

# Pre-Departure Checklist New Zealand



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Before you leave home there are some essential things you will need to do. Use this checklist to make sure you are fully prepared for your arrival in New Zealand.

## Your University

- Accept your offer.
- Complete any administration tasks from your university. **They might ask you to:**
  - Register with a student portal.
  - Enrol or chose classes for your first semester.
- Organise accommodation for your arrival. You can find accommodation advice and options for your university via the [NCUK Pre-Departure page](#).

## Flights and Visas

- Make sure you have a current passport.
- Organise your student visa. Further information including the evidence you will be expected to provide with your application can be found on the [Immigration New Zealand website](#).
- Make sure you are aware of the current [New Zealand Covid guidelines](#) including [pre-departure testing](#) and [vaccination](#).
- Make a documentation pack for everything you need to show at the airport and university. **This could include:**

- Your offer letter.
- Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).
- Identification documents.
- Academic transcripts from previous study.  
Details of pre-arranged accommodation.
- Important medical records.

- Check the [customs regulations](#) for New Zealand: there are some things you may not be able to bring in.
- Confirm airport pickup options with your university if needed.



## Arrival in New Zealand

- Organise money for arrival in New Zealand. [Study in New Zealand](#) recommend \$400-450 for your first week's expenses. They also have some good information on [managing your money](#) and [money culture](#).
- Organise any prescribed medication you may require including a letter from your doctor (in English) detailing any prescribed medicines.
- Write down the emergency contact number of your university in case you need help hen you arrive.
- Finally (and most importantly) note down the dates and events for your university's Orientation and Welcome week so you can start your university life with a bang!