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## Adviser Update



Kia ora,

Reconnecting New Zealand is the Government's plan to safely reopen our borders.

The Government has widened the entry eligibility and eased isolation rules for travellers to New Zealand.

## Eligible travellers

*12 April 2022*

From 11:59pm Tuesday 12 April, the following groups who still meet the conditions of their visa can travel to New Zealand without a border exception.

### Work visa holders

- Holders of a work visa currently outside of New Zealand.
- Holders of a work visa currently in New Zealand may leave and return.

Visa holders must have access to evidence that they still have a job offer or current employment when arriving in New Zealand.

### Dependents of workers

- Dependents of work visa holders with valid student visas. Those who are currently in New Zealand may leave and return.

## Australians

- Australian citizens and permanent residents arriving from anywhere in the world.

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## Student visa holders

- Holders of a valid student visa currently outside of New Zealand.
- Holders of a student visa currently in New Zealand may leave and return.
- A new border exception for 5000 new and returning international students

Visa holders must have access to evidence that they still meet the funding requirements for students and that they are studying, or will resume studying, the same course at the same education provider that their student visa was granted for.

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*1 May 2022*

From 11:59pm Sunday 1 May, the following groups will also be able to travel to New Zealand without a border exception.

## Dependents of workers

- Dependents of work visa holders who hold a valid visitor visa.

## Visitor visa holders

## **Visitor visa holders**

- Holders of a visitor visa with valid travel conditions from any country. This includes people currently outside New Zealand and people here who leave and want to return.

## **Visa waiver travellers**

- All those who can normally travel to New Zealand without a visa (visa waiver) as long as they hold a valid New Zealand electronic Travel Authority.

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# **Other information**

## **Visa conditions**

Travellers must understand and comply with all visa conditions. Visa holders can check travel and other visa conditions online. If their visa is due to expire soon they can also explore other visa options on the Immigration New Zealand website.

> [Check visa conditions | Immigration New Zealand](#)

## **Renewed passport**

Travellers who have renewed their passport need to transfer their valid visa to their new passport before they travel to New Zealand.

> [Transfer visa | Immigration New Zealand](#)

## COVID-19 restrictions

COVID-19 restrictions still apply when travelling to New Zealand. Before planning your travel check the New Zealand COVID-19 website for up-to-date details on entry requirements.

➤ **Travel to New Zealand | [COVID19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)**

## Traveller declaration

Most visa holders must be fully vaccinated to enter New Zealand.

All visa holders must complete a travel declaration.

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration | [Travellerdeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)**

## Emails to visa holders

We will email work and student visa holders, or their representative, with information about travel to New Zealand.

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