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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 1 June 2026, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *a spreadsheet of all NZDF International Training Exercises August 2024 to June 2026 including the following details:*

Dates

Exercise

Location

Type

NZDF assets deployed

NZDF personnel

Enclosed is a list of international training exercises that the New Zealand Defence Force has participated in overseas from August 2024 to April 2026 (the date to which centralised records are available).

In accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA, you may ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information regarding the process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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Enclosures:

1. International exercises

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NZDF International Training Exercises Aug 2024 to April 2026

Dates	Exercise	Location	Type	NZDF assets deployed	NZDF personnel
2 Aug – 7 Oct 2024	Puk Puk 24	Papua New Guinea	Multilateral Training	Army Engineers	3
6-8 Aug 2024	Pacific Kupe	Cook Islands	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	2
10-27 Aug 2024	Diamond Run 24	Australia	Bilateral Combined Joint Forces activity	NZ Army personnel	100
10 Aug – 1 Sep 2024	Freedom Shield 01/24	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officers	9
12-30 Aug 2024	Freedom Passage 24	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officer	1
12-23 Aug 2024	SEACAT 24	Singapore	Multinational Maritime	Boarding team personnel	4
19-30 Aug 2024	Cyber Flag 24-2	USA	Cyber Interoperability	Virtual	4
24 Aug – 6 Sep 2024	Super Garuda Shield	Indonesia	Multinational Engagement	Staff officers	2
30 Aug – 13 Sep 2024	Sandy Coast 24	Belgium	Multinational Maritime	Dive personnel	2
Sep 2024	Mureng 24	Guam	Multinational Maritime	Maritime explosive ordnance disposal personnel	2
Sep 2024	Cyber Sentinels	Australia	Cyber Interoperability	NZDF staff	20
4-20 Sep 2024	Kakadu 24	Australia	Multinational Maritime	Staff officers	5
8-22 Sep 2024	Suman Warrior 24	UK	Command Post Exercise	Staff officers	32
9-27 Sep 2024	REPMUS 24	Portugal	NATO exercise	Observer	1
21 Sep – 4 Oct 2024	Northern Challenge 24	Iceland	Multinational Engagement	Maritime explosive ordnance disposal personnel	4
25 Sep – 3 Nov 2024	Hari'i Hamutuk 24	Timor Leste	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	6
30 Sep – 18 Oct 2024	BERSAMA LIMA 24	Singapore	Multinational Engagement	Staff officers	21
23-28 Oct 2024	Keen Sword 25	Japan	Multinational Engagement	Observer	1
Oct 2024	Autonomous Warrior 24	Australia	Emerging technology exercise	Observers	2
Nov 2024	WPNS DIVEX	Canada	Multinational Maritime	Observers	2
5-22 Nov 2024	Vigilant Pacific 24	Hawaii	Multinational Engagement	NZDF staff	7
Feb 2025	Dynamic Move 25	Belgium	Multinational Maritime	Observers	2
10-20 Feb 2025	International Maritime Exercise 2025	Bahrain	Multinational Maritime	Dive personnel	20
23 Feb – 7 Mar 2025	Cobra Gold 25	Thailand	Command Post Exercise	Staff officer	1
Mar 2025	Lion Zeal 25	Singapore	Bilateral Training	RNZN personnel	6
3-21 Mar 2025	Freedom Shield 25	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officers	6
4-24 Mar 2025	Central Diamond	Fiji	Multinational Training	Observers	2

