

Sixteen red-and-blue stripes extend the full length of the design, symbolising the official regions of New Zealand proper. In the hoist, a ring of sixteen white stars further reflects New Zealand's official regions. The ring of star surrounds a silver fern frond on a blue field. The fern is angled with its tip towards the top hoist edge, allowing it to appear as a vertical frond on a purposefully draped flag. The traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross graces the fly to complete the design. In any wind conditions, both the silver fern frond and the unique red-and-blue stripes will help to make the identification of this flag an easy affair.