



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/VisitorApply

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 an Australian citizen or a national of one of the countries listed below.

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.

Nationals exempt from the requirement to obtain a temporary visa (list is subject to change)

- 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 (travelling on a passport of that nationality):

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

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.

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

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**.

In **special circumstances** you may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of **up to twelve months** (for example, if a yacht needs to undergo refitting or major repairs, or yacht crews wish to wait out the South Pacific hurricane season (October to April)).

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**.

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)
- contact one of Immigration New Zealand's offices.

Immigration New Zealand has offices in Apia, Bangkok, Beijing, Dubai, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Manila, Moscow, Mumbai, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Pretoria, Shanghai and Suva.

Our New Zealand offices are located in Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch.

You can also contact your nearest New Zealand Embassy or New Zealand High Commission.