

An aerial photograph of a city in New Zealand, likely Auckland, showing a dense urban area with numerous buildings and a large body of water in the background. The foreground is a grassy hillside. The image is used as a background for the student guide cover.

STUDENT GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT NEW ZEALAND

- New Zealand is an **English-speaking** country in the South Pacific, with **Wellington** as the capital.
- Home to around **5.2 million people** and famed for its **safety and natural beauty**.
- All **eight universities** rank in the global top 3% (QS).
- **English** is the language of instruction throughout.
- The **New Zealand Dollar (NZ\$)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:

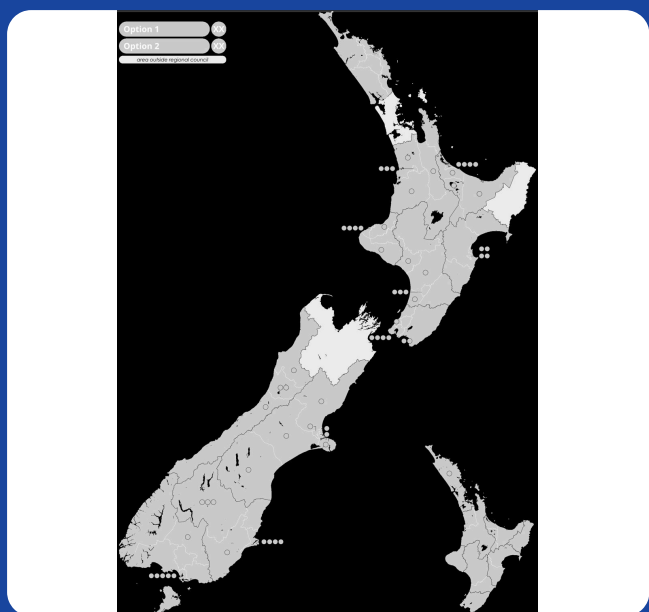


INDIA TO NEW ZEALAND

CURRENCY

New Zealand Dollar (NZ\$) · 1 NZD ≈ ₹51 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 16h 30m	New Zealand
Mumbai	≈ 17h 00m	New Zealand
Bengaluru	≈ 15h 30m	New Zealand
Chennai	≈ 16h 00m	New Zealand
Hyderabad	≈ 16h 30m	New Zealand



FACTS

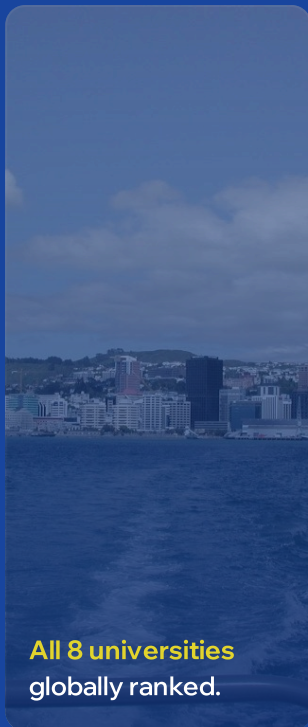
- Capital: **Wellington**
- Flight distance: ~12,000 km
- Time zone: **NZST (UTC+12)**
- Tuition: **NZD 22,000–45,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: **NZD 20,000 / yr**
- Main intakes: **Feb · Jul**

International students pay full tuition. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND?



Up to 3-year post-study work visa for degrees.



All 8 universities globally ranked.



Safe, welcoming and stunning environment.



Skilled migration pathways after study.



New Zealand pairs globally ranked degrees with one of the most generous post-study work visas.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- New Zealand has a compact, high-quality public system.
- They fall into three broad groups:



UNIVERSITIES

Eight public, research-led universities.



INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY

Applied, career-focused programmes.



PRIVATE TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS

Specialist and pathway providers.



TOP UNIVERSITIES

- New Zealand hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Auckland**AUCKLAND**

The country's highest-ranked university.

University of Otago**DUNEDIN**

Strong in health sciences and research.

Massey University**PALMERSTON NORTH**

Agri-science, aviation and business.

Victoria University of Wellington**WELLINGTON**

Law, humanities and public policy.

University of Canterbury**CHRISTCHURCH**

Engineering and the sciences.

University of Waikato**HAMILTON**

Management, computing and the environment.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- New Zealand excels in **agri-tech, IT, engineering and film.**



AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Agri-tech and environmental science.



IT & COMPUTING

Software, data and cyber-security.



ENGINEERING

Civil, mechanical and electrical.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Analytics, finance and MBA.



HEALTH & NURSING

Nursing, public health and medicine.



FILM & CREATIVE

Screen production and design.

TUITION & COSTS

- International tuition is **mid-range** among English-speaking destinations.

Undergraduate
per year

NZD 22,000–35,000

Postgraduate / Master's
per year

NZD 26,000–45,000

Medicine & specialist
per year

higher, varies

MBA
full programme

NZD 40,000–65,000

Proof of funds for visa

NZD 20,000 / yr



New Zealand Excellence Awards and university scholarships support Indian students.

COST OF LIVING

- Students need around **NZD 20,000 a year** for living costs (visa benchmark).

Accommodation hostel / shared flat	NZD 900–1,400
Food & groceries	NZD 350–450
Transport student concession	NZD 120–180
Health & insurance	~NZD 60
Phone, internet & leisure	NZD 150–250
Estimated monthly total	~NZD 1,800–2,400

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships help offset tuition for strong candidates.

NZ Excellence Awards

GOVT / INDIA

Awards for high-achieving Indian students.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit and country-specific tuition awards.

Manaaki NZ Scholarships

GOVT

Fully funded government scholarships.

Faculty Awards

DEPARTMENTAL

Programme-specific scholarships.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0** (no band below 5.5).
- Subject prerequisites for some courses.
- Apply directly to each university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** (no band below 6.0).
- Statement of purpose and references.
- Portfolio or interview for some programmes.

INTAKES

- **February** — main intake — widest choice of courses
- **July** — strong second intake
- **Rolling** — some programmes accept year-round

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & FEES

Accept your offer and pay the required tuition.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show NZD 20,000 to cover living costs.

3

HEALTH & CHARACTER

Complete medical and police checks.

4

APPLY ONLINE

Submit the Immigration NZ student visa application.

5

INSURANCE

Arrange approved travel and health insurance.

6

ARRIVAL

Prepare accommodation and travel plans.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students work **20 hours a week** in term, then up to **3 years** on a post-study work visa.

Post-Study Work Visa

UP TO 3 YEARS

Open work rights for eligible graduates.

Short-term Graduate Visa

6 MONTHS

New route from Nov 2026 for lower-level qualifications.

Skilled Migrant

RESIDENCE ROUTE

Points-based pathway to residence.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

IT, health, engineering and trades.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes that fit your profile.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, SOP and references.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each university.

4

OFFER & FEES

Accept your offer and pay the tuition.

5

VISA

Apply online with proof of funds and health checks.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange accommodation and prepare to travel.



Your New Zealand study journey — one step at a time.