

## When New Zealand's borders open

The Government has announced its 5-step plan to re-open New Zealand borders, beginning 27 February 2022.

### Key points

- New Zealand's border reopens to vaccinated New Zealand citizens and residents and other eligible travellers from Australia at 11:59pm on 27 February.
- Reopens to New Zealand citizens and residents and other eligible travellers from the rest of the world on 13 March.
- MIQ will be removed for most travellers in steps over 2022, replaced by self-isolation and tests on arrival.
- Unvaccinated travellers, and those who do not meet New Zealand's vaccination requirements, who are eligible to enter New Zealand will continue to enter MIQ.

### Step 1 — From 11:59pm 27 February 2022

The following **fully vaccinated** people can enter New Zealand from **Australia** and self-isolate upon arrival:

- New Zealand citizens and residents
- Other eligible travellers under current border settings.

Unvaccinated New Zealand citizens, and those who do not meet New Zealand's vaccination requirements for self-isolation, who are eligible to enter New Zealand will continue to enter managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ).

Because you must be fully vaccinated to self-isolate on arrival, people with vaccine exemptions or medical certificates need to enter MIQ.

If you travelled to Australia from another country (excluding New Zealand), you must spend 14 days in Australia before you travel to New Zealand.

[Check who is eligible to travel to New Zealand under our current border settings](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/border-closures-and-exceptions/entry-to-new-zealand/border-entry-requirements).  
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[Self-isolation requirements](https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#self-isolation-requirements)  
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## Step 2 — From 11:59pm 13 March 2022

The following **fully vaccinated** people can enter New Zealand from **anywhere in the world** and self-isolate upon arrival:

- New Zealand citizens and residents
- Other eligible travellers under current border settings.
- Skilled workers earning at least 1.5x the median wage.
- Travellers on a working holiday scheme.
- Partners and dependent children of New Zealand citizens and residents, provided they meet the usual visa and vaccination requirements. A family group does not need to travel to New Zealand together.

Unvaccinated New Zealand citizens, and those who do not meet New Zealand's vaccination requirements for self-isolation, who are eligible to enter New Zealand will continue to enter managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ).

[Check who is eligible to travel to New Zealand under our current border settings | immigration.govt.nz](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/border-closures-and-exceptions/entry-to-new-zealand/border-entry-requirements) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220214090800mp/https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/border-closures-and-exceptions/entry-to-new-zealand/border-entry-requirements>)

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## Step 3 — From 11:59pm 12 April 2022

The following **fully vaccinated** people can enter New Zealand from **anywhere in the world** and self-isolate upon arrival:

- Current temporary work and student visa holders with a valid visa who can still meet their visa requirements — this includes both visa holders currently offshore, and those in New Zealand who choose to travel overseas and wish to return.
- Up to 5,000 international students for semester 2

[Self-isolation requirements](https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#self-isolation-requirements) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220214090800mp/https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#self-isolation-requirements>)

## Step 4 — By July 2022

The following **fully vaccinated** people can enter New Zealand and self-isolate upon arrival:

- All travellers from Australia.
- Visitors from countries who do not need a visa (visa waiver visitors).
- Visitors from other countries who already hold a valid visitor visa.
- From July, travellers arriving under the Accredited Employer Work Visa categories.

[Visa waiver countries and territories | immigration.govt.nz](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/general-information/visa-waiver-countries) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220214090800mp/https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/general-information/visa-waiver-countries>)

[Accredited Employer Work Visa | immigration.govt.nz](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/employ-migrants/new-employer-accreditation-and-work-visa) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220214090800mp/https://www.immigration.govt.nz/employ-migrants/new-employer-accreditation-and-work-visa>)

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## Step 5 — From October 2022

All visa categories will reopen from October 2022, including visitor and student visas.

### Self-isolation requirements

Self-isolation is only available for **fully vaccinated** travellers who are eligible to enter New Zealand.

[Vaccination requirements for travel to New Zealand](https://web.archive.org/web/20220214090800mp_/https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/vaccination-requirements-for-travel-to-new-zealand/)

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You must self-isolate for 10 days in New Zealand. If New Zealand's self-isolation period changes, such as a drop to 7 days, the self-isolation period for travellers will also change.

Travellers will be given 3 rapid antigen tests at the airport, one for use on day 0/1, and one for use on day 5/6, with one extra for backup.

Anyone who tests positive will need to take a PCR test at a Community Testing Centre or GP for whole genome sequencing in order to quickly identify and respond to new variants coming across the border.

We will provide more information about self-isolation requirements when it is available.

How long you will self-isolate for	+
How you can travel to self-isolation	+
Self-isolating with others you did not travel with	+
Unvaccinated children aged 16 years and under	+
If you cannot self-isolate safely at home	+

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### Health requirements

While you do not have to enter MIQ at each step, you must meet some health requirements, including:

- You must provide a negative pre-departure test.
- You must meet vaccination requirements.
- You will self-isolate for a period of time after you arrive.
- You must do 2 rapid antigen tests (RATs) during your self-isolation period on day 0/1 and day 5/6 and declare your results.