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The *New Zealand Gazette* is the longest-running publication in New Zealand and has its roots in the Oxford Gazette, which was first published in 1665 when King Charles II moved to Oxford to escape the plague in London. The *Oxford Gazette* was used to communicate matters of state to King Charles and his court, and later became the *London Gazette*. Many Commonwealth countries still have a gazette today.

In 1840, a number of gazette notices were published in Russell and Paihia. In 1841, the first *New Zealand Government Gazette* was published in Auckland by the Colonial Secretary. Early editions included appointments and proclamations such as the formation of the Executive and Legislative Councils. Today the *New Zealand Gazette* is published by the Department of Internal Affairs (formerly the Colonial Secretary's Office).

For most of its 175 years, the *New Zealand Gazette* was printed in weekly editions every Thursday, with supplementary editions such as Customs, Professional and Trade Lists including the Valuers, Marriage and Civil Union Celebrants Registers, and special editions such as the New Year's and Queen's Birthday Honours Lists.

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