



## **About Amazon Web Services (AWS)**

For over 15 years, Amazon Web Services has been the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform, powering businesses in 190 countries around the world. AWS continually expands its services to support virtually any cloud workload, and now has more than 200 fully featured services for compute, storage, databases, networking, analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), mobile, security, hybrid, virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR), media, and application development, deployment, and management. Millions of customers—including the fastest-growing startups, largest enterprises, and leading government agencies—trust AWS to power their infrastructure, become more agile, and lower costs. To learn more about AWS, visit [aws.amazon.com](https://aws.amazon.com).

## **Amazon Web Services in New Zealand**

AWS opened its first office space in Aotearoa eight years ago to support the nation's digital transformation by helping Kiwi businesses harness the benefits of cloud technology. Using the AWS cloud, governments and businesses of all sizes have access to a secure, flexible and cost-effective environment for their IT services, which helps Kiwis innovate quickly, take their ideas to the world, and level the playing field.

Today, AWS employs more than 100 employees in New Zealand to support the tens of thousands of customers in New Zealand using AWS each month. These customers range from startups and fast-growing small to medium-sized businesses like Classic Group, Halter, Sharsies, Soul Machines, Tainui Group Holdings, UneeQ, and Yellow, to larger organisations such as Air NZ, BNZ, Ministry of Health, TVNZ, University of Auckland, Vector, Vodafone, and Xero. AWS recently expanded its presence in New Zealand with new offices in Auckland and Wellington.

## **Upskilling Aotearoa**

Skills training has long been a focus for AWS in NZ. Addressing the skills gap requires intentional, sustained effort by the private and public sectors, and AWS has been collaborating with government, education providers, and industry organisations with local skilling initiatives to help the workforce keep pace with technology advancements. AWS's goal is to train more than 29 million people globally by 2025.

To date, AWS offers more than 500 free, on-demand online courses, with many courses available in multiple languages. AWS will continue to increase access to skills training to enable anyone who wants to further their cloud skills.

## **Amazon Web Services Commitment to the Digital Boost Alliance Aotearoa**

"A digitally-skilled workforce is critical to accelerating Kiwi innovation and improving New Zealand's global competitiveness," said Haren Samarasekera, Head of Territory and SMB, AWS New Zealand. "AWS is passionate about investing to build new skills as a means of driving economic growth and job creation among small to medium-sized businesses in New Zealand. The Digital Boost Alliance Aotearoa is a great example of private and public sector collaborating to help accelerate the digital upskilling of local businesses. AWS looks forward to contributing to the commitment areas identified by the Digital Boost Alliance Aotearoa; the Digital Boost Business Commitment, Digital Boost Growth Commitment and Digital Boost Community Commitment."