

Table of Official Salaries — New Zealand Parliament

Statutory Authorities		Civil List Act 1920, etc.			Civil List Act 1950 and Amendments				
Office	Emolument	Date this Amount Fixed	1939-40	1947-48	1950 Act	R. 1951/241 (1951-52)	R. 1955/147 (1955-56)	R. 1959/163 (1959-60)	R. 1961/133 (1961-62)
Gov.-General	Salary*	1873 ¹	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£6,500	£7,500 ³
	Allowance*	1920 ²	£2,500	£5,000	(£5,000)	(£5,000)	(£5,000)	(£5,000)	(£5,500) ⁴
	Extra allce.*	1926	£4,891	£3,469	£8,405	£9,942	£10,495	£11,424	£11,869
Prime Minister	Salary ⁵	1935	£1,554	£1,800	£1,800	£3,000	£3,750	£4,250	£4,750
	Allowance*	1951	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	£1,000	£1,500	£1,500	£1,600
Deputy P.M.	Salary	1961	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	£3,350
	Allowance*	1961	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	£600
Ministers	Salary ⁵	1935	£1,010	£841 ⁸	£1,170	£2,000	£2,500	£2,800	£3,150
	Allowance*	1951	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	£450	£550	£450	£550
Min. Ext. Aff.	Allowance*	1951	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	Nil ⁶	£600 ⁷	£715	£615	£730
Min. w/o port.	Salary	1935 ⁹	£853	£990	£1,000	£1,650	£2,000	£2,200	£2,500
	Allowance*	1951	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	£450	£450	£350	£450
Parlt. U. Secs.	Salary	1936	£600	£800	£900	£1,250	£1,500	£1,700	£2,250
	Allowance*	1936	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	(As Min.)	£350	£400	£400	£450
Mins./P.U. Secs.	Trav. allce.*	1916 ¹⁵	£2 2s. p.d.	£2 2s. p.d.	£3 3s. p.d.	£3 3s. p.d.	£3 3s. p.d.	£4 4s. p.d.	£4 4s. p.d.
	House allce.*	1887	£200	£200	£300	£300	£300	£300	£300
Speaker, House of Reprs.	Salary	1935	£800	£1,000	£1,000	£1,600	£1,950	£2,400	£2,700
	Allowance*	1927	£100 ¹¹	£100	£200	£500	£600	£600	£675
Ch. Cttees., Hse. of Reprs.	Salary	1935	£617	£750	£750	£1,300	£1,575	£1,825	£2,100
Ldr. of Opp.	Allowance*	1944	(As M.P.)	150	£150 ¹¹	£350	£500	£500	£100
	Salary	1951	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	£1,600	£1,950	£2,200	£2,600
	Allowance*	1933	£160	£160	£200	£400	£490	£490	£550 ¹²
	Trav. allce.*	1951	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	£150	£215	£215	£215
Deputy Ldr. of Opp.	Salary	1961	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	£1,700
	Allowance*	..	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	See elect. & sess. rate
Chief Whips (both parties)	Salary	1959	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	£1,450	£1,625
	Allowance*	..	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)
Junior Whips (both parties)	Salary	1959	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	£1,430	£1,600
	Allowance*	..	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)	(As M.P.)
Member's allowance* ¹⁷	Salary	1935	£411	£500	£500	£900	£1,100	£1,400	£1,550 ¹³
	Wholly urban	1951				£400 ¹⁴	£440 ¹⁴	£440 ¹⁴	£370
	Substant. urban	1951				£475	£465	£465	£390
	Urban rural	1951				£522 10s.	£522 10s.	£450	
	Rural	1951			£250	£550	£605	£605	£550
	S. Maori	1955			£2 ¹⁵		£705	£705	£675
	Other Maori	1955					£655	£655	£600
	Sessional	1961			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	£2 10s. p.d. ¹⁶

* These are not taxable.

¹ May not be diminished during term of office.

² Also entitled to free travelling, full diplomatic privileges, exemption from all fiscal duties, free tenure of Government House, transport to and from New Zealand at beginning and end of term for himself, family, staff, and chattels.

³ Begins on day the Governor-General assumes office or embarks to assume office and ceases when he vacates office. He is then paid the equivalent of three months' salary and allowances. These privileges do not extend to New Zealanders working at Government House. The Administrator, if he holds an office of State concurrently with the vice-regal office, received half of the salary of both offices and a proportion of the Governor's allowances if necessary.

⁴ Included in "extra allowances" figure since 1950. The sum is for salaries of staff Governor-General brings from England.

⁵ Ministers may hold more than one portfolio but draw only one salary.

⁶ Drew allowances as members of Parliament.

⁷ A special entertainment allowance.

⁸ Two more ministers added without increase in the combined salaries.

⁹ For one Maori member of Executive Council without portfolio - if two were appointed the salary was halved.

¹⁰ Member of the Legislative Council, minister without portfolio received no extra salary but drew ministerial house allowance.

¹¹ Speaker has free tenure of flat in Parliament House; Chairman has bed-sittingroom during session.

¹² Private Secretary and office staff provided by Government. In addition he receives £300 p.a. as a car allowance.

¹³ The Civil List Amendment 1961 provides that the salary of a member of Parliament who is defeated in a general election continues until the end of the month following the election day.

¹⁴ Classification of electorates varied in these regulations. Wellington and Hutt Valley electorates carrying lesser allowances than others. This allowance consists of a basic amount for all members, together with a further amount determined according to classification accorded to a member's electorate. For the purposes of this table these two amounts are shown as a lump sum.

¹⁵ Only for the first and last days of session. The Speaker, Chairman of Committees, Whips, Leader, and Deputy Leader all get this. Ministers' daily travelling allowances are paid whenever they travel about New Zealand on public business. In both cases the Government also pays fares. Members of Parliament do not receive this allowance in respect to trips made during session, although the Government pays their fares.

¹⁶ These salaries and allowances are by permanent appropriation from the Consolidated Fund. They are payable on the last day of every month. The sessional allowance paid to members of Parliament is a lump sum paid at the end of each session.

¹⁷ In addition to the allowances set forth here, members are entitled to the following special perquisites: membership of Parliamentary Superannuation Fund; £5 postage stamps per month; one free residential telephone; quarter-rate charges for toll calls; and special rates for telegrams (6d. for the first 36 words, and 1d. for each four words above that, with 9d. more for urgent telegrams). During the session members are entitled to certain franking privileges in dispatching letters and papers from the Bills Office of the House of Representatives. Members' wives receive free rail, road-rail ferry, and inter-island steamer ferry tickets for a limited number of journeys each year between Wellington and airports in their husbands' electorates. (The member's privilege, in this latter respect, is unlimited.) The unmarried members of a member of Parliament's family are entitled to half-rate rail travel to enable them to visit Wellington during the session.