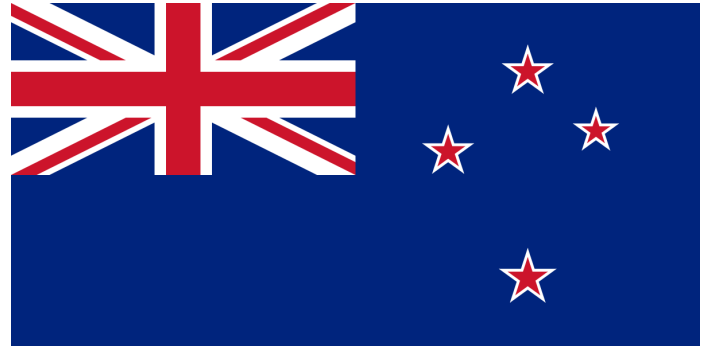


# NZ Flag Knowledge

## Aim

- \* Understand the history of New Zealand's flag
- \* Understand the components of the flag
- \* Understand why flags are important and need to be respected



## Exploring

### What does the word "flag" mean?

Flag was first used in the sixteenth century and soon became the name for many such banners, ensigns and standards. The word "flag" appears to have derived from the Saxon or Germanic word "flakken" or "fleogan", meaning to fly or float in the wind.

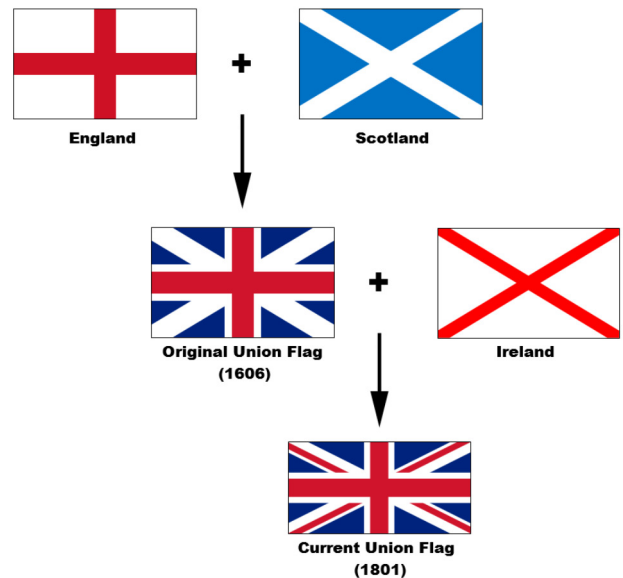
### How did we get our flag?

The New Zealand ensign is our national flag. Before the New Zealand ensign was adopted as our national flag in 1902, we had as many as 1500 different flags flown on New Zealand shores. The first flag to be flown here was the Dutch East India Company flag, brought here by Abel Tasman in December 1642. Then Captain Cook visited New Zealand in 1769 and he flew the Union Jack. At this time, the Union Jack only had two crosses, that of England (the cross of St. George) and that of Scotland (the cross of St. Andrew). The Union Jack as it looks today was not adopted until 1801 when the cross of St. Patrick (Ireland) was added.

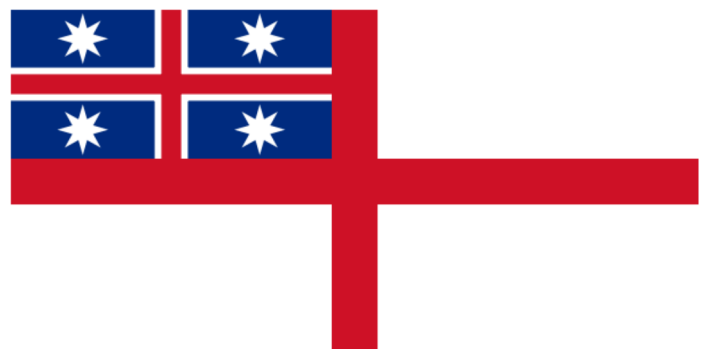
### The Union Jack

The New Zealand flag has the Union Jack in the top left hand corner. This means that we are united with Great Britain and all the other countries of the British Commonwealth. The Union Jack consists of three crosses, being the three flags of the three former kingdoms: England, Scotland and Ireland.

