

Manaaki tertiary scholarship pre-departure briefing



Welcome

E aku nui, a aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa

To the many who have joined us today, warmest greetings to you all.

Suggested Karakia (if appropriate)

Tūtawa mai i runga
Tūtawa mai i raro
Tūtawa mai i roto
Tūtawa mai i waho
Kia tau ai te mauri tū
Te mauri ora ki te katoa
Haumi ē
Hui ē
Tāiki ē!

I summon from above
... below
... within
and the surrounding
environment
The universal vitality and energy
to infuse
And enrich all present
United, connected and blessed

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Management of the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme

- Funded through the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme
- Managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)
- Administered by Education New Zealand (ENZ)

Purpose of the Scholarship

Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships are funded by the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme, in order to allow scholars to study courses identified as being beneficial to the development of their home countries. The programme sets out to deliver scholarships which are responsive to development partner needs, bridging local skill gaps and building relationships.

The scholarship is intended primarily to provide scholars with knowledge and skills so that *they can contribute to the social and economic development of their home country* upon the completion of the scholarship.

Purpose of the Scholarship – 2 year bond

A key element of the scholarship is the two-year bond period effective immediately upon course completion. This is an important condition of the scholarship, and one that you have agreed to in accepting the scholarship.

Whilst the scholarship provides you with a great experience, opportunities, and personal benefits, it's main purpose is to ensure that when you do return home, you are able to contribute your new skills and knowledge to the social and economic development of your country.

Conditions of Scholarship

Your Scholarship Offer includes the conditions you have agreed to, including:

- Regularly attend class
- Submit assignments on time
- Sit all exams
- Be responsible for any dependents in NZ
- Inform your ISO of any factors affecting your studies
- Return to your home country upon completion of your studies

Code of Conduct

This is included with your Letter of Offer

You must adhere to the Code of Scholarship Student Conduct at all times:

- Abide by NZ laws
- Treat others with respect
- Behave with honesty and integrity
- Act in a manner that reflects your role as a representative of your home country

Point of Contact

Your International Support Office (ISO) at your study provider is your main contact and source of support in New Zealand.

They will:

- Arrange your travel
- Give you advice about entitlements, study, insurance and accommodation (it is your responsibility to secure your own accommodation)
- Make recommendations to ENZ about any changes to your scholarship
- Monitor your academic progress and keep ENZ advised

Your responsibilities

- Tell your ISO if you are having problems
- Let them know if something happens that may affect your studies
- Tell them if your circumstances have changed
- Give them your up-to-date address and contact details in both New Zealand and your home country and let them know them if your details change

Travelling to New Zealand



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Measles outbreak

New Zealand and some other countries in the Pacific and Asia are currently experiencing a measles outbreak.

For more information check this website
[Health New Zealand](#)

For their own protection and the protection of the wider community, Manaaki scholars are strongly advised to ensure they are fully protected against measles before travelling to New Zealand.

You should have your vaccine at least two weeks before the start of your travel.

If the vaccine is not free in your home country, then you will be reimbursed the cost of the vaccination when you arrive in New Zealand.

To be eligible for reimbursement, please present the receipts as proof of payment to your local New Zealand Diplomatic Post or to your ISO upon arrival in New Zealand.

Visa Requirements

Visas can take more than six weeks to be processed.

You should apply for your visa as soon as you get your placement confirmed

You may need to prepare a police and medical check for your application so start thinking about these in advance (keep your receipts for reimbursement)

You are responsible for all the costs for any dependents' visas

Visa application fees and immigration medical check fees can be reimbursed by “Study Country Post or” Institutions in NZ.

Before you leave

- Confirm travel arrangements with your education provider
- Arrange your accommodation (check with your ISO if you need assistance)
- Check out NauMai NZ for useful information about student life in NZ

You must make sure you have all the required documents:

- Plane ticket
- Passport with copy of Student Visa
- Institution Placement Offer
- Certified copies of your birth certificate and marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Receipts for costs you need to claim back

Insurance - Medical

- Ensure you declare any pre-existing conditions
- You have access to New Zealand's public healthcare system while you are on your scholarship
- You are covered for medical insurance while in New Zealand.
- Your insurance may not cover costs of going to the dentist or reproductive healthcare. Check your policy.

- Most universities have health centres they recommend nearby.
- Visit the student health centre and register before you get sick
- If you feel sick but you're not sure if you should visit a doctor, you can talk to a trained registered nurse at [Healthline](https://www.healthline.co.nz) 0800 611 116
- Dental care is expensive and isn't usually covered by insurance - make sure you check your policy

Insurance - Travel & Belongings

- Travel insurance is included, which covers baggage and personal items
- You may need to get more insurance for extra trips within New Zealand - ask your ISO for advice

- Keep receipts for any valuable items if you buy them in New Zealand
- If personal items are stolen, you are covered
- You are not covered if you leave belongings in a public room that is not secure

What to bring to New Zealand



Pack clothes suitable for the weather, which might be cooler than what you're used to. Bring warm clothing and consider the season and average temperatures of your destination city.

Climate information is covered in more detail later in the presentation.



Bring essential documents for your trip – such as your passport, visa, flight tickets, and any other formal identification you have.

Remember to pack any relevant medical letters, prescriptions, and medications that you will need.



Bring any tools, equipment, or certificates requested by your training provider or in your scholarship correspondence



Pack your mobile phone, a laptop and any other items you will need for studying. Don't forget to include any charging cables for electronic devices you are bringing with you.

Detail on training allowances for equipment is included later in the presentation.

