

# Flag and Emblem of New Zealand



Independence Day is celebrated  
on September, 26







Government type is parliamentary democracy. Administrative division is the following: 93 counties, 9 districts, and 3 town districts.

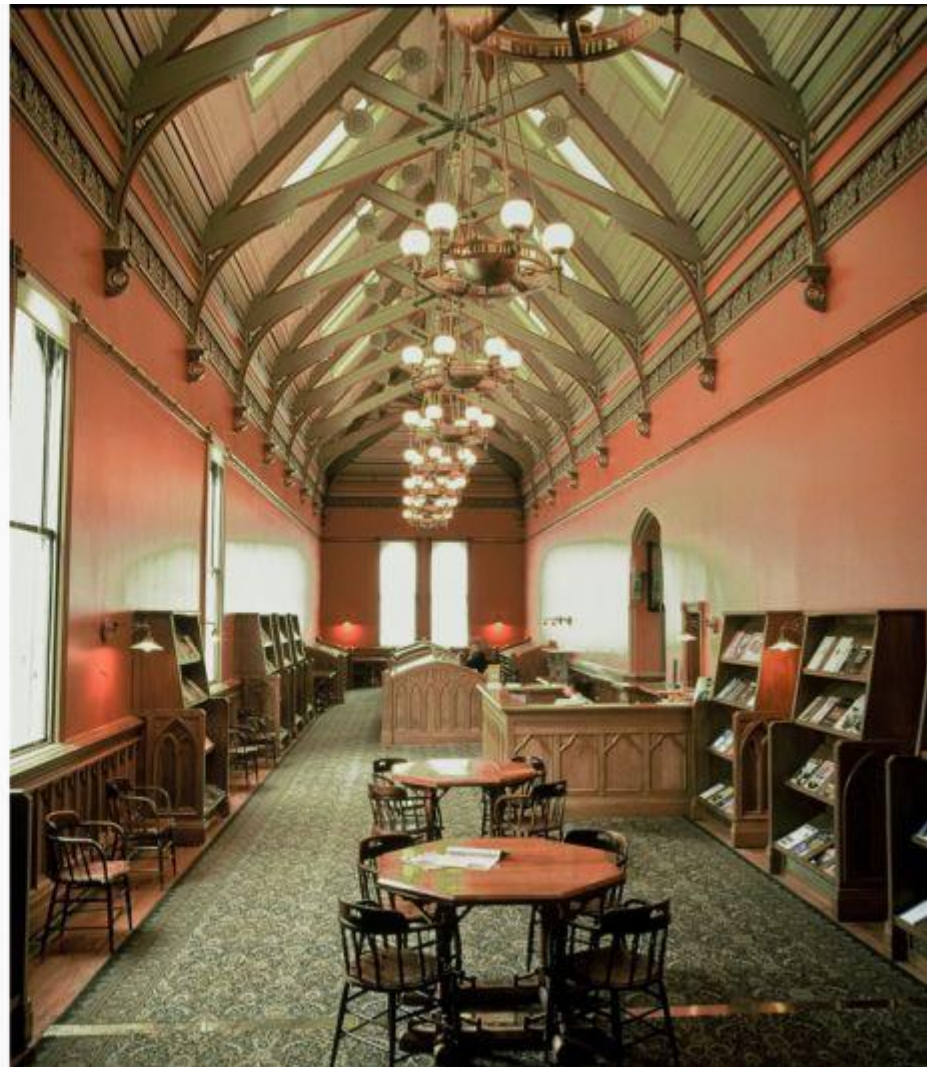






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Legal system is based on the English law, with special land legislation and land courts for Maoris.



**Since 6 February  
1952 the chief of the  
state is Queen  
Elizabeth II,  
represented by  
Governor General  
Dame Silvia  
Cartwright since 4  
April 2001.**





**Since 10 December 1999, the Head of the government is Prime Minister Helen Clark and Deputy Prime Minister James Anderton.**





**Since 1984 the government has accomplished major economic restructuring, transforming New Zealand from an agrarian economy to a more industrialized, free market economy that can compete globally.**






**New Zealand is heavily dependent on trade — particularly in agricultural products.**





A scenic landscape of a green valley. In the foreground, two white lambs stand on a lush green field. The middle ground is filled with a large flock of sheep grazing on a rolling green hillside. In the background, majestic mountains rise, their peaks partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is peaceful and pastoral.

**The main industries are mining,  
food processing, wood and paper  
products, textiles, machinery,  
transportation equipment.**



New Zealand's currency is New Zealand dollar.

