

Topographic Series

In July 1996 the Department of Survey and Land Information was restructured; this saw a separation of its policy, regulatory and statutory functions from mapping and surveying services. The former was taken over by a new government department, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), while the latter was initially provided by a state owned enterprise (Terralink New Zealand Ltd) and, since 1998, actively contracted out to private industry on contestable tender basis.

LINZ rationalised the portfolio of government maps and concentrated on the facilitation of obligatory topographic mapping of New Zealand's mainland, offshore islands, some Pacific nations and Ross Dependency, and hydrographic charting of New Zealand, South Pacific and Antarctic waters. This development impacted several non-topographic series, which were never completed (e.g. a highly successful NZMS 290 New Zealand Land Inventory series) or updated since (e.g. small scale general maps of New Zealand).

In 2007 LINZ re-established a map production service and in September 2009 simultaneously released the first two Topographic (Topo) series of New Zealand's mainland and Chatham Islands, NZTopo50 and NZ-Topo250 series. This brought an end to contracting out map production to private industry, which has since been undertaken in-house. The release of New Zealand's offshore islands maps, NZOITopo25 and NZOITopo50 series, occurred in 2011, and the first sheets covering Ross Dependency, ANTTopo50 series, were published in 2012. Topographic maps covering South Pacific nations of Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau, PITopo25 and PITopo50 series, were released in 2014. All sheets are available digitally with about 70% eventually going to print, either by offset or on demand.

The table overleaf lists all Topo series released by LINZ, providing their generic title, scale and the date of first release. The files are provided in JPG, TIF and georeferenced GeoTIF formats, with a georeferenced gridless GeoTIF format available from 2013 onwards.

For information about current Topo series maps, please refer to the LINZ website: <http://www.linz.govt.nz/>.

About Cartographic and Geospatial Resources Repository

This developing repository of map images initially focuses on maps and charts published by the New Zealand Lands and Survey Department (later called Department of Survey and Land Information, and now Land Information New Zealand) since the 1850s. They are classified into three distinct groups:

- New Zealand Mapping Service (NZMS) series maps and charts
- Land and Survey (L&S) series maps and charts
- **Topographic (Topo) series maps**

In addition, the repository contains digital topographic databases for New Zealand and its offshore islands, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau and Ross Dependency in Antarctica produced by Land Information New Zealand since 2011 onwards:

- digital Topographic (Topo) data

Topo	Title	Scale	Date	Notes
ANTTopo50	Topographic Map of Antarctica (Ross Dependency)	1:50,000	2012	
NZOITopo25	Topographic Map of New Zealand Off-shore Islands	1:25,000	2011	
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NZTopo50	Topographic Map of New Zealand	1:50,000	2009	
NZTopo250	Topographic Map of New Zealand	1:250,000	2009	
PITopo25	Topographic Map of Pacific Islands (Cook Islands and Tokelau)	1:25,000	2014	
PITopo50	Topographic Map of Pacific Islands (Cook Islands and Niue)	1:50,000	2014	