



## NZCS 231 Bring a pet or other animal into New Zealand

### About this form

Use this form if you're bringing your pet or other animal into New Zealand. This form must be completed by the owner of the animal, as a private individual.

If you are bringing an animal into New Zealand for sale, breeding, showing or on behalf of a business, please contact a customs broker so they can complete the clearance on your behalf.

### Completing this form

You can complete this form by saving a copy to your computer. Information you have filled in can be saved as you go so you don't have to complete it in one session.

You can choose to print and complete this form by hand instead. Use a blue or black ink pen and write in CAPITAL LETTERS.

### Before you start

We require the supporting documents listed below. Documents can be supplied as JPEG, PNG, PDF, or document (.doc or .docx) format. Note, we cannot accept links to drop-boxes or external drives, for example Google Drive.

#### For all requests

- Evidence of ownership/value of animal, if available  
This may be purchase receipts or invoices.
- Shipping documents  
Air Waybill (air freight), Arrival notice or Consignment Note (couriers).
- For dogs: veterinary certificates and exempting statutory declaration is required

#### If you are moving to New Zealand, either for the first time or returning

- Your passport bio-page
- Your visa or visa confirmation

#### If you are currently living in New Zealand

- Your passport bio-page or driver licence

**Q1 Personal details**

Surname

Given name(s)

Date of birth

(dd/mm/yyyy)

**Q2 Contact details**

Phone number

Email address

**Q3 Contact details in New Zealand**

This must be your contact details in New Zealand

Address

Street number

Street name

Suburb

Town/City

Region

Postcode

**Q4 Arrival of the owner of the animal into New Zealand**

Complete this section if you are:

- moving to New Zealand to live either for the first time or
- returning to New Zealand

Go to Q5 if while living in New Zealand you:

- purchased or acquired the animal from overseas or
- acquired the animal during a short trip overseas.

Passport number

Nationality

Occupation

Date of arrival into New Zealand (dd/mm/yyyy)

Country where you started this journey

Countries lived in, or visited, in the two months before arriving in New Zealand

How long have you been away from New Zealand?

- Never lived in New Zealand
- 1 to 20 months
- 21+ months

Your right to live in New Zealand

- New Zealand or Australian citizen
- New Zealand Resident or Returning Resident visa
- Australia Permanent Residence or Return Residence visa
- New Zealand Work visa for 12+ months
- Work to Residence (skilled migrant category) or Long Term Business visa
- Visitor visa that was issued for a minimum of three years
- Other, please specify

**Q5**      **Animal information**

Provide details of the animals you are bringing into New Zealand.

Type of animal and description	Quantity	Date of purchase	Price paid	Currency
Example: dog, female, black & white	1	01/01/2024	800	GBP


Total value in NZ\$

Total transport/shipping cost in NZ\$

Shipping reference number  
(air waybill, arrival notice, or consignment note)

Is the animal being brought to New Zealand temporarily?

Yes

No

If "Yes", how long is the animal going to stay in New Zealand?

### Checklist

Supporting documents required, as listed in 'Before you start'

### Declaration

By signing this form, I declare that I have read and understood all the questions contained in this form, and the information provided is true, correct and complete. I acknowledge failure to comply may constitute an offence under the Customs and Excise Act 2018 or the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Full name

Signature  
Digital signature or typed name

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

## What happens next

Return this signed and completed form, and all supporting documents, to the agency processing your clearance. This could be a customs broker/shipping agent, freight forwarder or New Zealand Customs Service ([service.delivery@customs.govt.nz](mailto:service.delivery@customs.govt.nz)).

## How Customs collects and uses your information

New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) may collect and use information for border management and border related risk management purposes under the Customs and Excise Act 2018, the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the Food Act 2014. This information will be stored on a secure joint NZCS and MPI database. For more information on how Customs uses your information, please see our [website](#). Under the Privacy Act 2020 you have the right to request access and correction of any personal information you have provided or that NZCS or MPI holds on you. You may request access and correction through any office of NZCS, or any office of MPI.