

Dates for public holidays and anniversary days

Dates when employees get national public holidays and regional anniversary days.

National public holidays

These dates are:

- for all of New Zealand
- when employees typically get each holiday.

2025 — National public holidays

Holiday	Date
New Year’s Day	Wednesday 1 January
Day after New Year’s Day	Thursday 2 January
Waitangi Day	Thursday 6 February
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
Anzac Day	Friday 25 April
King’s Birthday	Monday 2 June
Matariki	Friday 20 June
Labour Day	Monday 27 October
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December

2026 — National public holidays

Holiday	Date
New Year’s Day	Thursday 1 January
Day after New Year’s Day	Friday 2 January
Waitangi Day	Friday 6 February
Good Friday	Friday 3 April
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April
Anzac Day	25 April (Observed Monday 27 April)
King’s Birthday	Monday 1 June
Matariki	Friday 10 July
Labour Day	Monday 26 October
Christmas Day	Friday 25 December
Boxing Day	26 December (Observed Monday 28 December)

More information — contact Employment New Zealand

[Public holidays and anniversary dates — Employment New Zealand \(external link\)](#)^[Link: 1]

Getting a national public holiday on a different day

You might get a national public holiday on a different day:

- when a public holiday falls on a weekend — Employment New Zealand (external link) ^[Link: 2]
- you're working on the holiday.

Regional anniversary days

Each region in New Zealand has its own anniversary day at a different time of the year. If you do not know which anniversary day your area celebrates, check your local council's website or contact them.

Council websites and maps — LGNZ (external link) ^[Link: 3]

How anniversary days are chosen

Anniversary days are:

- set by regional or city councils
- based on local customs and practice — the anniversary day your area celebrates does not always match the one you expect it to be.

2025 — Regional anniversary days

Region	Date
Auckland	Monday 27 January
Canterbury (South)	Monday 22 September
Canterbury	Friday 14 November
Chatham Islands	Monday 1 December
Hawke's Bay	Friday 24 October
Marlborough	Monday 3 November
Nelson	Monday 3 February
Otago	Monday 24 March
Southland	Tuesday 22 April
Taranaki	Monday 10 March
Wellington	Monday 20 January
Westland	Monday 1 December

2026 — Regional anniversary days

Region	Date
Auckland	Monday 26 January
Canterbury (South)	Monday 28 September
Canterbury	Friday 13 November
Chatham Islands	Monday 30 November
Hawke's Bay	Friday 23 October
Marlborough	Monday 2 November
Nelson	Monday 2 February
Otago	Monday 23 March
Southland	Tuesday 7 April
Taranaki	Monday 9 March

Region

Wellington

Westland

Date

Monday 19 January

Monday 30 November

School holidays

The Ministry of Education lists the school terms and holidays for:

- state schools
- state-integrated schools
- kura.

[School terms and holiday dates — Ministry of Education \(external link\)](#)^[Link: 4]

Who to contact for more help

If you need more help or have questions about the information or services on this page, contact one of the following agencies.

- Employment New Zealand

[Contact and agency details](#)

- Ministry of Education

[Contact and agency details](#)

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3. <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/local-government-in-nz/councils-in-aotearoa/council-websites-and-maps/>
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