

New Zealand Traveller Declaration Factsheet

For recreational vessels, yachts and small craft

Travellers arriving into Aotearoa New Zealand by recreational vessels, yachts and small craft need to complete a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)**.

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

Do your digital declaration at travellerdeclaration.govt.nz

What you need to complete your declaration

- Passport details
- Voyage details to New Zealand
- Recent travel history
- Contact information in New Zealand
- 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*

You can complete a digital declaration on someone else's behalf, if they need support filling it out.

A separate New Zealand Traveller Declaration must be completed for each passenger, including children and babies.

There is a paper declaration form available on arrival.

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

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.

Once you have submitted your declaration, you will receive an email telling you what you need to know when you enter New Zealand, based on what you have told us.

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

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

Food items onboard the vessel need to be declared on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Masters Declaration.

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

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 have forgotten to declare something, or the contents of your baggage has changed, please talk to a border officer.

When you arrive in New Zealand

Digital declarations can be submitted up until you interact with a border officer, when you arrive in New Zealand.

If you have completed a digital declaration, you do not need to fill in a paper declaration form.

A border officer will come aboard to check your declaration when you arrive in New Zealand.

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.

Checklist for travelling to New Zealand

- Check your passport is valid
- Apply for visa or NZeTA, if you need one*
- Complete arrival documentation
customs.govt.nz/yachts

- Prepare for full biosecurity clearance
mpi.govt.nz/yachts
- Check what you can bring into New Zealand
mpi.govt.nz/CanIBringIt
- Submit your NZTD no earlier than 24 hours before starting the final leg of your journey to New Zealand

*** Visa or NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority)**

To enter New Zealand you must hold a valid visa or be travelling on a passport from a visa waiver country.

If you are from a visa waiver country, you will need an NZeTA before you travel (unless you are travelling on an Australian passport). Find out more about visa waiver countries and the NZeTA:

immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas

Our way of life is dependent on you doing the right thing.

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

We aim to respond within 12 hours.

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