

Table 18.2 New Zealand Universities – Founding Dates and Quality Rankings

PBRF Ranking 2012	University	Founding Date	2003 Quality Rank	2012 Quality Score	2003 Quality Score
1	Victoria University of Wellington	1897	3	5.51	3.39
2	University of Auckland	1883	1	5.12	3.96
3	University of Otago	1869	4	4.96	3.23
4	University of Canterbury	1873	2	4.79	3.23
5	University of Waikato	1964	5	4.53	2.89
6	Massey University	1964 / 1926	7	4.31	2.11
7	Lincoln University	1990 /1878	6	4.02	2.56
8	Auckland University of Technology	2000 / 1895	8	3.59	0.77

“The Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) is how the government allocates research funding to universities. Every six years each university is ranked according to a number of criteria and given a score, which determines the level of funding each institution receives for the next period. In 2013 the quality scores of all institutions markedly increased over their ratings in 2010, and the rankings had changed, with Victoria University of Wellington marginally ahead of the others.”

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/interactive/44974/pbrf-rankings>

Establishment dates:

<http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/why-universities-matter/story>