

# Gallipoli 2015

Gelibolu



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is there going to be a ballot in 2015?

We need to manage attendance numbers – it's estimated that up to 40,000 people from both sides of the Tasman are interested in attending Anzac Day services in Gallipoli on 25 April 2015. But, as the site is a small constrained area surrounded by the sea and steep terrain, it can comfortably and safely hold only about a quarter of that number. The Turkish government has agreed to allow 10,500 people at the 25 April 2015 commemorations.

### Why was New Zealand allocated 2000 places and Australia 8000?

The allocation ratio is based on the relative number of casualties suffered by New Zealand and Australia during the Gallipoli campaign in 1915.

### How is the ballot allocated?

New Zealand attendance passes will be allocated as follows:

- 10 percent of places (100 double passes/200 places in total) by ballot specifically to direct descendants of Gallipoli veterans.
- 10 percent of places (100 double passes/200 places in total) by ballot specifically to veterans of all conflicts.
- 75 percent of places (750 double passes/1500 places in total) by ballot to all New Zealanders (including descendants and veterans who were unsuccessful in their specific ballot).
- 5 percent of places (100 places in total) reserved for allocation by the Government to special groups such as youth groups and others where it is not appropriate to ballot. None of these passes will be available to official representatives.

The ballot will cascade so those direct descendants and veterans unsuccessful in their special group will also be included in the general category.

### When can I apply?

The ballot opened on 15 November 2013 and will close on 31 January 2014. You can register for the ballot in two ways:

- Online through [www.gallipoli2015.govt.nz](http://www.gallipoli2015.govt.nz)
- Requesting a manual form from the call centre (0800 366 547 or 0064 4 801 0160 from mobile phones and from outside New Zealand).

It will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete the online registration.

### If I enter the ballot as soon as it opens, does this guarantee me attendance passes?

No. The ballot will be drawn randomly after the ballot has closed. The direct descendant and veteran categories will be drawn first, with those unsuccessful in these categories being entered into the general category.



**What is a direct descendant?**

The direct descendants of a soldier who served at Gallipoli are his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren etc.

Nephews/nieces or great-nephews/nieces are not considered direct descendants for the purposes of this ballot and must enter the general category.

**What are the criteria to be considered a veteran?**

An individual who served overseas and holds the New Zealand War Service Medal 1939-45 or the New Zealand Operational Service Medal is considered a veteran for the purposes of the Gallipoli ballot. The individual's service must have been as a member of the New Zealand Armed Forces or the New Zealand Defence Force.

**Are serving New Zealand Defence Force veterans eligible for the veterans' category?**

Serving New Zealand Defence Force veterans are eligible for the ballot so long as they meet the eligibility criteria above.

**If I am both a direct Gallipoli descendant and a veteran, can I apply in both categories?**

Yes.

**Can descendants/veterans enter the general category?**

Yes, if you are unsuccessful in the direct descendant or veteran categories, you will automatically be entered in the general ballot.

**When will I be advised if I am successful in the ballot?**

The ballot will be held in early 2014, and those successful in the ballot will be advised in April 2014. A wait-list will also be created, the tickets for which will be drawn from those successful in the ballot but unable to attend.

**I have a New Zealand passport but live in Australia, am I eligible for the ballot?**

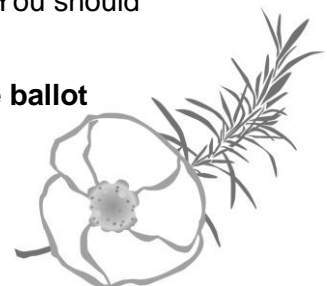
All New Zealand citizens and holders of New Zealand permanent resident visas (regardless of where they currently reside) are eligible to participate in the New Zealand-run ballot.

**I am an Australian citizen but my grandfather served in the New Zealand Forces at Gallipoli. Am I eligible to apply for a New Zealand place?**

Only New Zealand citizens and holders of New Zealand permanent resident visa (regardless of where they currently reside) can apply for New Zealand places. However, if you are an Australian citizen living in New Zealand, you have permanent resident status and are eligible to enter in the New Zealand ballot.

**I have already booked a Gallipoli 2015 tour with a travel agency; do I still have to enter the ballot to attend the Anzac Day 2015 commemorations?**

Yes. No allocations are available for commercial operators, only individuals. If you have booked a tour, you will need to apply for an attendance pass through the ballot. You should bear in mind that you may be unsuccessful in the ballot.

**How will the two Governments ensure that those who are successful in the ballot actually attend the commemoration?**

It is expected that individuals who apply for places in the ballot for the 2015 Gallipoli commemoration will be motivated to attend the commemoration. The two Governments will maintain ongoing communication with those successful in the ballot to confirm they will be travelling. Individuals who do not provide confirmed travel arrangements by 25 October 2014 will have their entitlement to an attendance pass revoked. The attendance pass will be then reissued to the next person on the waitlist.

**Will the New Zealand government pay for or subsidise my travel and accommodation costs?**

No. If you are successful in the ballot to attend Anzac Day services at Gallipoli in 2015, you will need to meet all your own travel, accommodation, and associated costs.

**If I am successful in the ballot what will I receive?**

The ballot will provide you with an entitlement to up to two attendance passes.

**Do I have to pay for my attendance pass?**

All attendance passes are free but individuals must meet all their own travel and accommodation costs.

**My partner is not a New Zealand citizen. If I am successful in the ballot, can I take my partner with me?**

There are no citizenship restrictions for the second attendance pass. A person who is successful in the ballot can give the second attendance pass to whomever he or she wishes.

**What happens to my attendance passes if I am successful in the ballot but cannot travel for some reason?**

If the person who is successful in the ballot cannot travel, both attendance passes will need to be returned. Clear guidelines around the return of attendance passes will be provided at the time of the ballot registration. A wait-list will also be created to redistribute the tickets.

**How do I arrange my travel and accommodation at Gallipoli?**

People will need to make their own travel arrangements, either independently or through a travel agency. Private vehicles are not permitted in the commemorative area during the commemorations. Normally the Anzac Commemorative area is closed to the public from 23 April.

**What if I want to travel to Gallipoli for the commemoration but do not want to overnight at the Anzac Commemorative Site?**

The timing of the Dawn Service means spending some of the night at the Anzac Commemorative Site is unavoidable.

**Are there facilities for people with disabilities at Gallipoli?**

The Anzac Commemorative Sites are difficult to access for individuals who require special assistance. Limited assisted mobility passes are provided so that individuals requiring special assistance are seated in the assisted mobility stands, and have seats on the assisted mobility shuttles. These shuttles move between all the Anzac Commemorative Sites. The level of this support will be increased for 2015 to take account of the likely increased numbers of people requiring special assistance.



**If I am successful in the ballot for the Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site, can I also go to both the Australian service at Lone Pine and the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair?**

The attendance passes in the New Zealand ballot will be for the Dawn Service and the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair. There will be only sufficient seating at Lone Pine for the holders of the 8000 Australian attendance passes. In addition, there will be insufficient time for individuals to attend both services, as it requires a walk between Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, a distance of 3.3km uphill.

**If I'm not in Turkey, can I still view the service?**

It is likely that the 2015 Anzac Day services at Gallipoli will be televised and broadcast live on New Zealand television. In addition, commemorations will be held across the world. We will list the details of these events as they are confirmed.

**What else is being planned to commemorate the centenary of Gallipoli and the First World War?**

The government is supporting a programme of projects and activities to mark the centenary of the First World War, including Gallipoli, from 2014-2018. See what's being planned and discover how you can get involved at [WW100.govt.nz](http://WW100.govt.nz)

