

# Dutch Passport

For all your questions and advice relating to your Dutch passport or any Dutch government organisation:

Call 24/7 NL Embassy contact centre on 0800-388243 (Option 1 Dutch, option 2 English)

Or visit online [netherlandsworldwide.nl](https://netherlandsworldwide.nl)



- The Dutch passport is valid for 10 years (5 years for children under 18).
- A Dutch adult who has dual citizenship and has lived outside the Netherlands for 13 years can lose their Dutch citizenship. Renew and receive new NL passport before 13 year time frame runs out.
- Instead of renewing your passport or identity card, you can also apply by email for a certificate of Dutch nationality (Verklaring van Nederlanderschap) in order to avoid losing your Dutch citizenship after living in NZ for 13 years as an adult with dual citizenship. See: [www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/dutch-nationality/loss](https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/dutch-nationality/loss)
- If you use your Dutch passport as your travel document, be aware that most countries (including NL) require that the expiry date is at least 3 months after leaving the foreign country.
- More information about Visa and travel advice: [nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reisadvies](https://nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reisadvies)
- Applying for a new passport with a current passport involves far less paperwork than applying with an expired one!

## Applying for Dutch passport

1. Online go to: [netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand](https://netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand)

Scroll and tick passport.

Answer all questions. Print out your personal **Checklist**.

2. Online go to: [consular.mfaservices.nl/travel-documents?lang=en](https://consular.mfaservices.nl/travel-documents?lang=en)

Create an account first. After that you can login with your username and password for applying for a Dutch passport.

Print out and save your **Application Form**. Sign and date Application form.

3. To **apply for an in-person appointment** where you need to submit your Checklist, Application Form, 1 passport photo and other supporting documents.

Go to [netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand](https://netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand) and scroll down to the city you want to visit.

**Wellington:** Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Level 5, 40 Bowen Street, Wellington 6011, Ph 0800-388243

**Tauranga:** It appears to be only once per year (for 3 consecutive days). Last pop-up desk date was 19-21 May 2025. Dates are published about 1 month prior on NL Embassy website [www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/new-zealand/home](https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/new-zealand/home) and their social media sites like [facebook.com/netherlandsembassywellington](https://facebook.com/netherlandsembassywellington).

If you want to receive an email as soon as the appointment system opens, you can register for the information service

(information in Dutch) and select 'Aanmelden + registratie bij de ambassade': [informatieservice.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/](https://informatieservice.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/)

**Hamilton:** There are no pop-up desk appointments in Hamilton anymore. The alternative is a visit to Auckland.

**Auckland:** A passport application centre operated by VFS.Global is available in Auckland. You need to open a separate account to make an appointment to visit. For new account see: [passports.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nld/register](https://passports.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nld/register)

For booking an appointment see: [visa.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nlp/](https://visa.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nlp/)

Additional Service fee of \$38, debit/credit card only, payable when visiting.

4. Your application requires **1 passport photo**. Passport photo specifications are very strict, so best done by professionals.

Walk-in service at Imageland, 55A Lake Road, Frankton, Hamilton. Tu-F 8:30-17:30pm, Sat 10:00-15:00 07-8482060

5. **Visit** office of VFS.Global, Huawei Centre, Level 8, 120 Albert Street, Auckland.

**Bring your Checklist, Application Form, 1 passport photo and other requested supporting documents.**

Google maps link [visa.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nor/attend-centre/Auckland](https://visa.vfsglobal.com/nzl/en/nor/attend-centre/Auckland)

Go to level 8, after security check proceed to counter (shared with several other nationalities).

New passport can be posted out to you. If you want to keep your current valid passport, you have to ask staff.

In emergency for questions about appointment times, contact 09-8846170

**Parking:** Easy 100m walking distance at Atrium Carpark. Entrance is part of Crown plaza hotel on 130 Albert Street.

See [www.atriumcarpark.co.nz/](https://www.atriumcarpark.co.nz/) \$15 Earlybird (arrive before 10am, stay till midnight) park above level 11 then pay at level 2 (ticketless as camera captures number plate).

