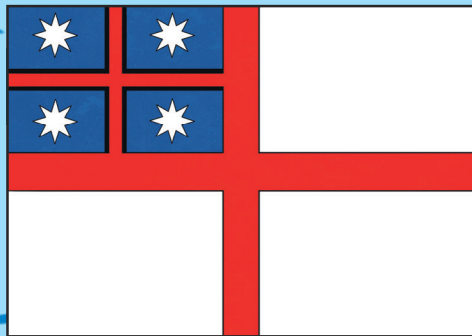


# The Flags of New Zealand



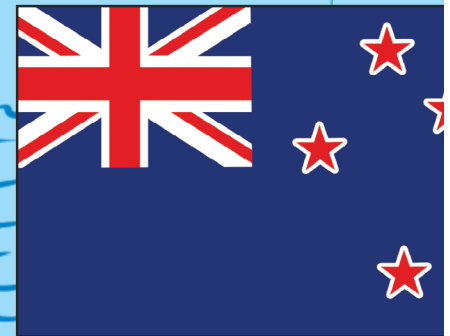
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Te Kara Flag  
(United Tribes)



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The Union Flag



The New Zealand Ensign

The Union Flag became the second official flag for New Zealand after the signing of The Treaty of Waitangi, replacing Te Kara. The Union Flag is the national flag for the United Kingdom and combines the three national flags within the United Kingdom. The red St. George's cross represents England. The white diagonal St. Andrew's saltire (cross) represents Scotland and the red diagonal St. Patrick's cross represents Ireland.

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James Busby called a hui for Māori chiefs to choose a New Zealand flag. Ships sailing to trade in Australia needed a flag to identify ownership and nationality. Te Kara was chosen by vote.

The United Tribes flag incorporates the red St. George's cross from the flag of England. A smaller St. George's cross sits in the top left quarter with a blue background. Four eight point white stars sit in each quarter of the smaller cross.

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Ensign

Tino Rangatiratanga was first designed in 1990 but was not recognised as an official national Māori flag until December 2009. It is flown alongside the New Zealand Ensign on significant national days to represent the relationship between the Crown and Māori that was created in the signing of The Treaty of Waitangi. It was first flown on the Auckland Harbour Bridge and other national sites on Waitangi Day, 6th February 2010.

Tino Rangatiratanga is translated as self-determination, sovereignty and Māori independence. The flag is often flown during gatherings and hikoī to support Māori.

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In 1865 all naval ships were required to fly the Blue Ensign (a small Union Jack in the top left corner) with a badge of its country. After a number of changes, the final design had four white stars in the canton of the Southern Cross constellation.

The New Zealand Ensign Flag officially replaced the Blue Ensign in 1902 and is currently the official flag of New Zealand.



1990

**Tino Rangatiratanga Flag**  
(The National Māori Flag)