

# STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND: PACKING TIPS



## HOW TO PACK WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE 30KGS OF LUGGAGE

If you are going to study and live in New Zealand, you may feel unsure as to what you should bring and what you will need. You can buy almost everything you need in New Zealand for a good price, so we recommend you replace/buy some items when you arrive. This is especially true of large or heavier items.

**We have categorised 'must-bring' items into the below categories:**

### TRAVEL INFORMATION, IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, AND MONEY

Besides a hard copy, you should bring a USB flash drive with the soft copies of all your documents that you may need. You can also upload them to an online storage site such as Dropbox or OneDrive.

Don't forget your Passport, Visa, ID card, Drivers licence, credit cards/traveller cheques, medical records, receipts for payment of tuition, Letter of Offer from Wintec, insurance documents in English, and any other essential documentation.

### ELECTRONICS

If you intend on bringing electronics and chargers, you will need to buy two adapters for the type I power sockets used here in New Zealand. We recommend you bring a multi-socket power strip from your own country so you don't need more than two New Zealand adapters.

### PERSONAL ITEMS AND TOILETRIES

Personal items and toiletries can easily be found in New Zealand so you will not need to bring these with you. We recommend you bring your own first-aid kit with any specific medicine and prescription medication that you may need.

### CLOTHING

Clothing is easy to find in New Zealand but being new to the country it may take you a bit of time to find exactly what you want. We recommend, after you've packed all the other gear that you need, the rest of your suitcase should be for your clothes. There are some clothes that you should not forget:

- A pair of comfortable walking shoes - you will walk a lot
- A light and water-resistant windbreaker jacket. I wore mine every day for my first three months even though it was summer in New Zealand. Thus I highly recommend you bring at least one lightweight jacket.
- A thick, warm jacket, a scarf, hat and a pair of gloves. You will definitely need these during New Zealand winter.

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

We recommend you bring a traditional dress (or formal dress) as you may well be able to wear it and introduce your culture to people in New Zealand. Some photos of your family and close friends and sentimental items can help ease any homesickness.