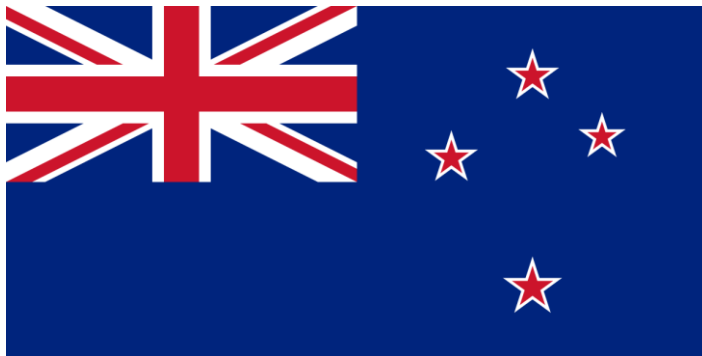


Flag of New Zealand - A Brief History



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Soon there will be a referendum to decide if there will be a new flag.

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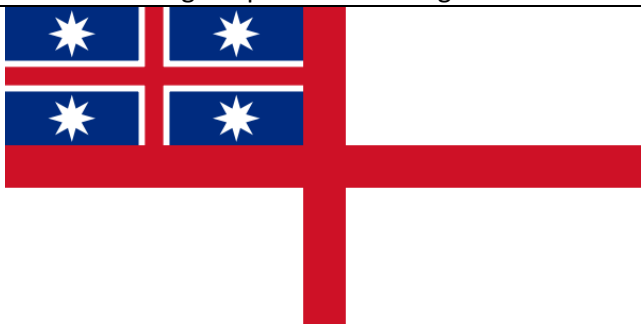
Adopted:	24 th March 1902 (Originally 1869)
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A British Blue Ensign with four white-bordered red stars of the Curx Australis.

Colours:	PMS	Blue: 280	Red: 186
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Brief History

The first flag in New Zealand was the Flag of the United Tribes adopted around 1834. This represented the Maori people's independence and for so New Zealand ships would have their own flag. The flag is a white field with a red cross similar the ST. George's Cross with a blue rectangle, white-bordered red cross and four eight-pointed stars' top left.

In 1840 the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the tribes and Great Britain to cede the country to Queen Victoria. The flag adopted was the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.





The Flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand (1834-1840)



The Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain (1840 – 1867)

A British Blue Ensign was granted in 1867, however there wasn't a badge or coat of arms awarded to the country so a simple white-bordered red "NZ" was added to the lower right portion of the flag.

In 1869 Sir George Bowen designed the new flag of New Zealand that removed the "NZ" and replaced it with a collection of white-bordered red stars in the shape of the Southern Cross. In 1902 a bill was passed to stress that the British Blue Ensign should be flown and not the United Tribes Flag.

	
<p>The Flag of New Zealand (1867-1869)</p>	<p>The Flag of New Zealand (1869 to Present Day)</p>

The Coat of Arms of New Zealand

The Coat of Arms of New Zealand was adopted in 1956.

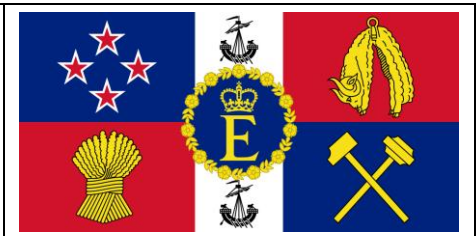
The shield is split into five sections. Top left is the Crux stars from the national flag, bottom left is wheat, the central stripe features three strips, the top right depicts a fleece and the lower portion is two hammers representing mining and industry.

Supporting the flag is a woman holding the New Zealand flag and a Maori chieftain holding a Taiata. Above is a ST Edward's crown and below is a banner stating "NEW ZEALAND".



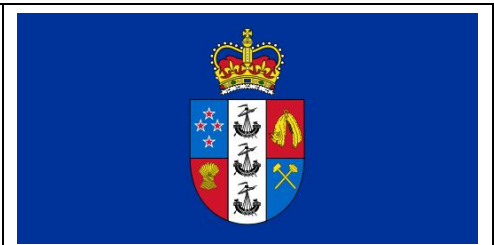
The Royal Standard of New Zealand

The Royal Standard of New Zealand is the personal flag of Queen Elizabeth II in New Zealand. It features the symbols from the shield of the arms defaced by a blue disc bearing the crowned gold letter 'E'.



The Flag of the Governor-General of New Zealand

The Flag of the Governor-General of New Zealand was adopted in 2008. It is a dark blue field with a crowned shield of the arms in the centre.



