

From 1 July 2021, we're no longer accepting foreign cheques.

How else can you receive overseas payments?



International payments

You can receive international payments (also known as telegraphic transfers or international wire transfers) straight to your BNZ account. Once a payment is received by BNZ, we credit your account as cleared funds. This means you can access the funds instantly without having to visit your local branch, wait for your cheque to be cleared, or worry about your cheque being dishonoured at a later date. You can find out more at bnz.co.nz/paymentstonz



Overseas pension or benefit payments

If you're receiving overseas government-issued pension or benefit payments by cheque, there are ways to receive these payments electronically for some countries. For more information, visit workandincome.govt.nz and search for 'Payment options for overseas pensions'.

If you're receiving pension or benefit payments from the United States or Canada, international direct deposits are available. Contact us to see how we can help you get set up.

For pension or benefit payments issued by a private agency, you can ask the agency to start making international payments to your account.

Visit bnz.co.nz/cheques or talk to us today