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Life in New Zealand

New Zealand's spectacularly beautiful landscape includes vast mountain chains, steaming volcanoes, sweeping coastlines, deeply indented fiords and lush rainforests. Comparable in size and/or shape to Great Britain, Colorado or Japan, New Zealand has a population of only 4 million – making it one of the least crowded countries. www.newzealand.com

climate



The North of New Zealand is subtropical and the South temperate.

The warmest months are through December to February.

The coldest months are June, July and August. In summer the average temperatures range between 20 - 30 degrees Celsius [70 - 100 F.] and in the winter between 10 - 15 C. [50 - 60 F.].

www.movetonz.govt.nz
www.snow.co.nz

cost of living



New Zealand's currency is the NZ dollar NZ\$.

The current exchange rate for the NZ\$ to the USD\$ is 0.70 to the Euro is 0.50

Interest rates on first mortgages are typically around 9.0% per annum.

You can find the latest statistics on the Reserve Bank of NZ website:

www.rbnz.govt.nz

housing



The average New Zealand house has 3 bedrooms, with brick or weather-board external walls.

Prices average from NZD \$250,000 - NZ\$350,000. Rental Housing is available but do not usually come fully furnished. Average rent for a 3 bedroom house in a city, outside of Auckland, would be NZD \$300 per week. All prices advertised as a weekly rent.

www.realenz.co.nz

services



Telephone unlimited local: NZ\$35/month
Broadband & telephone bundling now occurring with competition strong amongst providers.

Electricity: NZ\$0.084 / unit+GST
Gasoline: NZ\$ 1.95 / liter
Diesel: NZ\$ 1.44 / liter

Note: Electrical supply is 230/240 volts at 60hz cycle. US / EU electrical goods would need transformers. TVs & VCRs etc will not function in NZ.

healthcare services



Our public health system is funded by a combination of general tax revenue and Accident Compensation Corporation levy revenues.

Individuals may purchase insurance cover for Private Health cover that supplements the Public health system.

For more information on NZ's health system go to the Ministry of Health website:

www.moh.govt.nz

taxation

Income in New Zealand is subject to a combined income and social security tax, which is deducted by the employer on a Pay-As-You-Earn basis.

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| Earnings NZ \$ 1 up to \$14,000 | Tax rate: 12.5% |
| Earnings NZ \$ 14,001 to \$40,000 | Tax rate: 21% |
| Earnings NZ \$ 40,001 to \$70,000 | Tax rate: 33% |
| Earnings NZ 70,001 and up | Tax rate: 39% |

There are relatively few tax deductions and exemptions. Income received from overseas is normally taxed at source and therefore not liable for taxation in NZ. Capital gains are generally not taxed in New Zealand.

Goods and Services Tax - GST is currently 12.5% and included in fees for services rendered or price of goods purchased. Before commencing employment you are required to register with the Inland Revenue Department and will be issued an IRD number. www.ird.govt.nz

websites of interest

Immigration Services - www.immigration.govt.nz
Medical Council of NZ - www.mcnz.org.nz
Nursing Council of NZ - www.nursingcouncil.org.nz

Food - www.woolworths.co.nz
General Information - www.newzealand.govt.nz/
School Links - www.tki.org.nz