



SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE
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Foreign bribery quick reference guide

Foreign bribery occurs when a person or business offers, gives or promises a bribe to any person to influence a foreign public official in their official duties. It corrodes good governance and contributes to social and economic inequality in communities where it occurs.

Foreign bribery is also an enabler of transnational organised crime, giving criminal networks access to protection, sensitive information and operational impunity.

Report foreign bribery

The New Zealand Serious Fraud Office (SFO) is the lead agency responsible for investigating and prosecuting foreign bribery involving New Zealanders. We are interested in reports or intelligence from our domestic and international partners that may lead to the detection of foreign bribery offences.

A bribe can be money or anything of value, including:

- ▶ Cash or cryptocurrency
- ▶ Gifts, hospitality and travel
- ▶ Offers of employment
- ▶ Donations or other free goods or services

Foreign bribery can include:

- ▶ A New Zealand individual or company bribing officials outside New Zealand.
- ▶ Foreign officials bribing New Zealand public officials.
- ▶ A New Zealand individual or company bribing employees of foreign state-owned organisations.

Red flags of foreign bribery you might encounter in your work:

- ▶ Known or suspected close relationships between New Zealand individuals or companies and foreign public officials.
- ▶ New Zealand companies enjoying unusual, unexpected or rapid success in a country or foreign market known for high levels of corruption.

- ▶ New Zealand companies engaged in an industry in which they have little known expertise or background.
- ▶ New Zealand individuals or companies offering money, lavish gifts or hospitality to foreign officials.
- ▶ New Zealand individuals or companies engaging with local agents or intermediaries who are known or suspected to be associated with public officials or corrupt activity.



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If you identify any red flags or have concerns about the conduct of New Zealand individuals or companies operating within New Zealand or overseas, please report it to the SFO.

- Online complaint form: sfo.govt.nz/report
- Email: sfo@sfo.govt.nz
- SFO Contact Centre: 0800 109 800 or +64 9 303 0212.
- Make an anonymous report: sfo.govt.nz/report/report-foreign-bribery