The Ensign of Royal New Zealand Navy

The Ensign of the Royal New Zealand Navy is a white field with Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain top left and four red stars in the shape of the Southern Cross.



The Civil Ensign of New Zealand

The Civil Ensign of New Zealand was adopted in 1901. It is a Red British Ensign version of the national flag with white stars in the shape of the Southern Cross



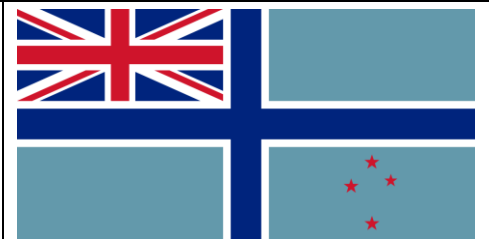
The Ensign of New Zealand Air Force

The Ensign of the New Zealand Air Force is a light blue field with the roundel of the Air Force centre right and the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain top left.



The New Zealand Civil Air Ensign

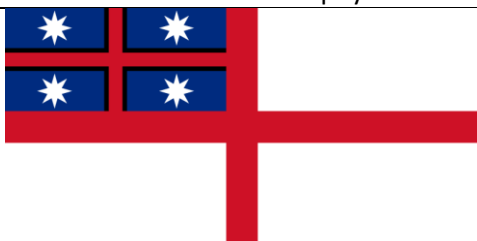
The New Zealand Civil Air Ensign was adopted in 1938. The design is a light blue field with a white-bordered dark blue cross and the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain top left.





The Flags of the Maori in New Zealand

The original design of the Flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand is currently used by Maori groups. It features a white field with a red cross and in the top left portion another red cross on a blue rectangle with four white eight-pointed stars.

The Tino Rangitiratanga flag is that of Maori Independence. It is a black-red horizontal bicolour with two white stripes spiralling together. The black represents the heavens and the realm of potential being, the red is the earth mother and the white is the physical world.

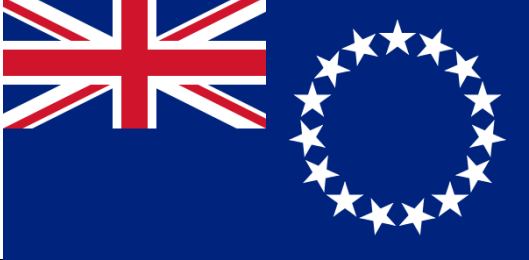



<p>The Original Design of the Flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand (1834 to Present Day)</p>	<p>The Flag of Tino Rangatiranga</p>
<p>The Flag of Kothintanga movement is a unification flag. It is a red-white-black horizontal triband with an emblem depicting two crossed clubs on a vertical spear with the text "KOTHITANGA" above.</p> <p>An example of a British Ensign Flag is a red field with the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain top left and bold text in the lower portion.</p>	
	
<p>The Flag of Kothitanga</p>	<p>A British Ensign Maori Flag</p>

The Flags of the Associated States of new Zealand

The Flag of the Cook Islands was adopted in 1979. It is a typical British Blue Ensign 15 five-pointed white stars in the shape of a circle.





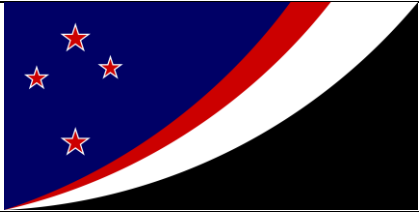

The Flag of Niue was adopted in 1975. It features a yellow field with the British national flag top left defaced by four small yellow stars on each part of the red cross and a black circle with larger yellow star in the centre.

	
<p>The Flag of the Cook Islands (1979 to Present Day)</p>	<p>The Flag of Niue (1975 to Present Day)</p>

The Proposed Flags of New Zealand

There have been various proposed flags of New Zealand throughout the years. Examples of those flags are below.

		
<p>The Koru Flag Proposed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser (1983)</p>	<p>The Flag of Tino Rangatiranga (1990)</p>	<p>The Flag Proposed by James Dignan (1998)</p>
		

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<p>The Flag Proposed by Cameron Sanders (2004)</p>	<p>The Flag Designed by Helen Clark (2007)</p>	<p>The Flag Proposed by Adam Kibbey (2009)</p>
		
<p>The Flag Proposed by James Bowman (2015)</p>	<p>The Flag Proposed by Mike Archer (2015)</p>	<p>The Flag Proposed by Mike Archer (2015)</p>