

# Haere mai ki Aotearoa

## Welcome to New Zealand

If you're from overseas, New Zealand roads are probably different to what you're used to. To keep you and others safe on the road, it is important that you familiarise yourself with New Zealand road rules before you start your journey.

### Key New Zealand road rules

- Drive on the left side of the road.
- Drive at or under the speed limit.
- Adjust your speed for the traffic, road, or weather conditions.
- Seatbelts must be worn by everyone in the vehicle.
- It's illegal to use a phone while driving.
- Don't drive if you have consumed alcohol or drugs.
- Always carry a current and valid driver licence or driver permit while driving. If your overseas driver licence isn't in English, you will need to provide a translated version by an authenticated translator.



Make sure to read our *Driving in New Zealand* booklet. This has been translated into the following languages:



English



Tagalog  
(Filipino)



Spanish



简体中文  
(Simplified  
Chinese)



Portuguese  
(Brazilian)



繁體中文  
(Traditional  
Chinese)



French



日本語  
(Japanese)



German



한국어  
(Korean)



Samoan



ไทย  
(Thai)



Tongan



العربية  
(Arabic)

You can read the New Zealand road code online [www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/general-road-code](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/general-road-code)