

# NEW ZEALAND CHECKLIST

## BEFORE YOU GO

Tickets, money, passport! Your essential New Zealand to-do list and packing list.

### To do

- Passport:** Is it up to date? You need a valid passport to enter New Zealand.
- Booking:** Have you booked accommodation for at least the first night?
- Visa:** Most Australians don't need one, but have you checked the entry requirements?
- Transport:** Do you know how you'll get from the airport to your accommodation?
- Vaccinations:** Are all your routine vaccinations up to date?
- Getting around:** Do you know how you'll get around, and do you need to pre-book any tickets or car hire?
- Travel insurance:** Are you covered? Travel insurance is essential, even in New Zealand.
- Driving:** If you're planning on hiring a car, do you have the appropriate licence and are you familiar with the road rules?
- Safety:** Have you registered your travel plans with [smartraveller.com.au](https://www.smartraveller.com.au) and checked the latest safety advice on the region you're travelling to?
- Phone:** Have you switched off data roaming and voicemail? If you're planning to use a local or travel SIM, is your phone unlocked?
- Money:** Have you told your bank you're going overseas and do you know how you'll be paying for things in New Zealand?
- Apps:** Have you downloaded offline maps, travel apps or the [CHOICE New Zealand travel guide](#) onto your mobile?

### To pack

- [Tickets](#)
- [Money](#) (cash and cards)
- [Passport](#)
- A copy of your [travel insurance](#) details
- Your [Medicare card](#)
- A list of [emergency contacts](#) at home and in New Zealand
- Any regular medication (no more than three months' worth, in original packaging, with prescriptions/a letter from your doctor)



**Tip:** You'll need to declare any prescription medication to New Zealand customs. Medication must be carried in its original packaging, with the prescription or a letter from your doctor. You can take no more than three months' supply into New Zealand (a six month supply of oral contraceptives is the exception). For more information, see [customs.govt.nz](https://www.customs.govt.nz).