



Passengers and Crews of Cargo Ships

Requirements for entry to New Zealand

This leaflet will give you information on the requirements that you must meet if you are a passenger or a crew member on a ship carrying cargo between a foreign port and New Zealand.

You must have a valid passport

You must have a passport that is valid for three months after the date you intend to leave New Zealand.

Deemed to hold a visa

If you are a passenger or a crew member of a cargo ship in New Zealand you are deemed to hold a visitor or work visa for 28 days from arrival, or until the ship leaves (whichever occurs first).

If you leave the ship and stay on in New Zealand, you must obtain a further visa. You must apply for the visa before the expiry of your deemed visa by completing a passenger arrival card and presenting it to a New Zealand Customs officer.

If you remain in New Zealand and you do not have a current visa you will be here unlawfully, and you may be deported.

Only passengers and crew who arrive on the ship will be deemed to hold a visa. If you fly into New Zealand to join the ship you must apply for a visa in the normal way.

Evidence of a deemed visa

If you are deemed to hold a visa, you must have evidence that you are entitled to a deemed visa. Evidence may include evidence of identity, and any other evidence an immigration officer considers necessary.

Who is not eligible for a deemed visa?

Some people may not be eligible for a deemed visa. Among others, those not eligible include people who have been:

- sentenced to 12 months or more in prison in the last 10 years, or
- sentenced to five years or more in prison at any time, or
- removed or deported from any country.

Visa-waiver visitors

If you are an Australian citizen, you are waived from the requirement to hold a visa permitting travel to New Zealand. You must apply for a resident visa on arrival. You will do this by completing an arrival card on the aircraft/ship on your way to New Zealand.

Some other groups of visitors from overseas do not need a visa to travel to New Zealand:

- holder of a current Australian permanent residence visa or a current Australian resident return visa
- British citizens/British passport holders intending to visit for six months or less
- people travelling on a United Nations laissez-passer intending to visit New Zealand for three months or less
- people from a country on our list of visa-free countries (see below) intending to visit New Zealand for three months or less.

If you are in one of these groups, you are a 'visa-waiver visitor', and you do not need a visitor visa to travel to New Zealand, however if you are travelling to New Zealand from 1 October 2019 you will need to hold an NZeTA. For more information and to apply for an NZeTA please visit : immigration.govt.nz/nzeta. You will apply for a visitor visa on arrival by completing an arrival card on the ship on your way to New Zealand. You must also:

- hold a valid ticket out of New Zealand to a country you have the right of entry to
- have enough money to support yourself during your stay
- hold a passport valid for three months beyond the date you are leaving New Zealand.

VISA-FREE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Andorra	Lithuania ¹
Argentina	Luxembourg
Austria	Macau ⁴
Bahrain	Malaysia
Belgium	Malta
Brazil	Mauritius
Brunei	Mexico
Bulgaria	Monaco
Canada	Netherlands
Chile	Norway
Croatia	Oman
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal ⁵
Denmark	Qatar
Estonia ¹	Romania
Finland	San Marino
France	Saudi Arabia
Germany	Seychelles
Greece ²	Singapore
Hong Kong ³	Slovak Republic
Hungary	Slovenia
Iceland	Spain
Ireland	Sweden
Israel	Switzerland
Italy	Taiwan ⁶
Japan	United Arab Emirates
Korea (South)	United States of America ⁷
Kuwait	Uruguay
Latvia ¹	Vatican City
Liechtenstein	

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

2 Greek passport holders whose passports were issued on and after 1 January 2006. (Greek passports issued before 1 January 2006 are not acceptable for travel after 1 January 2007)

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

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

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

6 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 .

7 Including nationals of the USA.

Lodging an application

If you need to lodge an application for a visa please visit our website at www.immigration.govt.nz.