



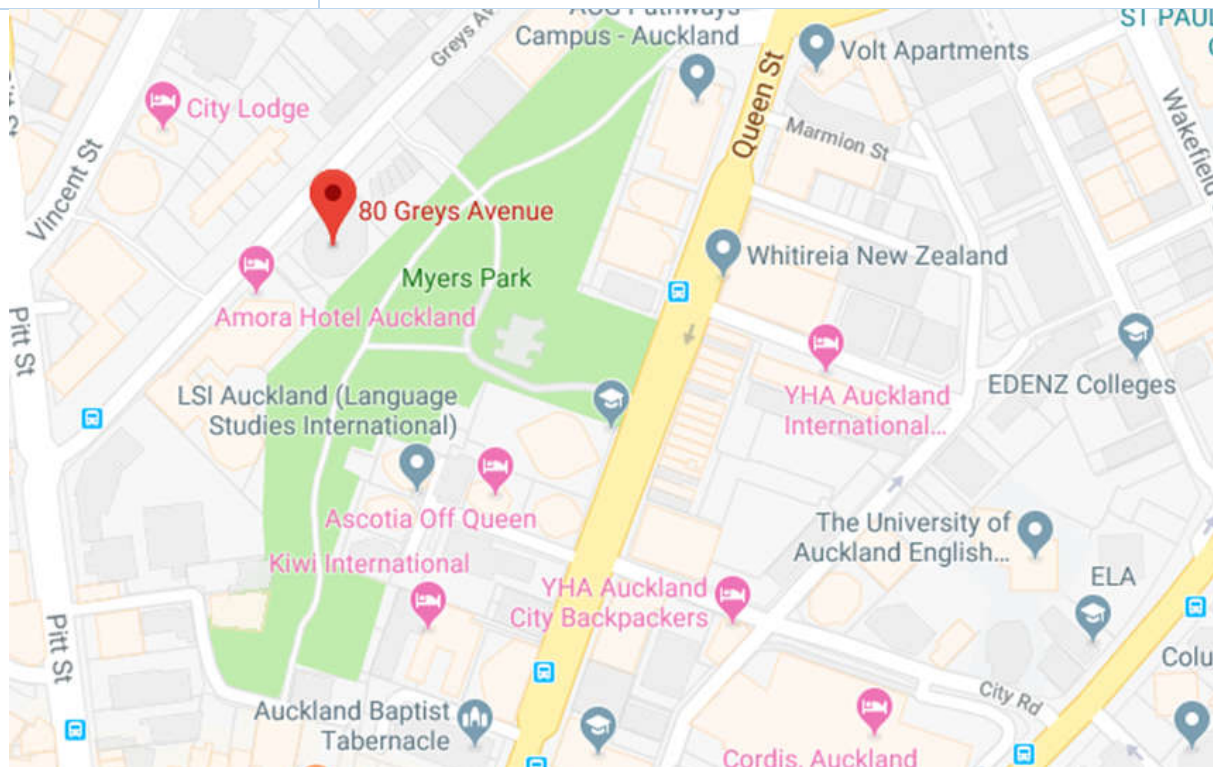
## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Pacific Statistics Methods Board Meeting (PSMB)