# Permanent Resident Visa



- Immigration NZ can be contacted M-F 6:00 - 22:00 toll-free on 0508-558855 (NZ landline only).  
Alternative Auckland 09-9144100 and Wellington 04-9109915. [www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/)
- Your Permanent Resident Visa does not expire.
- A Permanent Resident Visa (label or letter) and a valid Dutch passport is required when returning to NZ from overseas.
- However your Permanent Resident Visa **label** (sticker) inside your old expired Dutch passport can not be used when returning from an overseas trip.
- You have 2 options to resolve this situation. For info see: [www.immigration.govt.nz/process-to-apply/once-you-have-a-visa/manage-your-visa-and-passport/transferring-a-visa-to-a-new-passport/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/process-to-apply/once-you-have-a-visa/manage-your-visa-and-passport/transferring-a-visa-to-a-new-passport/)

## Option 1 : Transfer your existing Permanent Resident Visa label into a letter (eVisa).

### Free of charge online.

This letter (eVisa) can be checked electronically by airlines and other New Zealand Government agencies.

### Apply online for a letter (eVisa) that you keep with your new passport.

Go to [www.immigration.govt.nz/formshelp/application-for-transfer-or-confirmation-of-a-visa/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/formshelp/application-for-transfer-or-confirmation-of-a-visa/)

Scroll down to bottom of page. Look for "Are you a New Zealand Citizen". (Meaning NZ citizen not NZ resident)

#### Is you answer **No** in this drop down box:

Fill out the online form. Max file size is 3Mb for uploaded documents (pdf only) and photos (JPG and JPEG).

Make use of the included additional upload facility if needed. Select No for "Are you requesting a physical label to be issued?"

Click "Submit Form". You will receive your letter (eVisa) by email.

If you answer is **Yes** in this drop down box (=dual NL-NZ citizenship) you will then get a **New Zealand Citizen Endorsement** in your Dutch Passport.

In the blue box click on "New Zealand Citizen Endorsement Application (INZ1174)". Print form INZ1174, fill out paper form, post/courier to Immigration New Zealand. For address see:

[www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/postal-addresses-for-sending-paper-documents/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/postal-addresses-for-sending-paper-documents/)

For additional information about New Zealand Citizen Endorsement see:

[www.immigration.govt.nz/process-to-apply/once-you-have-a-visa/manage-your-visa-and-passport/new-zealand-citizens-travelling-on-a-foreign-passport/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/process-to-apply/once-you-have-a-visa/manage-your-visa-and-passport/new-zealand-citizens-travelling-on-a-foreign-passport/)

## Option 2 : Transfer your existing Permanent Resident Visa label into another label inside your new passport.

### Cost \$225 (Mastercard or Visa only).

### Apply for a label that will be permanently inside your new passport.

Start same procedure as described under option 1, but now select Yes for "Are you requesting a physical label to be issued?"

Because this is no physical drop-of location anymore for your new passport to be handed in, you need to post/courier application form, old passport if available and new passport to:

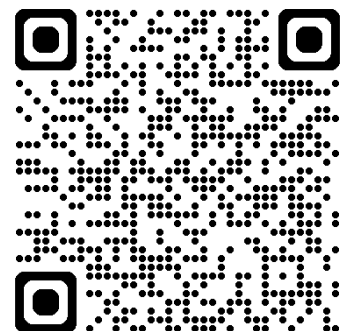
[www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/postal-addresses-for-sending-paper-documents/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/contact-us/postal-addresses-for-sending-paper-documents/)

Postal: Immigration New Zealand  
PO Box 76895  
Manukau 2241  
Auckland

Courier: Immigration New Zealand  
DX Box: EP71514  
20 Fairfax Avenue  
Penrose  
Auckland 1061

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