



Study Abroad in New Zealand



Higher Education in New Zealand

- New Zealand's education system is based on the British system. The higher education system consists of independent, self-governing public universities and higher education institutions that award higher education qualifications.
- A Bachelor's degree awarded by a New Zealand university is internationally considered to be the same level as a Bachelor's degree awarded by a UK university.
- Honours degrees in New Zealand are postgraduate qualifications in their own right, rather than a class of mark as they are in the UK. Honours is a year-long course taken after the successful completion of a bachelor's degree, usually only open to high achieving students.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- Applications to study in New Zealand should be lodged via the UK representative Study Options www.studyoptions.com.
- The academic year in New Zealand starts in late February, rather than in September. Almost all degrees can be started in the first semester (February) whilst some can also be started in the second (July). Candidates should apply between 5-18 months before their course is due to start.
- Students in Year 13 can apply for a conditional offer and their place will be dependent on final exam grades. Or they can wait until they've completed 6th form studies and go for a unconditional offer. Some specialist degrees have earlier deadlines.
- The majority of UK applicants will be assessed on their UK school-leaving qualifications alone, additional tests are not usually required.
- Study Options can help students with every stage of the course search, application and admissions process. It is the only organisation in the UK that focuses exclusively on Australian and New Zealand Higher education. Free to use, candidates can send completed applications and supporting documents to their Bristol office.
- Study Options will also certify academic documents and help students with student visas and arranging accommodation.

Highest Ranked Universities

The University of Auckland (85)

University of Otago (194)

Victoria University of Wellington (236)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Fees

International undergraduate students can expect to pay around NZ\$23,000-33,000 (approx. £11,900-£17,150) per year, with higher fees for subjects such as medicine and veterinary science.

Visa

To study in New Zealand for more than three months you need to apply for a student visa and will need to show proof of your university offer as well as evidence of sufficient funds to cover your living expenses and a return flight to your home country. Fees to apply are subject to change, so check with INZ at www.immigration.govt.nz before making your application.

Working

If you have a Student Visa, you may be able to work part-time, up to 20 hours per week, and full-time during scheduled holidays.

Further Information

- Study in New Zealand <https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/>
- Study Options <https://www.studyoptions.com/study-new-zealand>
- To find a scholarship <https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/how-to-apply/scholarships/>