



Guide for Visitors Arriving by Yacht

Apply for your visa online – it's faster & easier

The fastest and easiest way to apply for a visitor visa is online. Once you have your documents prepared, it should take less than 15 minutes to complete the online application form.

To apply online, go to www.immigration.govt.nz/apply

General requirements

- A passport, certificate of identity or other travel document.
- A visa (if required).
- Evidence of funds of NZ\$400 per month, if living on board a yacht.
- An outward ticket (or evidence of sufficient funds to buy an outward ticket) if departing by commercial transport.

Visas

You will need to obtain a visitor visa before travelling to New Zealand, unless you are waived from this requirement.

Ordinarily, owners and crew of yachts will be granted a multiple entry visitor visa enabling an initial stay of up to **three months**.

Ordinarily, owners and crew of super yachts will be granted a multiple entry visitor visa enabling an initial stay of up to **six months**.

People waived from the requirement to obtain a temporary visa (list is subject to change)

- Australian citizens

Nationals waived the requirement to obtain a visitor visa and are required to hold an NZeTA instead:

- Australian permanent residents
- For visits of up to six months – British citizens and other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom.
- For visits of up to three months – Citizens of the following countries and territories (travelling on a passport of that nationality/territory):

Andorra	Chile	Greece	Kuwait	Mexico	San Marino	Taiwan ⁵
Argentina	Croatia	Hong Kong ⁴	Latvia ¹	Monaco	Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates
Austria	Cyprus	Hungary	Liechtenstein	Netherlands	Seychelles	United States of America ²
Bahrain	Czech Republic	Iceland	Lithuania ¹	Norway	Singapore	Uruguay
Belgium	Denmark	Ireland	Luxembourg	Oman	Slovak Republic	Vatican City
Brazil	Estonia ¹	Israel	Macau ⁶	Poland	Slovenia	
Brunei	Finland	Italy	Malaysia	Portugal ³	Spain	
Bulgaria	France	Japan	Malta	Qatar	Sweden	
Canada	Germany	Korea (South)	Mauritius	Romania	Switzerland	

1. Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's (non-citizen's) passports issued by these countries.

2. Including nationals of the USA.

3. Portuguese passport holders must have the right to live permanently in Portugal.

4. Residents of Hong Kong travelling on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or British National (Overseas) passports.

5. Permanent residents of Taiwan travelling on Taiwan passports. A personal identity number printed within the visible section of the biographical page of the Taiwan passport demonstrates that the holder is a permanent resident of Taiwan.

6. Residents of Macau travelling on Macau Special Administrative Region passports.

- People travelling on a United Nations (UN) laissez-passer.

For more information about the NZeTA and how to request one please visit www.immigration.govt.nz/nzeta

Visas: yachts

For those owners and crew of yachts who must obtain a visitor visa, you may remain in New Zealand for the length of time specified on the visa (usually three months initially).

If you are not required to hold a visa you may, on arrival in New Zealand, be granted an initial visitor visa valid for three months, or six months if you are a British national.

You may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of **up to nine months**.

If you have to wait out the hurricane season (October to April), or undergo a refit or major repairs on your vessel, you may apply for a visitor visa to stay beyond the normal maximum stay.

Visas: super yachts

A super yacht is considered to be any privately owned yacht over 20 metres in length powered by motor and/or sail.

For those owners and crew of super yachts who must obtain a visitor visa, on arrival in New Zealand, you may be granted permission to stay for the period specified by your visa (usually six months).

If you are not required to hold a visa you may, on arrival in New Zealand, be granted an initial visitor visa valid for three months, or six months if you are a British national.

Persons may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of **up to twelve months**.

On Arrival

If you arrive in New Zealand in a location which is not a customs port or airport, you must report to a customs port or airport without delay. When you have reported you will have to complete an arrival card. You will be subject to normal visitor requirements. A member of the New Zealand police may arrest anyone who does not report or is suspected of not reporting to an immigration officer.

Other requirements

All persons who arrive on a private craft and are not departing by commercial transport must provide:

- **owners and their dependants:** evidence of ownership of the craft and adequate insurance against major damage, or
- **crew and passengers:** a letter from the craft's owner or captain confirming that they will be departing on that craft.

For more information

If you have questions about any of the information in this guide:

- see our website www.immigration.govt.nz
- telephone our call centre on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand)