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About Equifax

Equifax powers the financial future of individuals and organisations around the world. Using the combined strength of unique trusted data, technology and innovative analytics, Equifax has grown from a consumer credit company into a leading provider of insights and knowledge that helps its customers make informed decisions. The company organises, assimilates and analyses data on more than 820 million consumers and more than 91 million businesses worldwide, and its database includes employee data contributed from more than 6,600 employers.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., Equifax operates or has investments in 24 countries in North America, Central and South America, Europe and more recently in the Asia Pacific region, with the acquisition of Veda, a data analytics company and the leading provider of credit information and analysis in Australia and New Zealand. Combined the companies bring nearly 170 years of data and insights experience to the marketplace.

Equifax is a member of Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500® Index, and its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol EFX. Equifax employs approximately 9,400 employees worldwide.

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Equifax Score Plus

What Is Equifax Score Plus?

Equifax Score Plus is a credit report on New Zealand consumers. It includes a credit score that conveys the credit risk of an applicant relative to other credit-eligible New Zealanders at that point in time. Equifax Score Plus may also provide credit information on the applicant beyond the information you currently hold in your own internal systems.

Equifax Score Plus can be used to assist a range of business activities:

- Decisioning for credit applications
- For landlords, assessing prospective tenants or guarantors
- Pre-employment checks on roles with significant financial responsibility
- For insurers, to make decisions on providing insurance for credit related transactions

A well-rounded picture of credit worthiness

Equifax Score Plus provides information that can be used by credit providers to assist in making credit decisions on applicants. The score can be used as an aid to risk-based pricing.

Equifax Score Plus includes:

- A credit score
- Details of previous defaults going back up to five years
- Judgments
- Insolvencies
- Lost or stolen ID flags
- Credit enquiry history
- Public notices
- Ministry of Justice fines
- Up to three addresses
- Directorships
- Age of credit file

Equifax Score Plus applies statistically-derived algorithms to credit history information to predict an applicant's future payment behaviour. The algorithm compares your prospective customer's history to those of a wide sample of like consumers and scores them according to the risk of defaulting.

The report and Equifax Score Plus score can:

- Identify with greater clarity high and low risk applicants
- Enhance your credit policy to more quickly and accurately establish which applications should be accepted/rejected or investigated further
- Decide what terms, services or products should be offered, reflective of the applicant's risk profile.

How Can Using an Equifax Score Plus Help Me?

The main benefits of an Equifax Score are:

- Improved Profitability
 - By reducing your operational costs and exposure to bad debt, credit scores make it easier to identify borrowers with a high risk of defaulting. The result is less write-offs and increased earnings
- More Informed Credit Decisions
 - Objective decisions can be made more quickly because a score quantifies the relative risk of each application. The Equifax scores are based on our market-leading credit data, providing a unique perspective on risk profiles across multiple industries, lenders and credit products
- Benefits of using Equifax Score Plus
 - The score enables automated, real-time decisioning
 - Assists in understanding an applicant's credit history to facilitate approvals and referrals
 - Potential reduced risk of exposure to bad debt write-offs
 - Potential reduction in customer acquisition and onboarding costs through automation
 - Increased consistency in the credit risk assessment process
 - An aid to risk-based pricing
- Improved Processing Efficiency
 - Scores can be used to set cut-off strategies that enable credit applications to be automatically accepted, rejected or referred. Time is minimised and the application process streamlined
- Improved Customer Service
 These benefits support faster decision- making, more responsible lending processes and better alignment of the terms of a loan to your customer's needs

Equifax Score Plus

Equifax Scoring models are unique because the applicant's score is based on the largest source of consumer credit information on individuals in New Zealand. The Equifax New Zealand consumer database contains more than 3.4 million continually updated consumer credit files. It includes information on credit activity and default history. Using the Equifax database therefore gives you an applicant's score based on a wider range of information and a holistic picture of risk. This means that the score will more accurately predict behaviour in virtually all credit applications. The score measures the applicant's potential credit risk at the point of application and is also a ranking tool that credit providers can use to help assess the applicant's ability to make payments.

How Do I Access an Equifax Score Plus?

Accessing an Equifax Score Plus is simple. As a subscriber the service is accessed via an Equifax Score Plus Report. An Equifax Score Plus report must be processed to allow for the Score to be calculated. Our experienced scoring consultants can provide advice on how best to integrate credit scoring with associated tasks such as policy rules, application process flow and decision tracking.

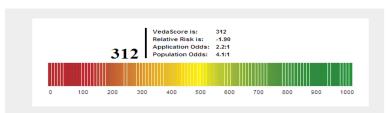
Equifax Score Plus is a new consumer inquiry service where all the information on a credit file is collated to produce a single score.

What Does Relative Risk, Risk Odds and Population Odds Mean?

Relative Risk (RR): Is an odds-based measure that compares a credit applicant's odds with the population odds. It provides you with an estimate of how many times worse or better than average the applicant is, compared to other applicants who are credit active. An RR of 2.5 means that the applicant's odds are 2.5 times better than the population average (equal to 1), while an RR of -1.8 means that they are 1.8 times worse. RR has been capped at maximum +99.99 and minimum -99.99.

Applicant Odds: This is another way of displaying the score of an individual. For example odds of 14:1 means that for all the individuals with the same score as this particular applicant, on average 14 applicants exhibit good credit behaviour while 1 applicant exhibits bad credit behaviour.

Population Odds: This returns the total odds of the entire population that a particular scorecard was built on. For example, if the population odds were 4:1 for a particular scorecard, it means that out of every 5 applicants in the bureau sample, 4 exhibit good credit behaviour and 1 exhibits bad credit behaviour. This is relatively stable and we will be monitoring quarterly to ensure no significant changes have occurred.



An Equifax Score

Consumer - Equifax Score Plus

Equifax Score Plus – Consumer Inquiry

Equifax Score Plus is a Consumer Credit Report that provides you with the following information:

- An Equifax Score
- · Credit applicant's full name and date of birth
- Identification of any known alias names
- Analysis of adverse information on an applicant over the past 5 years including payment defaults, collection defaults, court judgments, insolvency Information (7 years), public notices and file notes
- The applicant's three last known addresses
- Information about an applicant's previous credit inquiries
- Confirmation of your applicant's driver licence details with a driver licence verification.

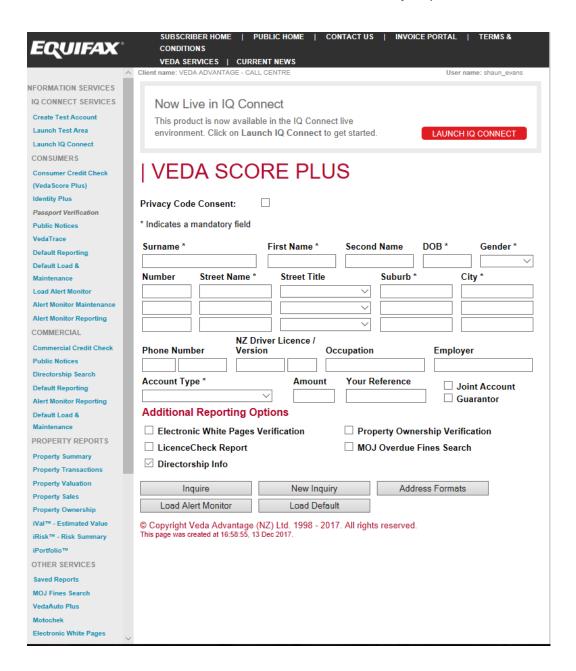
For those applicants that do not have a driver's licence there are alternative options to verify your customer's details against the information provided on the application form, prior to completing a credit inquiry.

Please ensure that you have the consumer's authorisation prior to making an enquiry. (Unless a limited exception under the Credit Reporting Privacy Code 2004 has been approved by Equifax for your use.)

