



Kaipara College

What to bring with you to New Zealand

You are going to study and live in New Zealand for the next one month, one year, or more. It's time for you to pack your luggage for your trip.

With a 20-23kg baggage allowance there are five main categories of items that should go in your suitcase: (1) Documents, Travel Info and Money, (2) Electronics, (3) Toiletries and Personal Items, (4) Clothing, and (5) Optional Bring-Along. We will not give you a full checklist of what to pack, as you can buy almost everything you need in New Zealand at a reasonable price - you just need to ask the locals. However, there are some things you should bring with you that will help make your life easier.

1. Documents, Travel Info and Money

Passport, Insurance Policy, Medication documentation. Besides a hard copy, you should bring a USB flash drive with the soft copies of all your documents that you may need. You should also upload them to an online storage site such as Dropbox or OneDrive. Bring your study abroad insurance documents with you, including your ID card. You should also make copies of your important documents like your passport, and keep the copy separate from your original just in case they get lost or stolen.

Make sure you have some cash in the local currency with you before leave; you don't want to be stuck in a pinch somewhere that doesn't take a credit card. Call your credit card and ATM card provider to let them know that you will be using your card in another country and check if there are any fees for using them abroad. An ATM card may be a good way to take out cash while abroad since they often give you better exchange rate than a currency exchange kiosk found at the airport or other tourist spot.

Cash cards are also an easy way of purchasing products in New Zealand

2. Electronics

Bring, your laptop and phone and any other devices you use regularly. Remember your ear plugs. In order to use your chargers, you will need to buy two adapters for the type I power sockets used here. It will be more convenient if you bring a multisolet power strip from your own country so you don't need more than two New Zealand adapters. And don't forget a scientific calculator if you need to do some mathematics. You may also like to bring a recorder for your study if needed. Check if you will need a converter as well, an electric toothbrush for a 110v will break if you plug it into a 220v socket.

3. Toiletries and Personal Items

You can easily buy these in New Zealand. We only recommend that you bring your own first-aid kit with any specific medicine and prescription medication that you may need.

4. Clothing

Clothing is not difficult to find in New Zealand but it may be not be easy as a newcomer to always find exactly what you're used to. In my opinion, after you've packed all the other gear that you need, the rest of your suitcase will be for your clothes. There are definitely some clothes that you should not forget:

- A pair of comfortable walking shoes as you will walk a lot
- Water proof school shoes (Black).
- A light and water-resistant windbreaker jacket.
- A thick, warm jacket, a scarf, hat and a pair of gloves. You will definitely need them in the New Zealand winter.
- A few of your favourite clothes – eg: jeans and pyjamas

5. Optional Bring-Along

If you're staying in New Zealand for a long time, we recommend you to bring a traditional dress (or formal dress) as you may well be able to wear it and introduce your culture to people in New Zealand. Some photos of your family and close friends and other things like that can help ease any homesickness and some, but not too much, dry food for your first week may also be good choices.

Useful websites:

Study in New Zealand: www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz

NZQA's studying in New Zealand: www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/

Things to do and see in New Zealand: www.newzealand.com/int/

Seasons of the year in New Zealand:

Summer:	November-February
Autumn:	March-May
Winter:	June-August
Spring:	September-November

www.tourism.net.nz/new-zealand/about-new-zealand/weather-and-climate.html

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