Arriving in New Zealand

New Zealand has strict rules about what you can bring into the country.

You will be asked to:

- fill in a Passenger Arrival Card or New Zealand Traveller Declaration
- tell the inspectors about any risk items ('declare' them);
- throw the items away or, if you want to keep them, have them inspected for any contamination
- Your bags may be inspected even if you don't declare anything.
- Click on this [link](https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/) for more info about what not to bring into New Zealand



Note: You can fill out a New Zealand Traveller Declaration online before leaving your home country: www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/. There is a paper declaration form available for travellers who cannot complete it online.

- Your study provider will arrange for someone to meet you at the airport – check out your letter re the details
- You will be taken to your accommodation
- Within the first four days of arrival you will receive an arrival briefing
- Attendance at the orientation programme arranged by your training provider is **compulsory** and you **must arrive on time**



Financial Support and information



Financial Support

You will receive:

- Full tuition fees (paid direct to your training provider)
- Living allowance of NZ\$615 per week
- Establishment allowance of NZ\$3000
- Medical insurance whilst in NZ
- Tutoring costs up to NZ\$1000
- Travel to and from your country
- Travel insurance
- Reintegration allowance of NZ\$1000

Payment Processes

- You will receive the establishment allowance soon after you arrive in NZ
- Your living allowance will be paid into your bank account fortnightly
- Your first payment will be made two weeks after you arrive in New Zealand
- It is recommended that you have access to at least \$NZ 1000 to cover your initial expenses

Cost of Living

Item	Cost (\$NZD)
Milk (whole, cows, 1 litre)	\$2.60
6 eggs	\$6.00
White bread	\$3.00
Rice (white, 1kg)	\$3.00
Chicken breast (boneless, skinless)	\$14.00 per kg
Train to CBD (25km distance)	\$5.40 (one way)
Bus to CBD (25km distance)	\$6.00 (one way)
Take-away meal	\$10 - \$20
Restaurant meal	\$20 - \$40

New Zealand can be expensive, so shop smart by:

- checking online for supermarket specials
- planning and preparing meals
- eating foods that are in season
- visiting local markets for fresh produce – these are plentiful and offer good value and variety.

The larger and often less expensive supermarkets are normally found outside the main city in the suburbs. Please ask your education institution what the cheapest options for you are in your city.

About New Zealand



New Zealand is located close to the Earth's ozone hole and enjoys relatively clear skies, which contributes to intense sunlight. This causes high levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Even on cloudy days in New Zealand, you can burn within minutes. Applying a high SPF sunscreen, wearing a hat, and keeping out of the sun, is essential in summer months to avoid skin damage.



Clothing in New Zealand can be expensive to buy. Stores such as The Warehouse and Kmart offer value-for-money clothing options.

Second-hand stores (also known as op shops) can be a great way to find quality items at a more affordable cost. You can also donate unwanted clothing to these stores before returning home.



Each region across New Zealand has their own system of public transport and how you pay for it. Larger cities will have more options and will often require you to purchase a specific transport card to load money on to for your trips.

It is important to look up information specific to where you will be staying.



The main grocery stores across New Zealand are Pak'n'Save, New World and Countdown (also known as Woolworths). It can often be cheaper to buy some items such as seasonal fruits and vegetables from smaller local markets.

Kiwi Society and Culture

Some things will be familiar, many things will seem strange. Part of the fun of studying overseas is experiencing the weird and wonderful ways of another culture.

The New Zealand culture is open-minded and welcoming to people of all countries and cultures. As a country, we value kindness, tolerance, and friendship. We're welcoming toward all religions and uphold the right to freedom of religion, worship, and belief for all. Kiwis expect everyone to be treated fairly, and they enjoy feeling safe in their homes and in public places.

New Zealanders are generally relaxed, positive people who love to work hard, spend time with friends and family and enjoy the beautiful country they live in.

Māori are the indigenous people of New Zealand. Māori culture and tradition can be found throughout life in New Zealand. It's important that you know, understand and respect culture and customs.



Activities and things to do

- Explore the numerous parks and green spaces open to the public.
- There are plenty of beaches easily accessible from most cities.
- You can also keep active by making use of the many walking trails. From coastal walkways to native forest trails and ancient glaciers, New Zealand is packed with scenic walks suitable for all levels of fitness. Visit the [Department of Conservation website](#) to find walks near you.
- Many museums and galleries offer free entry; check their websites for details.
- Kiwis love sports! Rugby is the most popular sport in New Zealand, but look out for sports clubs, facilities or events you can take part in.
- Reach out to any local business contacts while you are here. Take the opportunity to meet and network with colleagues and associates. New Zealanders are generally a friendly bunch, and many welcome the opportunity to show visitors around!



Alumni Presentation



Questions?



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Useful links:

Manaaki Scholar App:

This App contains useful information about your scholarship, New Zealand and Māori culture, and community links: [Google](#) or [Apple](#)

Naumai NZ : <https://www.naumainz.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/>

Customs NZ: <https://www.customs.govt.nz/personal/prohibited-and-restricted-items/>

Rental accommodation: <https://www.trademe.co.nz/property>



Suggested closing Karakia (if appropriate)

Kia tau te rangimārie
O te Rangi e tū iho nei
O Papatūāuku e takoto nei
O te taiao e awhi nei
Ki runga i a tātou
Haumi ē
Hui ē
Tāiki ē!

May the peace
Of the sky above
Of the earth below
And all embracing universe
Rest upon us all
Unified,
Connected
and blessed!