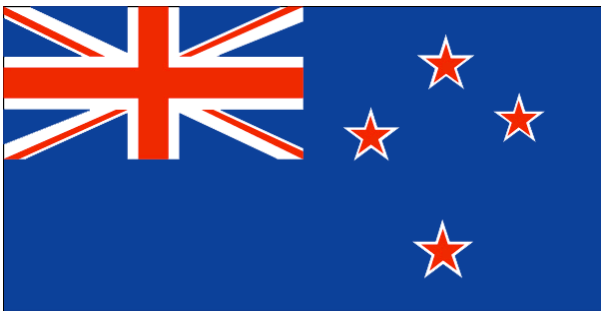


## I'm an International applicant - Why move to New Zealand?

The best way of understanding what it would be like to live and work in New Zealand is to visit the region and facility that you wish to join. Relocating to a new country is a big decision and a personal visit is highly recommended as it will enable you to explore New Zealand. If you're unable to visit us, check what New Zealand has to offer online, ask friends and family, and ask us, as our recruiters are happy to answer any questions.

You will need your New Zealand Nurses Registration and Certification before you can gain a Work Permit or Work Visa, to be eligible to work for Corrections, so please review these sections in this document for more information.

### Why move to New Zealand?



The New Zealand flag

New Zealand is a country of contrasts, adventure and great beauty. The country is made up of the volcanic North Island, glacial South Island, plus Stewart Island off the far Southern tip. New Zealand has a reputation as the adventure capital of the world, and Queenstown in the South Island is the home of bungee jumping, jet boating and many other white knuckle activities, however these extreme activities are also available in other areas of the country.

New Zealand is also great for other less extreme outdoor activities; the mountains of the Southern Alps are the ideal backdrop for skiing, snowboarding and climbing, and the rugged terrain is perfect for mountain biking and tramping. The centre of the North Island also has mountains for skiing and volcanic landscapes that are a "must-see" for tourists. The 15,134 kilometres of national coastline are also great for surfing, swimming and kayaking.

With only four million people, New Zealand has plenty of unspoilt but accessible areas of beautiful wilderness to visit and explore. Check out the magnificent Milford Sound, the beautiful bays and bush of Nelson and the Abel Tasman National Park in the South Island or the geothermal wonders of the central North Island where you can absorb traditional Maori culture. New Zealand's highest point is Aoraki-Mount Cook at 3,754 metres.

Over three million people live in the North Island with close to one-and-a-quarter million living in the greater Auckland area and more than 400,000 in the greater Wellington region. About one million people live in the South Island. About 80% of the population live in cities. Our population is multi-cultural but is predominately European (69.8%), Maori (7.9%), Asian (5.7%), or Pacific Island (4.4%).

New Zealand offers an excellent safe and secure lifestyle for families and new entrants. There are many industries and professions that New Zealand can offer and there are jobs opportunities.

New Zealand education is free and compulsory between the ages of 6 and 16; though typically, children start school on their 5th birthday, or the first School Day after it. Post-compulsory education is regulated within the [New Zealand National Qualifications Framework](#), a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training. The academic year in New Zealand varies between institutions, but generally runs from late January until mid-December for primary and secondary schools and polytechnics, and from late February until mid-November for universities. There are many great schooling options, located nearby the Prisons. You can check out the different schools available and how they're performing on the Ministry of Education website: [www.tki.org.nz/e/schools/index.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/e/schools/index.php)

New Zealand's climate varies from hot and wet in the far North, to temperate with cold winters in the South. The currency is the New Zealand dollar and the official languages spoken are English and Maori.

As New Zealanders we are extremely proud of our sporting achievements and of the teams and athletes competing successfully in many sports on the world stage. Sport plays a major part in the lives of most New Zealanders no matter what age and our high involvement per capita in sport is an indication of our love of activity and the outdoors. Check out the Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) website.



For more information on living and working in New Zealand, please visit:  
[www.immigration.govt.nz/nzopportunities/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/nzopportunities/)

## Our major cities

Our prisons are located in or outside of our major cities. The three women's prisons are located in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, and the mens' prisons are spread across the country.

**Northland**, offers a relaxed, easy lifestyle in a sub tropical climate – you're never more than 40km from the coast and some of the country's most beautiful beaches and accessible fishing spots.

Prisons within the Northland region include:

- Northland Region Corrections Facility

**Auckland**, the City of Sails, is the largest urban area in New Zealand, made up of the cities of Auckland, Waitakere, Manukau and North Shore.

Prisons within the Auckland region include:

- Auckland Prison
- Mt Eden Prison
- Auckland Central Remand Prison
- Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility
- Spring Hill Corrections Facility

**Hamilton** is New Zealand's largest inland city, an important agricultural hub and is close to great surf beaches, lakes, hot pools and mountains. Hamilton is the major city within the Waikato region.

Prisons within the Waikato region include:

- Spring Hill Corrections Facility
- Waikeria Prison

**New Plymouth** has both the ocean and mountains on its door step, with locals enjoying surfing at Opunake or hiking Mount Taranaki, providing unique recreational and educational opportunities for the region's residents and visitors.

Prisons within the Taranaki region include:

- New Plymouth Prison

**Tongariro National Park/Turangi** is located in the middle of one of New Zealand's National Parks, surrounded by natural forests and two major ski fields, it is great for families and those seeking a more rural pace.

Prisons within the Tongariro National Park/Turangi region include:

- Tongariro/Rangipo Prison

**Hawkes Bay** has everything under the sun, has over 70 wineries, 40 with cellar doors offering tastings and a'la carte dining, and most of the population lives in the urban zones around Napier and Hastings.

Prisons within the Hawkes Bay region include:

- Hawkes Bay Prison

**Wanganui** is located on the South Taranaki Bight, close to the mouth of the Wanganui River. It is 200 kilometres north of Wellington, with most of the town lies on the river's northwestern bank, although some suburbs are located on the opposite side of the river.

Prisons within the Wanganui region include:

- Wanganui Prison

**Palmerston North** is 'Student City', with over half the city's population under 25 years of age, who attend Massey University.

Prisons within the Manawatu region include:

- Manawatu Prison

**Wellington**, the Harbour City, is the capital city and the heart of our government, and is also known as New Zealand's arts and culture capital.

Prisons within the Wellington region include:

- Wellington Prison
- Arohata Women's Prison
- Rimutaka Prison

**Christchurch**, the Garden City and the largest of the South Island cities is located in the centre of the Canterbury Plains and is known for its well-established expansive parks and public gardens.

Prisons within the Canterbury region include:

- Christchurch Men's Prison
- Christchurch Women's Prison
- Rolleston Prison

**Dunedin**, has a unique Scottish heritage and is renowned for its university and student life.

There is one prison within the Otago region:

- Otago Corrections Facility

**Invercargill**, is situated at the south most point of New Zealand. On the Southern Scenic Route, it is the gateway to some of New Zealand's most beautiful scenery and destinations including the Southland heartland, Stewart Island, Fiordland and the Catlins.

There is one prison within the Southland region:

- Invercargill Prison