

New Zealand's tourist visa: All you need to know about the NZeTA

Many travellers wanting to visit New Zealand now need an electronic authorisation, the New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) will be required for most people visiting the country

WHO NEEDS ONE?

Anyone from a visa waiver country will need an approved NZeTA before they enter New Zealand. This includes children, citizens not required to have a visa to enter New Zealand and anyone who is only passing through an airport on their way elsewhere.

A list of visa waiver countries and territories is available on the Immigration New Zealand website.

The NZeTA can be requested online, and sometimes approved within 10 minutes – although it is best to allow up to 72 hours to be safe as approval is required before commencing travel, according to Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

Those eligible who do not have a NZeTA by the time they check in for their flights or cruise into New Zealand will not be allowed to board.

Anyone who is unsure about whether they need a NZeTA can find out by visiting the Immigration New Zealand website

WHO DOESN'T NEED ONE?

New Zealand and Australian citizens travelling with a NZ or Australian passport are not required to apply for a NZeTA.

Anyone whose foreign passport has a New Zealand citizen endorsement or who holds a valid visa, including a permanent resident visa, also needn't apply.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

NZeTAs can be requested via the free app downloadable from the Apple Store or Google Play for \$9 NZD, or from the Immigration New Zealand website for \$12 NZD.

At the same time, travellers will be charged the new \$35 NZD International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) which will go towards protecting the country's tourist hot spots, conservation, infrastructure and systems.

The fee won't be required from Australian citizens, permanent residents and people from many Pacific Island nations.