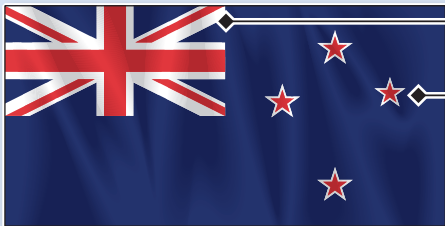


Shortlist for alternative New Zealand flag

New Zealanders will choose a possible new flag from five alternatives after the "Red Peak" design was added to the original four finalists

CURRENT FLAG

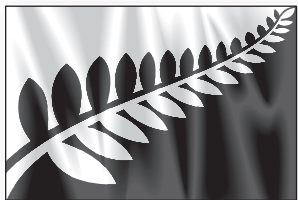
Adopted in 1902. Seen by many people as outdated and too similar to flag of Australia



Union Jack
Harks back to colonial past

Southern Cross: Star constellation of Southern Hemisphere

ALTERNATIVE FLAGS: Public will rank five designs in November referendum



Silver Fern (Black and White)
Designed by Alofi Kanter



Silver Fern (Red, White and Blue)
Kyle Lockwood



Koru (Black): *Andrew Fyfe*
Represents unfurling fern frond



Silver Fern (Black, White and Blue)
Kyle Lockwood

Red Peak

New Zealand Parliament voted to add design after 50,000 people signed online petition



Flag designer, Aaron Dustin, inspired by Maori weaving pattern and myth of land and sky, as well as current flag

April 2016: Public to vote in second referendum on whether to keep current national flag or replace it with most popular alternative design