A guide to New Zealand’s
Central government agencies

Public Service – By definition, the Public Service comprises the departments listed on the 1st Schedule of the State Sector Act 1988 including any departmental agencies listed on Schedule 1A of that same Act.

State Services – By definition, the State Services comprises the agencies that operate as instruments of the Crown in respect of the Government of New Zealand (i.e. the Executive Branch of Government). This includes the Public Service, most Crown entities, the Reserve Bank, a range of agencies listed on the 4th Schedule of the Public Finance Act 1989, companies listed on Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act, and a small number of departments that are not part of the Public Service.

State sector – By convention, the State sector comprises the agencies whose financial situation and performance is included in the Financial Statements of the Government of New Zealand as part of the Government reporting entity under the Public Finance Act 1989. This includes the State Services, tertiary education institutions, State-Owned Enterprises and Mixed Ownership Model companies, as well as a small number of agencies that operate as instruments of the Legislative Branch of Government.
Central government agencies, as at 1 February 2015
(Listed by legal title)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Departments
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ministry of Conservation
- Ministry of Corrections
- Crown Law Office
- Ministry for Culture and Heritage
- Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Education
- Education Review Office
- Ministry for the Environment
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Government Communications Security Bureau
- Ministry of Health
- Inland Revenue Department
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Justice
- Land Information New Zealand
- Ministry of Primary Industries
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Serious Fraud Office
- Ministry of Social Development
- State Services Commission
- Statistics New Zealand
- Ministry of Transport
- The Treasury
- Ministry of Women’s Affairs

Departmental agencies
- Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (hosted by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)

NON-PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS
- Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives
- New Zealand Defence Force
- New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
- Parliamentary Counsel Office
- Parliamentary Service

CROWN ENTITIES

Statutory Entities
Crown Agents
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- Callaghan Innovation
- Careers New Zealand
- Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand

District Health Boards (20)
- Auckland District Health Board
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board
- Canterbury District Health Board
- Capital and Coast District Health Board
- Counties Manukau District Health Board
- Hawke’s Bay District Health Board
- Hutt District Health Board
- Lakes District Health Board
- MidCentral District Health Board
- Nelson Marlborough District Health Board
- Northland District Health Board
- South Canterbury District Health Board
- Southern District Health Board
- Taumarunui District Health Board
- Tararua District Health Board
- Waikato District Health Board
- Waikato District Health Board
- Wairarapa District Health Board
- Wairarapa District Health Board
- West Coast District Health Board
- Whanganui District Health Board

Earthquake Commission
- Education New Zealand
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
- Environmental Protection Authority
- Health Promotion Agency
- Health Quality and Safety Commission
- Health Research Council of New Zealand
- Housing New Zealand Corporation
- Maritime New Zealand
- New Zealand Antarctic Institute
- New Zealand Bird Blood Service
- New Zealand Fire Service Commission
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority
- New Zealand Tourism Board
- New Zealand Trade and Enterprise
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- New Zealand Walking Access Commission
- Pharmaceutical Management Agency
- Real Estate Agents Authority
- Social Workers Registration Board
- Sport and Recreation New Zealand
- Tertiary Education Commission
- WorkSafe New Zealand

Autonomous Crown Entities (ACEs)
- Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotea
- Broadcasting Commission
- Families Commission
- Government Superannuation Fund Authority
- Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
- Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Board
- New Zealand Artificial Limb Service
- New Zealand Film Commission
- New Zealand Lotteries Commission
- New Zealand Symphony Orchestra
- New Zealand Teachers Council
- Public Trust
- Retirement Commissioner
- Standards Council
- Te Rōpū Whakapukaua Irihanga (Māori Broadcasting Funding Agency)
- Te Tauri Whiri i Te Rōpū Māori (Māori Language Commission)
- Testing Laboratory Registration Council

Independent Crown Entities (ICEs)
- Broadcasting Standards Authority
- Children’s Commissioner
- Commerce Commission
- Drug Free Sport New Zealand
- Electoral Commission
- Electricity Authority
- External Reporting Board
- Financial Markets Authority
- Health and Disability Commissioner
- Human Rights Commission
- Independent Police Conduct Authority
- Law Commission
- New Zealand Productivity Commission
- Office of Film and Literature Classification
- Privacy Commissioner
- Takeovers Panel
- Transport Accident Investigation Commission

Crown entity companies
Crown Research Institutes (CRI)
- AgResearch Limited
- Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited
- Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited
- Landcare Research New Zealand Limited
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited
- New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited
- New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research Limited, The

Other companies
- Crown Irrigation Investments Limited
- New Zealand Venture Investment Fund Limited
- Radio New Zealand Limited
- Television New Zealand Limited

Crown entity subsidiaries
- There are approx 200 Crown entity subsidiaries

School Boards of Trustees
- 2,435 approx, (including Te Aho o Te Kura Pouanamu – The Correspondence School)

Tertiary Education Institutions
Universities
- Auckland University of Technology
- Lincoln University
- Massey University
- University of Auckland
- University of Canterbury
- University of Otago
- University of Waikato
- Victoria University of Wellington

Polytechnics/Institutes of Technology
- Aoraki Polytechnic
- Bay of Plenty Polytechnic
- Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
- Eastern Institute of Technology
- Manukau Institute of Technology
- Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
- Northern Institute of Technology
- Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
- Otago Polytechnic
- Southern Institute of Technology
- Tai Poutini Polytechnic
- Unitec Institute of Technology
- Universal College of Learning
- Waikaraka Institute of Technology
- Waitakaruru Institute of Technology
- Wellington Institute of Technology
- Western Institute of Technology
- Whistere Community Polytechnic

Wananga
- Te Wananga o Aotea (Te Awamutu)
- Te Wananga o Raukawa (Otaki)
- Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi (Whakatane)

PUBLIC FINANCE ACT SCHEDULE 4 ORGANISATIONS

Fish and Game Councils
- New Zealand Fish and Game Council
- Regional Fish and Game Councils (12)

Reserves Boards (22)

Trusts
- Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust
- Asia New Zealand Foundation
- Leadership Development Centre Trust
- National Pacific Radio Trust
- Ngā Tahu Ancestral Claims Trust
- Pacific Co-operation Foundation
- Pacific Island Business Development Trust
- Te Aniki trust

Other (bodies corporate)
- Game Animal Council
- Māori Trustee, the
- New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board
- New Zealand Government Property Corporation
- Sentencing Council

Other (unincorporated)
- New Zealand Lottery Grants Board

PUBLIC FINANCE ACT SCHEDULE 4A COMPANIES

- Crown Asset Management Limited
- Crown Fibre Holdings Limited
- Education Payroll Limited
- Fairway Resolution Limited
- Health Benefits Limited
- Network for Learning Limited, The
- Research and Education Advanced Network New Zealand Limited
- Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited
- Tamaki Redevelopment Company Limited

RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

OFFICES OF PARLIAMENT
- Office of the Ombudsmen
- The Controller and Auditor-General
- The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

- Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited
- Animal Control Products Limited
- AssureQuality Limited
- Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Limited
- KiwiRail Holdings Limited
- Kordia Group Limited
- Landcorp Farming Limited
- Learning Media Limited (in liquidation)
- Meteorological Service of New Zealand Limited
- New Zealand Post Limited
- New Zealand Railways Corporation
- Quotable Value Limited
- Solid Energy New Zealand Limited
- Transpower New Zealand Limited

MIxed OWNERSHIP MODEL COMPANIES

- Genesis Energy Limited
- Meridian Energy Limited
- Mighty River Power Limited