

Leaving no doubt as to the nation represented, this flag design features a silver fern frond spanning the full height of the hoist, accompanied by a diamond-shaped cluster of sixteen red-white-and-blue Escheresque blocks, representing the official regions of New Zealand proper. In the fly, sixteen red-and-blue stripes further symbolise New Zealand's official regions. The stripes are overlaid with the traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross, completing the design. The silver fern frond will be at least partially visible in windless conditions, and ceremonial versions of the flag can be purposefully draped to display it more fully.