

Inland Revenue Timeline			
Year	Event – New Zealand	Category	Inland Revenue
1950s	1950 NZ population: 1,927,700		
1951	Waterfront strike	People and communities	
1952	Yvette Williams first NZ Olympic female gold (long jump)	Sports	Inland Revenue established
1953	Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park established	Environment	
1953	Sir Edmund Hillary climbs Mt Everest	Sports	
1953	Tangiwai train disaster	People and communities	
1957	Court of Appeal established	Political	
1958			PAYE and provisional tax introduced
1959	Auckland Harbour Bridge opened	Technology	
1960s	1960 NZ population: 2,371,999		
1960	First television broadcast	Technology	Government service equal pay
1961	Death penalty abolished	Political	
1961	First national Waitangi Day celebrated	People and communities	
1961	NZ joins International Monetary Fund	Economic	
1963	Bob Charles wins British Open	Sports	
1964	The Beatles visit	Culture	
1965	Free Trade Agreement	Economic	
1967	Decimal currency introduced	Economic	
1968	Wahine disaster	People and communities	First woman to be trained as a tax inspector
1969	Blood/alcohol limits for drivers introduced	Culture	
1970s	1970 NZ population: 2,820,000		
1972	Equal Pay Act	Political	
1973	Colour TV	Technology	
1974	Eddie Durie – first Māori judge	People and communities	IRD numbers introduced
1975	Waitangi Tribunal established	Political	
1976	NZ adopts metric system	Technology	
1976	First McDonald's opens (in Porirua)	People and communities	
1977	412 "boat people" resettled in NZ	People and communities	
1978	Bastion Point protest	People and communities	
1979	Erebus disaster	People and communities	
1979	Car-less days	Political	
1980s	1980 NZ population: 3,113,000		
1981	"Goodnight Kiwi" starts	Culture	
1981	Springbok Tour	Sports	
1982	"The Warehouse" first opens in Auckland	People and communities	
1983	NZ and Australia sign CER	Economic	
1984	EFTPOS introduced	Technology	
1985	Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior	Political	
1985	NZ wins inaugural World Games netball tournament	Sports	
1986			GST introduced at 10%
1987	Nuclear-free legislation	Political	
1987	LOTTO	People and communities	
1987	Te Reo Māori becomes an official language	People and communities	
1987	All Blacks win the first Rugby World Cup	Sports	
1988	First commercial bungee in Queenstown	Sports	
1990s	1990 NZ population: 3,448,000		
1990			Automated telephone service introduced
1992	"Shortland Street" begins	Culture	Student loan scheme launched
1993	MMP	Political	
1995	New Zealand wins America's Cup	Sports	
1995	Cave Creek disaster	People and communities	
1995	Online shopping and banking introduced	Technology	

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1998	Te Papa opens	Culture	
1999	Green Party in Parliament for the first time	Political	
1999	Filming begins on “The Lord of the Rings”	Culture	
1999	“Trade Me” is launched	Technology	Call centres started
2000s	2000 NZ population: 3,857,800		
2000	New Zealand wins America’s Cup	Sports	IR5s removed and PTS introduced
2001	Sir Peter Blake killed	People and communities	
2002	NZ ratifies Kyoto Protocol	Environment	Online GST returns available
2003	Detainment of Algerian terrorist suspect Ahmed Zaoui	Political	
2003	Workplace ban on smoking	People and communities	
2004	Supreme Court established	Political	
2004	Foreshore and Seabed Act	Political	Working for Families introduced
2006	Māori Queen Dame Te Atairangikaahu dies	People and communities	KiwiSaver introduced, student loans amnesty
2007	Terrorism Suppression Act	Political	
2008	Sir Edmund Hillary dies	People and communities	
2009	All Whites qualify for the Soccer World Cup	Sports	
2009	Helen Clark becomes Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme	People and communities	Student loan voluntary repayment bonus starts
2010s	2010 NZ population: 4,411,174		
2010	Canterbury earthquake – magnitude 7.1	Environment	IR’s first Facebook page – Canterbury earthquake
2010	Auckland Super City formed	Political	GST increased to 15%
2010	Black Ferns win fourth consecutive world title	Sports	
2010	Government consultation on child support reform “Supporting children”	Political	Student loan overseas-based borrower interventions start
2010	Pike River Mine disaster	People and communities	IR launches online Government consultation “Making tax easier”
2011	Second Canterbury earthquake – magnitude 6.3	Environment	
2011	All Blacks win Rugby World Cup	Sports	Voice ID service launched
2011	Rena oil spill	Environment	
2012	Sir Paul Callaghan dies	People and communities	
2012	Better Public Services programme launched	Political	System changes to student loan scheme
2012	Same-sex marriage is legalised	People and communities	IR starts Twitter account
2013	Entire North Island declared a drought zone	Environment	Student loan repayment bonus repealed
2013	Valerie Adams wins fourth world championship gold	Sports	
2013	Government consultation on sharing Inland Revenue’s information “Targeting serious crime”	Political	Business Transformation business case released
2013	Eleanor Catton wins Man Booker Prize	People and communities	
2014	Lorde wins two Grammy Awards for her single “Royals”	People and communities	IR releases mobile app
2015	Government consultation on tax administration “Making tax simpler”	Political	New child support formula starts
2015	Lydia Ko becomes No. 1 ranked woman professional golfer	Sports	IR selects partner for new tax system