

## Overview

New Zealand is situated in the South Pacific Ocean, it is similar in size to Japan or Britain, with a land area of 268,000 square kilometers, but it has a population of 4.7million.

The largest city is Auckland which accounts for around a quarter of the country's population. The next biggest cities are Wellington and Christchurch.

New Zealand has the world's 53rd-largest national economy by nominal GDP(1) and the 41st most complex economy according to the Economic Complexity Index (ECI)(2). As at March 2017 nominal GDP was NZ\$264,777 million. Around 60% of its economic activity is made up from international trade.

The World Bank has currently ranked New Zealand number one in the world for the following categories(3) :

- Ease of Doing Business.
- Starting a Business.
- Getting Credit.
- Registering Property.

New Zealand is also ranked second in the world for Protecting Minority Investors. These high ease of doing business scores indicate the degree to which the regulatory environment is conducive to starting and operating local businesses in New Zealand.

Dentons Kensington Swan is one of New Zealand's leading commercial law firms with offices in Auckland and Wellington. Our teams collaborate to provide complete legal solutions that are tailored to each client. We are committed to providing a responsive, professional and service-centred approach.

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