### How the Union Jack is made up



### New Zealand's First Flags

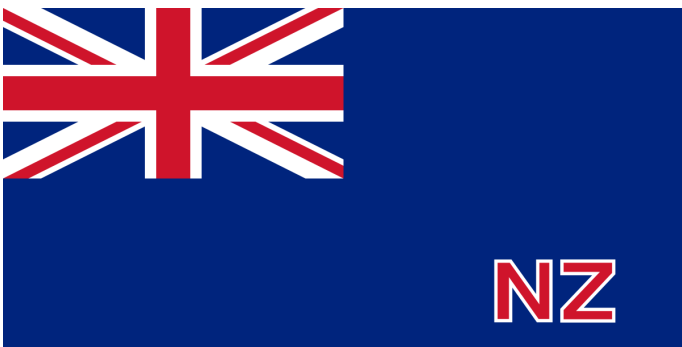


First flag in 1834: known as The Flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand

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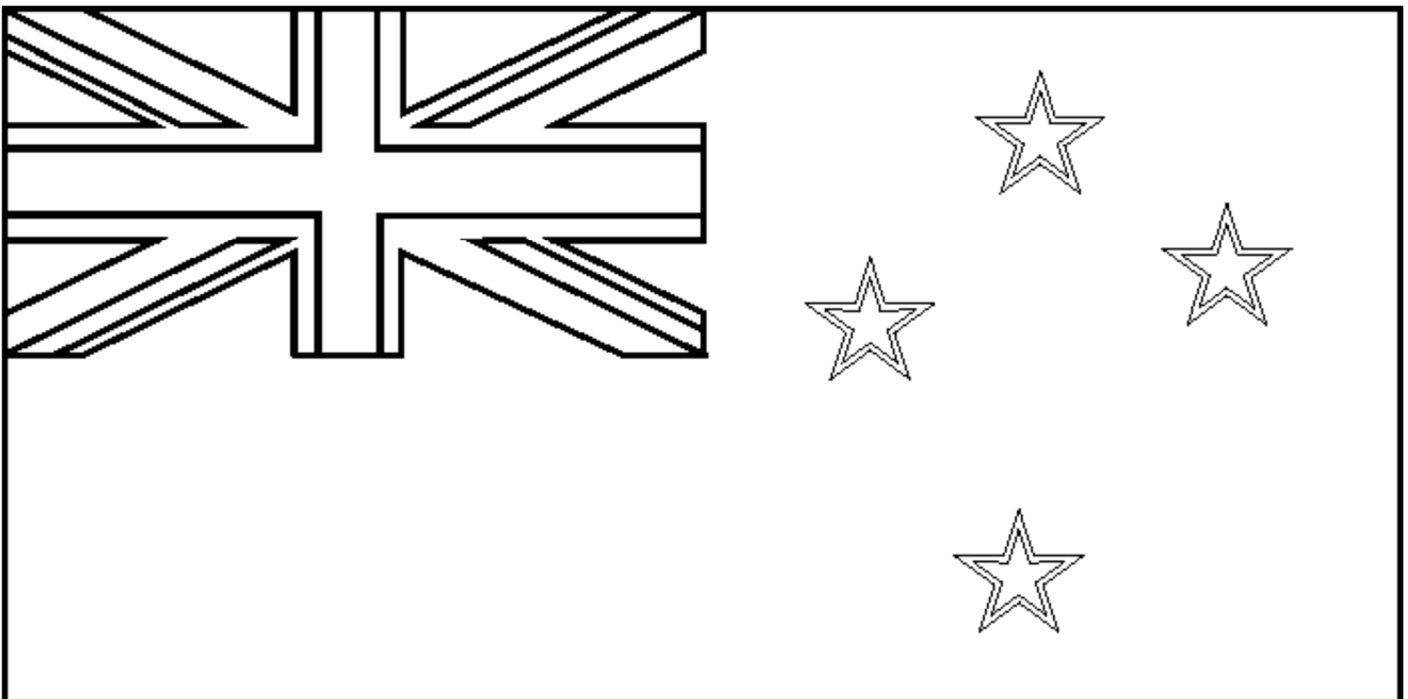
The first official flag of 1840 - 1902: the Union Jack