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**Auckland – New Zealand**

<b>Venue and Registration</b>	<p>The meetings will be held at :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><u>Venue 07.04.2020</u></b> <b>Amora Hotel Auckland</b> 100 Greys Avenue Auckland 1010, New Zealand</li><li>- <b><u>Venue 08.04.2020</u></b> <b>Statistics New Zealand office</b> 80 Greys Avenue, Auckland 1010 Meeting room : to be advised</li></ul> <p>Please register and collect the "visitor card" to access building.</p>
<b>Transport to venue</b>	<p>Participants are responsible for the transport from their hotel to the venue.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Sponsored participants are responsible to book and pay for their hotel. Please find below a list of hotels we recommend you, as they are located near the meeting's venue:</p> <p><u>Amora Hotel Auckland</u> 100 Greys Avenue Auckland 1010, New Zealand Tel: (09) 375 1800 / Email: <a href="mailto:res@auckland.amorahotels.com">res@auckland.amorahotels.com</a></p> <p><u>City Life Auckland</u> Address: 171 Queen St, Auckland 1010 Phone: +64 9-379 9222 / Website: <a href="http://heritagehotel.co.nz">heritagehotel.co.nz</a></p> <p><u>Rendezvous Grand Hotel</u> Address: 71 Mayoral Dr, Auckland City Auckland 1010 Phone: +64 9-366 3000 / Website: <a href="http://tfehotels.com">tfehotels.com</a></p> <p><u>Scenic Hotel Auckland</u> Address: 380 Queen Street, Auckland Central Auckland 1010 Phone: +64 9-374 1741 / Website: <a href="http://scenichotelgroup.co.nz">scenichotelgroup.co.nz</a></p> <p><u>Auckland City Hotel-Hobson St.</u> Address: 157 Hobson Street, Auckland Central Auckland 1010 Phone: +64 9-925 0777 / Website: <a href="http://achhobson.co.nz">achhobson.co.nz</a></p>

Copthorne Hotel Auckland City  
Address: 150 Anzac Avenue, Auckland Central Auckland 1150  
Phone: +64 9-379 8509 / Website: millenniumhotels.co.nz



**Breaks and Lunches** Statistics New Zealand will organize and cover daily morning & afternoon Teas and lunches during the meeting days. Please advise for any dietary concern before 20.03.2020.

**Entry Requirements** Citizens must have a valid passport.  
From 1 October 2019, if you do not have an NZeTA, you will not be allowed to travel to New Zealand.

All country passport holders will be effected except Australian citizens or if you hold a valid visa for New Zealand.  
Allow up to 72 hours for processing.

More information can be found in the immigration NZ website at [https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta?fbclid=IwAR2oyKYMNyNy5LdYYCRPeE\\_v58CWsfzp50AZewU3JYrH3uUkyEjENNP3dO4](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta?fbclid=IwAR2oyKYMNyNy5LdYYCRPeE_v58CWsfzp50AZewU3JYrH3uUkyEjENNP3dO4)

Do not confuse “**Visa**” and “**NZeTA**” this is separate from the Visa applications.

Participants are responsible to apply for any transit visa en route and to enter New Zealand as required. SPC can facilitate and assist them in the process.

**Useful Links** New Zealand Visitors' Bureau: <http://www.newzealand.com/us/>  
Visa Information: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz>

<p><b>Meeting documents/ presentations</b></p>	<p>The documents can be downloaded from the 15.03.2020 at <a href="https://sdd.spc.int/events/2020/04/pacific-statistics-method-board-psmb-meeting-april-2020">https://sdd.spc.int/events/2020/04/pacific-statistics-method-board-psmb-meeting-april-2020</a></p> <p>Documents will be uploaded as we receive them with the focus to have a paperless meeting.</p>
<p><b>Customs</b></p>	<p>Although Auckland is a duty-free port, expect to have your baggage inspected on arrival by local Customs and Quarantine Officers to keep plant and animal diseases out of New Zealand. Also prohibited are drugs and deadly weapons. Certain items brought into New Zealand such as cigarettes, spirits, and perfumes are subject to limitations.</p>
<p><b>Travel</b></p>	<p>SPC-sponsored participants will be provided a return trip economy class airfare for the most economical route and per diems at standard SPC rates for necessary overnight transit stops en route and for their stay in Auckland.</p> <p>Your electronic ticket(s) will be forwarded to you once the itinerary has been agreed on.</p> <p>Purchased tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable so <u>please note that SPC cannot cater to last minute changes.</u> Any such changes are at the cost of the participants.</p>
<p><b>Per diem</b></p>	<p>SPC-sponsored delegates will be provided with per diems at standard SPC rates to cover costs for necessary overnight transit stops en-route, as well as for living expenses and incidentals while in Auckland, in line with SPC travel policy.</p> <p>They will be responsible for paying all your hotel costs, meals (except for 2 lunches during the meeting deducted from the per diem allowance) local transportation and incidental expenses from the allocated per diem.</p>
<p><b>Per diem Payment procedure</b></p>	<p>Per diem will be paid by electronic transfer to the sponsored participants prior the departure from country of residence.</p> <p>Please retain all <b>boarding passes</b> since in line with a new SPC travel policy rule implemented from 01.04.2019, travellers need to provide those upon return from their duty travel:</p> <p>These should be returned within 7 days upon returning home in pdf format, to justify payment of the full per diem and for auditing purposes.</p> <p>If sponsored meeting delegates cannot provide those documents, <b>SPC will reduce the amount of per diem and seek reimbursement.</b></p>

