

December 2017–January 2018: District Court opening hours

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District Court opening hours

All District Court locations will **close** at 5pm, Friday 22 December, unless gazetted hours allow the registry to close earlier.

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

3pm, Friday 22 December at Taihape and Taumarunui

4pm, Friday 22 December at Ashburton, Dannevirke, Gore, Morrinsville, and Westport

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

9am, Wednesday 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, Waitakere, Wellington, Whakatane, Whanganui, Whangarei

9am, Thursday 4 January

Blenheim, Greymouth, Timaru

9am, Monday 8 January

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

9am, Monday 15 January

Alexandra, Ashburton, 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

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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.

Any applications received by the court before 2:00pm will be dealt with on the same day. Applications received after 2:00pm will be dealt with on the next working day.

The process for urgent Family Court applications will go back to normal on Monday 8 January 2018.

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 29 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 2018
Alexandra	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Ashburton	4pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Auckland	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Blenheim	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Thursday 4 January
Chatham Islands	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Christchurch	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Dannevirke	4pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Dargaville	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Dunedin	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Gisborne	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Gore	4pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Greymouth	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Thursday 4 January
Hamilton	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Hastings	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Hawera	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Huntly	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Hutt Valley	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Invercargill	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Kaikohe	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Kaikoura	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Kaitaia	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Levin	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Manukau	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Marton	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Masterton	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Morrinsville	4pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Napier	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Nelson	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
New Plymouth	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
North Shore	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Oamaru	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Opotiki	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Palmerston North	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Papakura	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Porirua	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Pukekohe	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Queenstown	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Rotorua	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Ruatoria	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Taihape	3pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January

Taumarunui	3pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Taupo	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Tauranga	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Te Awamutu	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Te Kuiti	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Thames	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 8 January
Timaru	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Thursday 4 January
Tokoroa	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Waihi	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Waipukurau	5pm, Friday 22 December	* Hearing Court
Wairoa	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Waitakere	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Wellington	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Westport	4pm , Friday 22 December	9am, Monday 15 January
Whakatane	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Whanganui	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January
Whangarei	5pm, Friday 22 December	9am, Wednesday 3 January

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