health insurance) to cover medical care while in the country.

### SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)

There is an outbreak of a new illness known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in several countries.

Because of concerns about the spread of SARS, the Ministry of Health advises visitors to New Zealand that measures are in place to reduce the risk of SARS outbreaks in New Zealand.

If within 10 days of returning from one of the affected areas you experience:

- High fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius); **and one or more of the following symptoms**
- Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing; **and you have either**
- Recently travelled (within the last 10 days) to a SARS-affected area (other than just in transit at the airport); **or**
- Had contact with a person who has been diagnosed with SARS and/or worked in or visited a health care facility in a SARS-affected area you should seek medical attention and try to avoid, as much as you can, contact with other people.

If you are currently feeling unwell please tell one of the airline crew/airport staff who can assist and advise you. When in New Zealand, please phone the doctor or hospital before visiting in order that they are aware they may be dealing with a suspected SARS case. All doctors and hospitals are listed in your local telephone book.

For up-to-date information about SARS (including current SARS-affected areas), please check the Ministry of Health website [www.moh.govt.nz/sars](http://www.moh.govt.nz/sars) or freephone **0800 0800 80**.

## 6 Immigration Notes

### Permit Application

Apply for the same type of permit as the visa in your passport. For example, apply for a student permit if you have a student visa, residence permit if you have a residence visa, visitor permit if you have a visitor visa (or you know you do not need to hold a visitor visa for your visit).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You are required by law to leave New Zealand before your permit expires. If you do not do this, the New Zealand Immigration Service has the power to make you leave.

**Biographical information and Parts 6, 7, and 8 of the Passenger Arrival Card are required to be produced pursuant to the Immigration Act 1987.**

### For further information:

Auckland callers phone 914 4100, for others call free 0508 558 855 [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

## Privacy Statement

Information sought on the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card is required to administer Currency, Customs, Health, Immigration, Police, Quarantine, and Wildlife laws of New Zealand. Collection and dissemination of this information is authorised by legislation administered by the New Zealand Border Agencies. These agencies will disclose this information to those Government bodies authorised to receive it under New Zealand law.

Once collected, the Statistics Act 1975 allows for the information collected to be used for statistical purposes by Statistics New Zealand.

The Customs and Excise Act 1996, s.280, authorises the New Zealand Customs Service to release information for data matching purposes to Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ). Pursuant to the Immigration

Act 1987, s.141A, and the Electoral Act 1993, s.263A, the New Zealand Immigration Service is authorised to release information for data matching purposes to WINZ and the Electoral Enrolment Centre.

The laws authorising the collection of information from the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card provide penalties for the non supply of information. These range from denying you permission to enter New Zealand through to fines.

The Privacy Act 1993 provides rights of access to, and correction of, personal information held in readily retrievable form. Should you wish to exercise these rights please contact the New Zealand Customs Service on Phone: 0800 428 786 during business hours, Fax: 0-9-359 6730, or E-mail: [feedback@customs.govt.nz](mailto:feedback@customs.govt.nz)

**Comments/Enquiries: The Border Agencies welcome your comments in relation to your arrival in New Zealand. Phone: 0800 428 786 during business hours or Fax: 0-9-359 6730 or E-mail: [feedback@customs.govt.nz](mailto:feedback@customs.govt.nz)**

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**3** **\*See the Biosecurity Notes** **yes no**

Did you pack your own bags?  yes  no

Are you bringing into New Zealand:

- **food of any kind?**  yes  no
- **animals or animal products\* including:** meat, honey, feathers, skins, eggs, dairy products, wool, bone, or cultures/biologicals?  yes  no
- **plants or plant products\* including:** fruit, vegetables, flowers or foliage, seeds, bulbs, wood, bamboo, cane, or straw?  yes  no
- **other risk items\* including:** used tents, tramping and hiking footwear, spiked/studded sporting shoes, equipment/medication used with animals, soil, water and fishing equipment?  yes  no

In the past **30 days**, while outside of New Zealand, have you been:

- in **contact with any animals? (except domestic cats and dogs)**  yes  no
- to a **farm, abattoir or meat packing house?**  yes  no
- in a **forest or hiking, camping, hunting in rural areas or parkland?**  yes  no

List below all countries you have been in, in the past 30 days:

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**4** **See the Customs Notes** **yes no**

Are you bringing into New Zealand:

- goods that may be prohibited or restricted?  yes  no
- goods over the personal concession for alcohol and tobacco products?  yes  no
- goods over the NZ\$700 personal concession, or for business or commercial use, or carried on behalf of other persons?  yes  no
- NZ\$10,000 or more, or the equivalent in foreign currency?  yes  no

**5** **See the Health Notes** **yes no**

A. Have you been in contact with a SARS case?  yes  no

B. Have you been in a SARS-affected country (other than in transit at the airport) in the last 10 days?  yes  no

C. If yes to question 5B, which one/s?

**If you answered YES to question 5A or 5B above please answer the following questions, otherwise go to Section 6.**

D. Have you worked in or visited a health care facility (e.g., hospital) in a SARS affected area in the last 10 days?  yes  no

E. Do you have a fever, a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing?  yes  no

**If you answered YES to question 5E, please contact one of the airline crew/airport staff immediately.**

**6**

Do you hold a New Zealand passport or a New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa? Go to 9

Are you a New Zealand citizen using a foreign passport? Go to 9

Do you hold an Australian passport or an Australian Returning Resident's Visa? Go to 8

**7** **All others** apply for one of these: **See the Immigration Notes**

I apply for:  visitor's permit  residence permit  work permit

exemption from holding a permit  student permit  limited purpose permit

**You must leave New Zealand before expiry of your permit, or face removal.**

**8** **All others** please answer this: Have you ever been sentenced to 12 months or more in prison; or been deported or removed from any country? **yes no**  yes  no

**9** I declare that the information I have given is true, correct and complete.

signature  date

**WARNING:** Failure to make a correct declaration may result in an instant fine of \$200 or prosecution resulting in a fine of up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years.