

December 2018–January 2019: District Court opening hours

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District Court opening hours

All District Court locations will **close** at 3pm, Monday 24 December, unless gazetted hours allow the registry to close earlier.

District Court locations that are gazetted to **close** earlier are:

4pm, Friday 21 December at Gore

5pm, Friday 21 December at Alexandra

District Court locations will **reopen** in January 2018 on the dates listed below:

9am, Thursday 3 January

Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Gisborne, Hamilton, Hastings, Hutt Valley, Invercargill, Kaikohe, Levin, Manukau, Masterton, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, North Shore, Palmerston North, Porirua, Queenstown, Rotorua, Tauranga, Timaru, Waitakere, Wellington, Whakatane, Whanganui, Whangarei

9am, Friday 4 January

Blenheim, Greymouth

9am, Monday 7 January

Hawera, Huntly, Kaitaia, Morrinsville, Papakura, Pukekohe, Taupo, Thames

9am, Monday 14 January

Alexandra, Ashburton, Dannevirke, Gore, Taihape, Tokoroa, Wairoa, Westport

The following courts are Hearing Courts. They will **not be open** over the Christmas and New Year's period, and will resume hearings as rostered in the New Year:

Chatham Islands, Dargaville, Kaikoura, Marton, Oamaru, Opotiki, Ruatoria,
Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Waihi, Waipukurau

Urgent applications

Urgent applications to the Family Court

Urgent applications to the Family Court will be dealt with by duty judges who are available each weekday, except for the public holidays on 25–26 December and 1–2 January.

All urgent Family Court applications are required to be submitted to the registry by **2.00pm (exception 12pm on 24 December 2018)** in order for them to be processed. Any applications received after that time will be considered the following day.

The process for urgent Family Court applications will go back to normal on Monday 14 January 2019.

Mental health

Judges will be available to deal with any applications made to the Family Court for a review of a patient's condition, section 16 of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992.

Arrest courts

Arrest courts will be held over the holiday period as needed. If you have any questions about a friend or family member who has been arrested, you should contact the relevant police station.

Urgent Harmful Digital Communications Act applications

Judges will be available to deal with any urgent applications filed under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 (HDCA) on 27, 28, and 31 December.

Contact

If you have any questions, call 0800 COURTS (0800 268 787).

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Table of Opening/Closing dates by court location

Note: * Hearing Courts will **not be open** over the Christmas and New Year's period, and will resume hearings as rostered in the New Year:

Location	Close time/Date	Reopening in January 2019
Alexandra	5pm, Friday 21 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Ashburton	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Auckland	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Blenheim	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Friday 4 January
Chatham Islands	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Christchurch	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Dannevirke	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Dargaville	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Dunedin	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Gisborne	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Gore	4pm, Friday 21 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Greymouth	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Friday 4 January
Hamilton	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Hastings	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Hawera	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Huntly	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Hutt Valley	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Invercargill	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Kaikohe	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Kaikoura	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Kaitia	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Levin	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Manukau	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Marton	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Masterton	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Morrinsville	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Napier	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Nelson	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
New Plymouth	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
North Shore	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Oamaru	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Opotiki	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Palmerston North	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Papakura	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Porirua	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Pukekohe	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Queenstown	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Rotorua	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Ruatoria	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Taihape	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January

Taumarunui	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Taupo	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Tauranga	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Te Awamutu	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Te Kuiti	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Thames	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 7 January
Timaru	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Tokoroa	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Waihi	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Waipukurau	5pm, Monday 24 December	* Hearing Court
Wairoa	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Waitakere	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Wellington	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Westport	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Monday 14 January
Whakatane	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Whanganui	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January
Whangarei	3pm, Monday 24 December	9am, Thursday 3 January

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