

DISTRICT COURT HOURS — DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

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Most courts and tribunals will be closed during the holiday period. All courts and tribunals will be open on Monday 10 January 2022, with some opening from Wednesday 5 January 2022.

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

District Court Operating Hours 2021/2022

District Court

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

Close: 3pm, Friday 24 December 2021

Open: 9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022

Alexandra, Ashburton, Dannevirke, Gore, Hawera, Huntly, Kaikohe, Kaitaia, Morrinsville, Taihape, Taumarunui, Taupo, Thames, Tokoroa, Wairoa, Westport

Close: 3pm, Friday 24 December 2021

Open: 9am, Monday 10 January 202 (unless gazetted otherwise)

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

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

Urgent applications to the Family Court

Family Courts will provide a national service for urgent applications over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Urgent applications will all be dealt with via the National eDuty platform. Court staff and duty judges have been allocated to deal with applications on the following days:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20 Dec 2021	21 Dec 2021	22 Dec 2021	23 Dec 2021	24 Dec 2021
				- Applications close 12:00pm - All Registries close 3:00pm
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 Dec 2021	28 Dec 2021	29 Dec 2021	30 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2021
		- Applications close 2:00pm	- Applications close 2:00pm	- Applications close 2:00pm
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Jan 2022	4 Jan 2022	5 Jan 2022	6 Jan 2022	7 Jan 2022
		- Larger Courts reopen 9:00am - Applications close 2:00pm	- Applications close 2:00pm	- Applications close 2:00pm

	National eDuty service available
	Closed for observed statutory holiday

All urgent Family Court applications are required to be submitted to the registry by **2.00pm (exception 12pm on 24 Dec)** on the days above 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 10 January 2022.

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.

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Arrest courts

Any persons arrested over this period will be brought to the nearest available court for the initial appearance before a judge, Community Magistrate or Justice of the Peace. "Arrested" includes those arrested on new charges, on warrant or for breach of bail.

If bail is sought and it is not within jurisdiction of the judicial officer presiding at the first appearance, then any remand in custody (unless there is consent otherwise) must be adjourned to the next working day. This will allow the bail application to be dealt with via AVL from the prison (or police station) to the nearest, or most convenient, court where a judge is rostered to sit.

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Electronically Monitored Bail applications

The following provides for the time frames for filing and processing of Electronically Monitored (EM) Bail applications prior to and after the Christmas break. The Department of Corrections EM Bail Team have confirmed the dates for the filing and processing of EM Bail applications as follows:

	2021		2022		
	Applications Close	Last Hearing	Existing applications First Hearing	New Applications Close for First Hearing	New Applications First Hearing
Adult	3 Dec 2021 5:00pm	20 Dec 2021	19 Jan 2022	5 Jan 2022 5:00pm	19 Jan 2022
Youth	10 Dec 2021 5:00pm	20 Dec 2021	12 Jan 2022	5 Jan 2022 5:00pm	12 Jan 2022

2021 Application close off and last hearing date

Applications for hearing in the 2021 calendar year will need to be received by the EM Bail Team no later than 5:00pm Friday 3 December 2021 for adult applications and 5:00pm Friday 10 December 2021 for youth applications. The final date for EM Bail applications to be heard in 2021 will be Monday 20 December 2021.

2021 Applications adjourned for the New Year

The first date for hearings of any existing EM Bail applications adjourned from 2021 into the New Year will be from Wednesday 19 January 2022. Please ensure the EM Bail Team is advised of any such adjournments over the holiday period so arrangements can be made for potential installations of equipment as early as possible.

2022 Applications and first hearing dates

The first hearing date for new adult applications filed in the New Year will be from Wednesday 19 January 2022 and Wednesday 12 January 2022 for new youth applications. Applications for hearing on these dates will need to be received by the EM Bail Team by 5:00pm Wednesday 5 January 2022 (including the applications received after 3 and 10

December 2021). If there are any queries regarding the above time frames, please don't hesitate to contact the Electronically Monitored Bail Team, on 0800EMBAIL or embail@corrections.govt.nz

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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).

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 2022
Alexandra	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Ashburton	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Auckland	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Blenheim	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Chatham Islands	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Christchurch	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Dannevirke	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Dargaville	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Dunedin	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Gisborne	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Gore	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Greymouth	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Hamilton	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Hastings	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Hawera	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Huntly	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Hutt Valley	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Invercargill	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Kaikohe	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Kaikoura	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Kaitiaia	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)

Levin	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Manukau	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Marton	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Masterton	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Morrinsville	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Napier	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Nelson	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
New Plymouth	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
North Shore	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Oamaru	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Opotiki	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Palmerston North	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Papakura	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Porirua	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Pukekohe	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Queenstown	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Rotorua	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Ruatoria	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Taihape	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Taumarunui	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Taupo	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Tauranga	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Te Awamutu	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Te Kuiti	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Thames	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Timaru	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Tokoroa	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Waihi	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Waipukurau	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	*
Wairoa	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Waitakere	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Wellington	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Westport	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Monday 10 January 2022 (unless gazetted otherwise)
Whakatane	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Whanganui	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022
Whangarei	3pm, Friday 24 December 2021	9am, Wednesday 5 January 2022

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