

BRINGING PRODUCTION CAST, CREW AND ASSOCIATED TRAVELLERS TO NEW ZEALAND

Travellers to New Zealand no longer need to enter Managed Isolation and Quarantine.

There is a pathway for screen production personnel to enter New Zealand even though there are still currently border restrictions in place. Travellers able to enter New Zealand currently include:

- returning New Zealand citizens and permanent residents
- people who Immigration New Zealand considers have a critical purpose while the border is closed. This group may include film cast, crew and associated travellers (e.g. spouse/partner, dependent children).
- From **4 July 2022**, critical worker border exceptions are no longer required for film personnel to enter New Zealand.

1. Applying to bring film personnel to New Zealand

For the executives, cast and crew to enter New Zealand, productions must first apply for and be granted for each incoming person:

- A critical worker exception - apply using this [online form](#). We recommend including an attachment outlining why these personnel are uniquely qualified and essential to the project plus a production overview summarising the production and the economic impacts e.g. factors like the number of crew jobs and spend in New Zealand. You are welcome to [contact us](#) for guidance with your submission.
Please note: there is provision for critical worker applicants to include family members in their submission (e.g. spouse/ partner, dependent children).
Relevant Visa - personnel receiving approval for a border exception will be contacted by Immigration New Zealand and invited to apply for a 'Critical Purpose Visitor Visa with work rights' or a 'Critical Purpose Variation of Conditions visa'
- **From 1 May 2022:** Fully vaccinated visitors from visa waiver countries and from other countries who already hold a valid visa can enter New Zealand without the requirement of a critical worker exception. Please note that Immigration NZ recommends entering NZ via the critical worker exception process until **4 July 2022**, when critical worker border exceptions are no longer required.

TIMEFRAMES: Please factor three to five weeks for consideration of your border exception approval and visa processing.

FEES: The fee is NZD \$380 to make a Border Exception request for critical workers. You can include several personnel on the one request and/or submit multiple times paying the fee per request.

2. COVID-19 Testing Requirements:

Vaccination requirements: Non-New Zealand citizens (including New Zealand permanent residents) are required to be fully vaccinated to enter New Zealand. Further information about meeting New Zealand's vaccination requirements can be found here: [Vaccination requirements for travel to New Zealand | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Traveller Declaration: From Thursday 31 March, all travellers flying into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration prior to check-in via the [New Zealand Traveller Declaration website](#). As part of the application process, travellers must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 pre-departure test. Further information can be found here - [COVID-19: Travellers](#)

Pre-departure: All travellers arriving in or transiting through New Zealand must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 result from either a PCR test (administered no more than 48 hours before the scheduled departure of your first international flight to New Zealand) or a RAT test (no more than 24 hours before the scheduled departure of your first international flight to New Zealand)

You can review the Pre-Departure Testing instructions here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/>

On arrival in NZ: Travellers will be given a pack of rapid antigen tests (RATs) at the airport, with instructions. Travellers must take two tests – on day 0/1, when you arrive in New Zealand on day 5/6. Both results must be reported, whether you test negative or positive.