



Security

We're increasing security of our borders

New Zealand is introducing a new system, called Advance Passenger Screening, to increase border security. It affects **all** travellers entering New Zealand, including New Zealand citizens.

Traditionally, visas, passports and other travel documents have been validated when you arrive in New Zealand. Under Advance Passenger Screening, your documents will be validated **before** you board the flight that's bringing you to New Zealand.

Therefore, in order to board your flight, it is critical that you have the correct documentation, and that it is valid and current. Incorrect travel documents may result in you experiencing delays at check-in, or even not being allowed to board your flight to New Zealand.

Here's what you need to know

If you are a New Zealander planning a trip and returning to New Zealand.

Make sure your passport is current and not due to expire before you return to New Zealand.

If you hold a Returning Residents Visa and are planning a trip and returning to New Zealand.

Make sure your passport is current and that your Returning Residents Visa is valid.

If you live in New Zealand but were born overseas.

Make sure your passport is current and, if you require a Returning Residents Visa, that it is valid and placed in your current passport – rather than an expired one!

If you are planning to visit New Zealand and require a visa to do so.

Make sure you have contacted your local New Zealand Embassy or Immigration Officer and have a valid visa and current travel documents.

If you hold and use more than one passport.

Please be aware that if you use more than one passport, you may experience delays at check-in. To reduce delays ensure that you carry both passports and have them available at check-in. Also, use the same passport to leave your port of origin as the one you use to enter New Zealand.

If you have a criminal conviction (and you are not a New Zealand Citizen).

You may **not** be allowed to enter New Zealand. You should first seek clearance from the New Zealand Immigration Service before attempting to travel to New Zealand.

Other countries have been running a similar system for a number of years, and experience shows that the increased security will not inconvenience genuine travellers.

If you are unsure of what travel documentation you require to enter or re-enter New Zealand check out our website www.immigration.govt.nz or call +64 9 914 4100.