"NZ" Blue Ensign: 1867 - 1869

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Colour in the flag below (correctly)

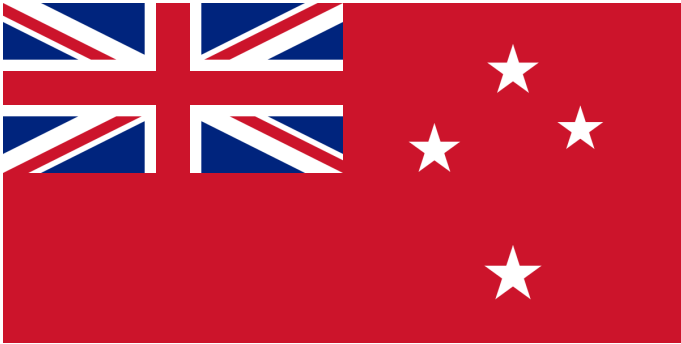


## The New Zealand Ensign

The New Zealand ensign is our national flag. After many years of having different flags flown by all the Māori tribes, and different flags again being flown by missionaries, and yet again, different flags flown by various shipping companies, our Government decided it was time New Zealand had "a distinctive flag of the colony." In 1902 the flag as we know it today was adopted by Parliament. It has the Union Jack in the top left hand corner, and on a navy blue background it has the four stars of the Southern Cross. These stars are red with a white edge. The Union Jack takes up exactly 1/4 of the flag and the blue background is the other 3/4.

# NZ Flag Knowledge

Can you label each of these flags?



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## Other Flags:

Meanings of flags are important. What do the parts of this flag stand for?



The Tino Rangatiratanga flag

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# NZ Flag Knowledge

## NZ Flag Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the correct title for our national flag?  
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2. What year was the NZ flag officially adopted as our national flag?  
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3. What does it mean that the Union Jack is on our flag?  
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4. Where is the Union Jack situated on the NZ flag?  
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5. The Union Jack takes up how much of the flag?  
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6. What are the three colours of the NZ flag?  
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7. When is a flag flown at half mast?  
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8. What should never happen to a flag?  
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9. When may a flag be used as a drape?  
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10. What is the name of the collection of stars shown on our flag?  
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11. Name the three kingdoms represented in the Union Jack:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which flag may be flown above the national flag?  
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13. During which hours should a flag only be flown?  
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14. Should I stand up for flag raising?  
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# NZ Flag Knowledge

## NZ Flag Knowledge Quiz Counsellors Answers Page

1. What is the correct name for our national flag?  
**Blue Ensign**
2. What year was the NZ flag officially adopted as our national flag?  
**1902**
3. What does it mean that the Union Jack is on our flag?  
**We are united with Great Britain and all other countries of the British Commonwealth**
4. Where is the Union Jack situated on the NZ flag?  
**Top left hand corner**
5. The Union Jack takes up how much of the flag?  
**Exactly 1/4 of the flag**
6. What are the three colours of the NZ flag?  
**Red, white and blue**
7. When is a flag flown at half mast?  
**When someone important dies**
8. What should never happen to a flag?  
**A flag should NEVER drag on the floor**
9. When may a flag be used as a drape?  
**Only on a casket of the dead or in an unveiling of a monument**
10. What is the name of the collection of stars shown on our flag?  
**Four stars of the Southern Cross (two pointer stars are missing)**
11. Name the three kingdoms represented in the Union Jack:
  - a. **England: cross of St. George**
  - b. **Scotland: cross of St. Andrew**
  - c. **Ireland: cross of St. Patrick**
12. Which flag may be flown above the national flag?  
**No flag is ever flown above the national flag**
13. During which hours should a flag only be flown?  
**Officially the flag is flown only in daylight hours with the exception of ships at sea. Raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset.**
14. Should I stand up for flag raising?  
**Yes - men and ladies**

### Helpful Resources:

- <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/flags-of-new-zealand>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_of\\_New\\_Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_New_Zealand)
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