



VISA INFORMATION

All students coming to New Zealand must hold a valid visa to study at Onehunga High School.

Please ensure that either your nominated education agency (if applicable), a licensed immigration consultant, or you, yourself apply for the relevant visa as soon as you have applied to Onehunga High School/paid the fees invoice and have a receipt from us. If you plan on applying for your visa online, always ensure you use the official Immigration NZ website, and not any third-party websites - <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/>

Click here to watch a video with guidance on how to apply for a fee-paying student visa

If you are studying in NZ for up to three months, and are from a visa waiver country

NZeTA

Passport holders of some countries and territories do not have to apply for a visa before they travel to NZ but must hold an NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority). You must apply at least 72 hours before your planned travel.

If you plan to visit New Zealand for a short period, you must request an NZeTA before you travel if you:

- travel on a passport from a country on the list of visa waiver countries and territories, and
- are visiting for up to 3 months

The following are visa waiver countries and territories (as at 14/03/2025)

* certain conditions may apply to these countries. Please check the NZeTA website

Andorra	Argentina	Austria	Bahrain	Belgium	Brazil
Brunei	Bulgaria	Canada	Chile	Croatia	Cyprus
Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia *	Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Hong Kong *	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Israel
Italy	Japan	Korea, South	Kuwait	Latvia *	Liechtenstein
Lithuania *	Luxembourg	Macau *	Malaysia	Malta	Mauritius
Mexico	Monaco	Netherlands	Norway	Oman	Poland
Portugal *	Qatar	Romania	San Marino	Saudi Arabia	Seychelles
Singapore	Slovak Republic	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Taiwan *	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom *	United States of America *	Uruguay	Vatican City

If you are intending to apply for an NZeTA, please ensure you only do this through the official Immigration NZ website, as we have heard about scam websites operating. Please visit the official INZ site for more information and advice.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta>

If you are studying in NZ for up to three months, and do not come from a visa waiver country

Visitors Visa

If you are planning on studying for up to 3 months, and are not eligible to apply for an NZeTA, you may be able to enter NZ on a Visitors Visa instead. Please visit the official INZ site for more information and advice.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/visitor-visa>



If you are studying in NZ for more than three months, or are not eligible for an NZeTA or Visitors Visa

Student Visa

If you are planning on studying for more than 3 months, you will need to apply for a fee-paying student visa. You may also be able to get your visa approval in principal. This means that you can apply for a visa before you have paid your student fees to Onehunga High School. Please visit the official INZ site for more information and advice.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa>

Pathway Visa

Onehunga High School is part of Immigration New Zealand's Pathway Student Visa pilot. If you are intending to pathway to another institution either to or from Onehunga High School, you may be eligible to apply for a Pathway Visa. Please visit the official INZ site for more information and advice.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/education-quals-study/pathway-education-providers>

If you want to work part time, whilst studying on a Student Visa

Work Visa

If you plan on studying at Onehunga High School for 12 months or longer, you may ask the Director of International Students if you can apply for working rights on your student visa. Your academic progress, attendance and behaviour will be evaluated, and should this be deemed acceptable, the school will give their approval for you to apply for working rights. Except in special circumstances, you will need to wait until you have already been in New Zealand for at least three months, before the school will give their approval for anyone to obtain working rights on their visa.

What Next?

If you are planning to enter New Zealand using a NZeTA, at least two weeks before your departure, please email the International Department at international@ohs.school.nz with confirmation from Immigration NZ that your NZeTA has been approved/issued. Upon arrival to New Zealand, you will be issued with a visitors visa. Therefore, please ensure that on orientation day, you bring your passport with you, so that the International Department can confirm your visa status.

If you are unable to enter using a NZeTA, and instead plan on entering NZ on a visitors visa, you do not need to send us anything before your departure, as you will be issued with your visitors visa upon arrival. Therefore, please ensure that on orientation day, you bring your passport with you, so that the International Department can confirm your visa status.

If you plan on entering NZ using a student visa, once your visa application has been approved, you will receive an electronic copy of your student visa. Please send a copy of your visa to the International Department at international@ohs.school.nz

If we receive a copy of your visa before your arrival, it means you don't need to remember to bring it with you on your first day of school. It also means that you can be entered into Onehunga High School's database earlier than other students, and there shouldn't be any delays in processing your application once you physically arrive to school.

If upon your arrival to NZ you have not sent a copy of your Passport or Visa to Onehunga High School, you must please bring your Passport and Visa with you on your orientation day. Otherwise, we will not be able to enter you into the schools database, which may in turn mean there will be a delay in you being able to physically enter your classes.

If you have any additional questions regarding what type of visa to apply for, please ask your nominated education agency (if applicable) or seek advice from a registered Immigration Consultant.