

Study in New Zealand

Why study in New Zealand

New Zealand, although it is the same size as Japan or Great Britain, but there are a lot of reasons that you should consider going there for your studies abroad. Many people will call natives of the country “Kiwis,” after the bird that only resides there and nowhere else in the entire world. There are a number of reasons that you should consider studying in New Zealand instead of considering other countries; that’s what we’re going to look at in this section of our website.

Education in New Zealand

Excellent Reputation of Universities

- Seven of New Zealand’s universities feature in the 2012/13 QS World University rankings – the best ranking universities in New Zealand are University of Auckland (83) and University of Otago (133). Other listed universities include University of Canterbury (221), Victoria University of Wellington (237), Massey University (308) and the University of Waikato (374).

Educational System

This is the number one reason to go anywhere for school, but New Zealand is amazing for their educational system. First, the tuition is some of the lowest in the world. You get a British-based education (due to their British influences) for a percentage of the cost. The degrees are recognized around the world as being up-to-date and practical. You will get a high quality, hands on education that you deserve. The New Zealand even goes so far as to checking each and every course, program, and certificate for quality so that they can be recognized around the world as high-quality education. Not only that, but the support services for international students are among the best in the world. They have a lot of expertise and experience in helping international students so that they can succeed in their programs.

University Intakes

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Average University Fees in New Zealand

Tuition fees in New Zealand vary depending both on the institution and the subject. As an example, in 2014, international students taking an undergraduate law degree could expect to be charged between **NZ\$25,000 (US\$19,408) and NZ\$30,000 (US\$23,290) per year**. A full list of fees for each subject and at each university is provided by [Universities New Zealand](#), the organisation which represents New Zealand's universities.

- Fees for arts or social sciences range from NZ\$20,000 (£9,680) a year.
- Courses in science and engineering can cost from NZ\$25,000 (£12,000) per year.
- Dentistry and medicine tend to be the most expensive degrees – NZ\$75,000 (£36,300) per year.
- Unfortunately, there are few scholarships available for international students studying in New Zealand, and those that are on offer are for PhD students.

Approximate Costs of important Student Services

- Apartment rent, 1 bedroom: £449 – £624 per month
- Meal, inexpensive restaurant: £8.95
- Meal at McDonalds: £4.97
- Cappuccino: £2.15
- Coke/Pepsi (0.33 litre bottle): £1.48
- Water (0.33 litre bottle): £1.40
- Loaf of bread: £1.26
- Cigarettes: £9.40
- One-way ticket local transport: £1.74
- Cinema ticket: £7.96

Working as Student

On a student visa, you are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week through the semester; during vacations you can work up to 40 hours. So, instead of having to worry about finances, you get to supplement your education with income. You may even be able to nab internships and other practical work. The international studies office at your university can help you find a job to sustain you during your time in New Zealand. Another great thing is that you can get a permit at the end of your degree program and work for 12 months in the country under a special “work permit” that is alongside your student visa, which is what we’ll look at closer in the last point.

- A student visa is condition on sufficient funds to pay for living and accommodation costs.
- Being able to work while studying can certainly help finances to stretch a little further.
- Full-time student are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week but must seek a variation in the conditions of their visa.
- New Zealand's adult minimum wage is NZ\$13 (£6.30) per hour.

Academic Intakes

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Admission Requirements

If you are thinking to study in New Zealand

To study at the Universities in New Zealand you must have a university entrance qualification and be selected into a programme. The information below explains the different university entrance qualifications and what you need for selection into the programme you wish to study.

Minimum Overseas Entry Requirements

In order to be admitted as a student to the University, applicants must meet both:

- University admission requirements, and
- Specific programme entry requirements for their intended programme University admission requirements may be met by:
 - Gaining the University Entrance standard from a New Zealand secondary school, or
 - Completing an accepted equivalent of the University Entrance standard from a secondary school or tertiary institution, or
 - Completing a specified duration of acceptable tertiary study from a recognised tertiary institution

If you completed your secondary schooling, or have started/completed tertiary study, outside New Zealand and wish to study an undergraduate level programme at the University, you must have your overseas qualification(s) approved for University admission.

It is important to note that these are the minimum acceptable equivalents of the University Entrance standard based on specific overseas qualifications and are not guaranteed minimum programme entry requirements. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and a score higher than the one listed below may be required for programme entry.

Undergraduate Requirements

In addition to the minimum University admission requirements, international applicants must fulfil additional entry requirements to gain entry to some degree programmes at the Universities. These additional requirements vary, depending on the programme you are applying for.

Postgraduate Requirements

If you are an international student interested in postgraduate study at the University of Auckland, acceptance into a postgraduate programme is normally based on academic merit and is at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the relevant faculty.

General English language Requirements

If your first language is not English you must provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English language proficiency. You can submit your application without an English result and provide this at a later date.

The most commonly used English language tests recognise are as follows:

- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0 in the academic module (with no individual band below 5.5)
- Paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 550 (TWE 4.5)
- Internet-based TOEFL of 80 with a writing score of 20
- GCE 'A' Level General Paper (English) – grade C or higher
- IB International Baccalaureate – English at Higher or Standard level in Language A: literature, Language A: language and literature, or at Higher level in Language B
- University of Otago Foundation Studies Ltd – successful completion of 'English for Undergraduate Academic Purposes' paper