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17-21 March 2025	Viper Walk	Australia	Multinational Training	Medical personnel	30
17-27 March 2025	Tempest Express 40	Nepal	Multinational Engagement	Staff officer	1
27 Mar – 1 May 2025	Stormforce 25	USA	Multinational Training	NZDF staff	6
7-11 Apr 2025	Argonaut 25	Cyprus	Multinational Training	NZDF staff	2
7-22 Apr 2025	BERSAMA SHIELD 25	Malaysia	Multinational Training	Staff officers	10
19-29 Apr 2025	Croix Du Sud 23	New Caledonia	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff officers	2
21 Apr – 25 May 2025	Coral Sapper 25	Fiji	Trilateral Training	Army Engineers	1
24 Apr – 14 Jul 2025	Puk Puk 25	Papua New Guinea	Multilateral Training	Army Engineers	4
28 Apr – 9 May 2025	Cyber Flag 1/25	USA	Cyber Interoperability	Virtual	6
9-26 May 2025	Pacific Kupe 1/25	Tokelau	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	9
Jun – Oct 2025	Pacific Partnership 25	Pacific	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff Officers	12
8-28 Jun 2025	Khann Quest 25	Mongolia	Multinational Combined Joint Forces activity	Staff officers	2
16-27 Jun 2025	Bell Buoy 22	Republic of Korea	Multinational Maritime	Staff Officers	2
7-16 Jul 2025	Cyber Flag 2/25	USA	Cyber Interoperability	Virtual	20
7-28 Jul 2025	Talisman Sabre 25	Australia	Multinational Combined Joint Forces activity	HMNZS Te Kaha, HMNZS Matataua, three NH90s, Army Combat team	600
8-31 Jul 2025	Mobility Guardian 25	USA	Air Mobility	C130J Hercules and support personnel	35
21 Jul – 15 Aug 2025	Phoenix Kumul 25	Papua New Guinea	Bilateral Training	NZDF staff	52
2-8 Aug 2025	LONGREACH 25	Tonga	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff officer	1
4 Aug – 30 Oct 2025	Ventura Shield	Australia/Papua New Guinea	RNZAF Training	Rotary Wing Task Unit	81
9-26 Aug 2025	Advanced Air Tactical Training 25	USA	Air Mobility	C130J Hercules and support personnel	35
11-28 Aug 2025	Freedom Shield 1/25	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officers	8
12-23 Aug 2025	SEACAT 25	Singapore	Multinational Maritime	Boarding team personnel	4
22 Aug – 24 Sep 2025	Hari'i Hamutuk 25	Timor Leste	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	4
23-30 Aug 2025	Alon 25	Philippines	Multinational Combined Joint Forces activity	Observer	1

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24 Aug – 4 Sep 2025	Super Garuda Shield	Indonesia	Multinational Engagement	Staff officers	2
25-30 Aug 2025	Imjin River	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Joint Tactical Air Controllers	3
1-26 Sep 2025	REPMUS 25	Portugal	NATO exercise	Observer	1
9-18 Sep 2025	Northern Challenge 25	Iceland	Multinational Engagement	Maritime explosive ordnance disposal personnel	10
15 Sep – 20 Oct 2025	TROPIC TWILIGHT 25	Cook Islands	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Army Engineers, medics, and support staff	32
19 Sep – 6 Oct 2025	BERSAMA LIMA 25	Malaysia / Singapore	Multinational Engagement	Staff officers	28
28 Sep – 3 Oct 2025	Pacific Kupe 2/25	Solomon Islands	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	2
5-10 Oct 2025	Samasama 25	Philippines	Multinational Engagement	Observers	2
19 Oct – 17 Nov	Resolute Hunter 25	USA	Multinational Training	Staff officers	3
22-31 Oct 2025	Multinational Mine Warfare Exercise 23	Republic of Korea	Multinational Maritime	Maritime Mine Countermeasures and dive personnel	22
27 Oct – 13 Nov 2025	Cartwheel 25	Fiji	Multinational Engagement	Infantry personnel	8
Nov 2025	Autonomous Warrior 25	Australia	Emerging technology exercise	Observers	4
8-22 Nov 2025	Vigilant Pacific 25	Australia	Multinational Engagement	NZDF staff	12
4 Feb – 5 Mar 2026	Trojan Compass	Australia	Air Mobility	C130J Hercules and support personnel	35
23 Feb – 6 Mar 2026	Cobra Gold 26	Thailand	Command Post Exercise	Staff officers	2
1-20 Mar 2026	Freedom Shield 26	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officers	7
19 Mar – 4 Apr 2026	Viper Walk	Australia	Multinational Training	Medical personnel	27
7 Apr – 5 May 2026	Balikatan 26	Philippines	Multinational Engagement	Infantry platoon, medical personnel, staff officers	70
8-15 Apr 2026	Pacific Kupe 26	Papua New Guinea	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	NZDF staff	13
14 Apr – 1 May 2026	BERSAMA SHIELD 26	Malaysia	Multinational Training	Staff officers	8
16 Apr – 23 May 2026	Ventura Warrior	Australia/Papua New Guinea	RNZAF Training	Two NH90s and support personnel	60
23 Apr – 10 May 2026	Tagata Toa	New Caledonia	Multinational Training	Infantry platoon	40