

New Zealand Traveller Declaration Factsheet

Commercial vessels (not including fishing vessels)

If you arrive into Aotearoa New Zealand by commercial vessel, you may need to complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD).

Our home is precious, a taonga. Please help keep our tangata and our whenua – our people and our land – safe.

Do your digital declaration at travellerdeclaration.govt.nz

Who needs to complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration

- Crew who are permanently disembarking a cargo vessel
- Crew flying to New Zealand to sign on to a vessel
- All passengers aboard a cargo vessel
- All passengers and crew aboard a specialist (non-cargo) vessel. For example, cable layers, tender, dredge and research vessels.

If you are crew on a cargo vessel and are not permanently disembarking in New Zealand, you will not need to do a declaration. This only applies if you are arriving and leaving New Zealand on the same cargo vessel. On all other commercial vessels (non-cargo), crew and passengers are required to complete a declaration whether they are permanently disembarking or not.

What you need to complete your declaration

- Passport details
- Voyage details to New Zealand
- Contact details including where you will be based in New Zealand
- Recent travel history
- Information about what you are bringing into New Zealand
 - mpi.govt.nz/CanIBringIt
 - customs.govt.nz/PRI-traveller
- Immigration status, including your visa or NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority), if you need one*

If you need support completing your digital declaration, someone can help you.

It is free to complete and it takes about 10 minutes.

You do not need to upload any documents or print anything out.

What you need to declare

Some foods, used outdoor equipment, and animal and plant products, cannot be brought into New Zealand. They can carry harmful pests and diseases.

You may need to declare any restricted or prohibited goods, medicines, tobacco, alcohol, and cash NZ\$10,000 and over, or equivalent.

When you can submit your digital declaration

The earliest you can submit your digital declaration is 24 hours before departing the vessel's last foreign port prior to arriving in New Zealand. The latest you can submit your digital declaration is by the time the vessel has berthed at its first port in New Zealand.

Making changes to your digital declaration

Once you have started your declaration, you will be emailed a reference number that you can use to review, complete or make changes to your declaration.

You will need to resubmit your declaration if you make any changes to it.

When you arrive in New Zealand

If you need to do a declaration, a border officer will come aboard your vessel to check your declaration when you arrive in New Zealand, or when you permanently disembark.

If you have forgotten to declare something, you will need to talk to a border officer.

Your vessel may be inspected. If you have not declared items that you should have, or make an erroneous declaration, you may be fined or face prosecution.

There is a paper declaration form available on arrival if you have trouble submitting a digital declaration. You do not need to do both.

Contact centre details

If you have any questions about the New Zealand Traveller Declaration, phone our contact centre. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including public holidays.

- **+64 4 931 5799** – for international callers (please note that charges may apply from your service provider)
- **0800 359 269** – toll free number in New Zealand
- **1800 359 269** – toll free number in Australia

Or you can send us an online message via [TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz/contact](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/contact)

We aim to respond within 12 hours.

Other entry requirements

All other information on arrival requirements for commercial vessels entering and leaving New Zealand can be found at:

customs.govt.nz/commercial-ships

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