

Why study in NZ?

New Zealand is known for providing of quality education. Many New Zealand graduates have gone on to achieve international recognition in their field. Many of the international students from developing Asian nations, who have studied at New Zealand universities, have since served as senior administrators, including cabinet ministers in their own countries.

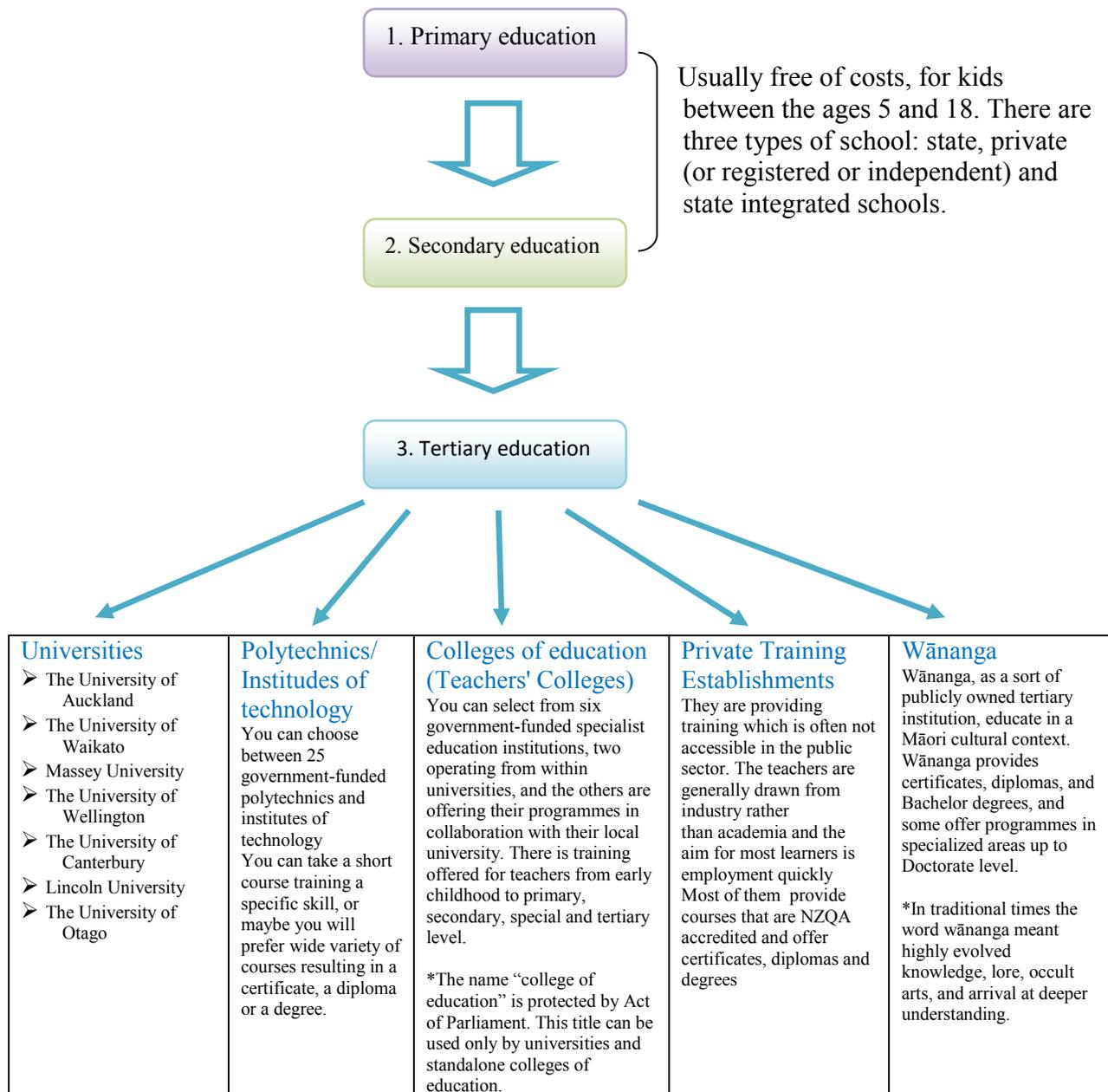
You can find there a safe learning environment with excellent study opportunities and support services for international students.

A wild variety of options is waiting for you to be discovered once you consider NZ as your study destination.

The students in New Zealand Universities are very international with students from all over the world studying and socializing. You can choose to study in the city with its shopping, restaurants, pubs and night life. Or if you prefer the slower pace, study in one of the more rural universities with its rural communities and farmland.

New Zealand as a fantastic place to study is offering:

- Variety of universities and courses which are internationally recognized
- The [Programme for International Student Assessment](#) ranks education of the New Zealand as the 7th best in the world
- New Zealand is known in international field for its excellent education standards and as a source of quality teachers
- Incredible natural environment – beautiful fauna and flora plus your never more than 30mins away from the sea
- Excellence in sport – rugby, skiing for 6months of the year
- Warm friendly people – New Zealander's are well known for making visitors welcome
- Great lifestyle – some of the world's best food and wine comes from New Zealand



Types of degrees

Bachelor's degree and honor's degree

Usually it takes 3 years for bachelor's degree. An additional year of study will lead to a honor's degree. However not every degree will follow this model (3+1): some

degrees may last for four year and be or be not awarded with honor's; for some specialist bachelor's degrees it may takes longer to complete.

Master's degree

A bachelor's degree may be followed by a Master's degree. A candidate who does not hold an honor's degree may be awarded a Master's degree with honor's: such a degree usually involves two years study, compared to one year for a Master's degree for a candidate who does have an honors degree.

Doctoral degree

A candidate who has either a Master's degree or a bachelor's degree with Honor's may proceed to a doctoral degree

Academic year

The University academic year of most universities is divided into two semesters.

Semester 1	Late February - end June
Semester 2	Early July - mid November

Almost all undergraduate degree courses must be commenced with Semester 1.

Orientation Program

Before the beginning of the academic year, the International Office of most universities runs an orientation program for international students. This program covers such things as course advice, a tour of the campus and information about living in New Zealand. The orientation program is free and provides an excellent opportunity to meet other students and make new friends. Another orientation program is run at the beginning of the second semester.

Both orientation programs offer:

- Information about the New Zealand way of life including their customs, climate and education system
- Information about the University including its student services, facilities, policies and procedures
- An opportunity to meet other international students
- Information about your rights as a student

- Information about immigration requirements and regulations

Getting visa

Everyone who comes to study in New Zealand from overseas must meet certain rules and requirements. If you are coming to New Zealand to study for **more than three months**, you will need a student visa.

If you hold a temporary visa that is valid for 24 months or more, you can study one or more courses for up to three months in total in each 12-month period.

You must apply for a student exchange visa before you travel to New Zealand. Only in very special circumstances (as determined by Immigration New Zealand) will a student exchange visa be granted if you are already in New Zealand.

Before you apply, ensure that you understand the requirements that you need to meet, and the requirements that your course must meet.

Find out how long you can stay, whether you can work while studying, who we will refuse entry to, and answers to other questions about student visas.