

Cost of Living in New Zealand

One of the main reasons for students opting New Zealand as a study destination for higher education is the cost of living especially when compared to the UK and the US. The cost other than the tuition fees include daily expenses like transport, food, entertainment, cost of stationery and so on. Tertiary students should keep a budget of NZ\$20,000 a year for a modest living in New Zealand.

Approximate Cost of Living in New Zealand:

- \$100 to \$200 a week for accommodation
- \$10 to \$15 to go to the movies
- \$1.60 for a 1-stage bus fare
- \$4.45 for a Big Mac at McDonald's
- Textbooks and stationery \$500 a year
- Student ID card \$20
- Students' association membership \$30
- Photocopy cards \$100
- Bus fares \$30 to \$60 a week
- Coffee in student cafeteria \$1 to \$3 a cup
- Hot meals in cafeteria up to \$7 for a one-course meal

The following table shows the approximate cost of a student living in New Zealand:

Lunch (cafe/fast food)	\$6.00 - \$10.00
Big Mac Meal	\$9.50
2 litre Coke	\$2.00
Cappucino (cafe price)	\$3.50
Writing paper (A4 lecture page/notebook)	\$3.00 - \$5.00
Pens	\$1.00 - \$3.00
Movie ticket (student price)	\$15.00
Milk (2 litres)	\$3.50
Loaf of sliced bread	\$2.00 - \$4.00
12 eggs (1 dozen)	\$4.00