<b>Airport Transfers</b>	<p>There are a number of public transportation services you can use to get from the Airport to your destination of choice. Shuttle vans or the Airport bus are the most cost effective option.</p> <p>Taxi to the hotel will cost about NZD 80.00. Shuttle to hotel about NZD 30.00. Airport bus with 20 minute walk to hotel NZD 16.00. SPC shall provide with the per diem NZD 60.00 (both ways) to cover shuttle transport.</p> <p>Auckland taxis and shuttles: <a href="https://aucklandairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-and-shuttles">https://aucklandairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-and-shuttles</a></p> <p>Auckland Airport to City bus: <a href="https://www.skybus.co.nz/">https://www.skybus.co.nz/</a></p> <p>Please check the international Auckland airport information center web: <a href="https://aucklandairport.co.nz/information">https://aucklandairport.co.nz/information</a></p>
<b>Dress Attire</b>	<p>Dress attire will be informal during all sessions. Warm clothing is suggested due to weather and air-conditioning.</p>
<b>Smoking</b>	<p>Smoking is allowed only in non-enclosed areas and other areas approved by the hotels. It is strongly advised to check with the hotel as the law is very strict in New Zealand.</p>
<b>Telephone</b>	<p>Please check the informational folder in the room, the Hotel's Guest Relations, or the Front Desk for the rates and instructions for placing international (long distance) telephone calls.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Zealand Country Code: 64 Auckland Area Code: 9</p>
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>It should be noted that SPC does not insure participants throughout the duration of the meeting. In addition, SPC will not be responsible for any expenses arising out of sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life.</p>
<b>Medical Attention</b>	<p>Pharmacies with registered pharmacists are readily available. Over-the-counter pharmaceuticals may be purchased in most retail stores, supermarkets, and hotel shops.</p> <p>For medical or dental services during the course hours, please seek assistance from the meeting Secretariat. Outside those hours, please refer to the reception of your hotel.</p>
<b>Postal Service</b>	<p>New Zealand is serviced by the New Zealand Post. There are several commercial mailbox and mailing services establishments. Also, internationally recognized private courier services are available in New Zealand.</p>
<b>Currency</b>	<p>Participants are advised that the currency used in New Zealand is the New Zealand dollar. Generally, cash is used for every day purchases.</p>

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<b>Time</b>	Greenwich Mean Time +12 hours.
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>There are frequent buses and taxi services available in Auckland. Buses' rates are for single ride, all Day Pass or One week pass. Please ask the rate at the hotel reception.</p> <p>Taxis are readily available at all hotels and major shopping centres. All taxis have regulated meters.</p>
<b>Power Supply</b>	New Zealand's power supply runs at 230/240 volts. Most hotels provide 110 volt ac sockets (rated at 20 watts for electric razors only): <a href="http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-electricity-and-communication/">http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-electricity-and-communication/</a>
<b>Weather</b>	<p>The temperature in Auckland is between 15 to 24 degrees Celsius with an average of 20 degrees Celsius. New Zealand's climate is characterized by the four seasons. The southerly trade winds are dominant throughout the year.</p> <p><a href="http://www.metservice.com/national/home">http://www.metservice.com/national/home</a></p>