Personas developed for the three proposals' consultation documents

How will the proposed changes affect travellers?

International visitors to New Zealand will be affected differently by proposed changes to border fees, levies and processes. Below are some examples that illustrate what the combined changes may mean for different traveller types.

In addition to the three proposals under consultation, the examples include a decrease in the existing Border Clearance Levy rate that has already been consulted on and will come into effect on 1 July 2018. This levy recovers passenger clearance costs for the Ministry of Primary Industries and the New Zealand Customs Service.

The Immigration Fees and Levies Review is also seeking feedback on a future Border Clearance Levy option. That is not taken into account in the examples below.

Visa fees are provided in a range that reflects inclusion and exclusion of the discount applicants receive for applying online. Note that this discount is proposed to be removed.

The rate for the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy reflects the midpoint of the \$25-35 range being consulted on.

Rates include GST, where applicable.

Individual travelling on a visitor visa

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	\$151-\$170	\$190	\$20-\$39
Immigration levy	\$14	\$21	\$7
Border Clearance Levy	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$30	\$30
Combined	\$186.58 - \$205.58	\$259.73	\$54.15 - \$73.15

Family group of four travelling on visitor visas

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	\$151-\$170	\$190	\$20-\$39
Immigration levy	\$14	\$21	\$7
Border Clearance Levy	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$120	\$120
Combined	\$251.32 - \$270.32	\$405.92	\$135.60 - \$154.60

Individual from a visa waiver country

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$9	\$9
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$30	\$30
Combined	\$21.58	\$57.73	\$36.15

Family group of four from a visa waiver country

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$36	\$36
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$120	\$120
Combined	\$86.32	\$230.92	\$144.60

Individual Australian citizen

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85

Family group of four Australian citizens

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40

Individual Australian resident

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$9	\$9
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$21.58	\$27.73	\$6.15

Family group of four Australian residents

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$36	\$36
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$86.32	\$110.92	\$24.60

Individual from a visa required Pacific country travelling on a business or visitor visa

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	\$116-\$135	\$150	\$15-\$34
Immigration levy	\$14	\$21	\$7
Border Clearance Levy	\$21.58	\$18.73	-\$2.85
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$151.58 - \$170.58	\$189.73	\$19.15-\$38.15

Family group of four from a visa required Pacific country travelling on visitor visas

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	\$116-135	\$150	\$15-\$34
Immigration levy	\$14	\$21	\$7
Border Clearance Levy	\$86.32	\$74.92	-\$11.40
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Combined	\$216.32 - \$235.32	\$245.92	\$10.60 - \$29.60

Individual non-Australian traveller on a cruise vessel (arriving and departing on the same ship within 28 days)

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$26.23	\$22.82	-\$3.41
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$9	\$9
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$30	\$30
Combined	\$26.23	\$61.82	\$35.59

Family group of four non-Australian travellers on a cruise vessel (arriving and departing on the same ship within 28 days)

Charge type	Current	Proposed	Change
Visa fee	n/a	n/a	n/a
Immigration levy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Border Clearance Levy	\$104.92	\$91.28	-\$13.64
Electronic Travel Authority fee	n/a	\$36	\$36
International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy	n/a	\$120	\$120
Combined	\$104.92	\$247.28	\$142.36