To Process an Equifax Score Plus Inquiry

- Select 'Consumer Inquiry' from the Menu Bar
- Check the 'Privacy Code Consent' box when authorisation has been obtained
- Type in the 'Consumer Surname' of your applicant
- Type in the 'First Name' of your applicant
- Type in the 'Second Name' if applicable
- Type applicant's 'Date of Birth' in DDMMYYYY format
- Type in the 'Gender' of your applicant (from drop-down menu)
- Enter the 'Street No.' or 'Unit No.' (if applicable)
- Enter the applicant's 'Street Name'
- Enter the 'Street Title' from the drop-down menu
- Enter the applicant's 'Suburb'
- Enter the applicant's 'City'
- Repeat the address process if you have the applicant's 'Previous Address'
- Enter applicant's 'Phone Number' if you wish to process an Electronic White Pages verification
- Type in applicant's 'Occupation'
- Type in the name of the applicant's 'Employer'
- Select 'Account Type' (from drop-down menu) your applicant has applied for. For a full list of these codes, please refer to the Handy Reference Guide
- Enter the 'Amount' (if applicable to the inquiry)
- Enter your 'Reference'
- Select the appropriate check box if your applicant is applying as a 'Guarantor' or as part of a 'Joint Account'

Select any 'ID Verifications' you wish to perform and input the required information. We
provide access to our verification services in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. Our
verification services are provided for the sole purpose of confirming identification details.
Please note the Drivers Licence Verification is automatic, so if you enter 'Driver Licence
Number' and 'Version Number' this verification will automatically be processed.

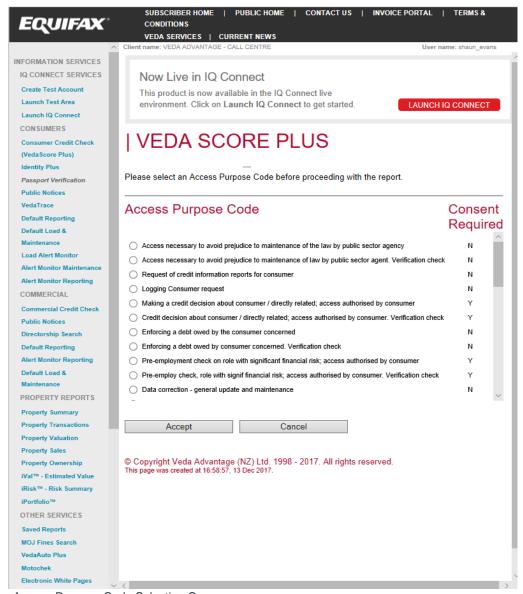


Consumer Inquiry Input Screen

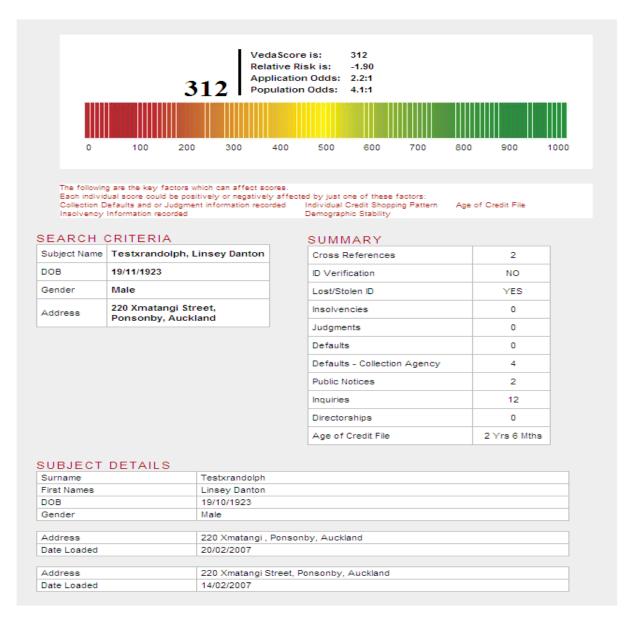
NOW, SELECT THE TYPE OF INQUIRY YOU REQUIRE

- 'INQUIRE' perform an Equifax Score Plus Inquiry
- 'NEW INQUIRY' reset the details on this application
- 'ADDRESS FORMATS' find out more information in regard to the address details
- 'LOAD ALERT MONITOR' load a monitor onto your applicant's credit file
- 'LOAD DEFAULT' please refer to Default Reporting section for further information
- 'CREATE FINANCIAL STATEMENT' provided you have signed a Personal Properties Securities Contract with Equifax you will have access to create a Financing Statement from the consumer input details
- You will then be asked to input your reason for assessing the credit file. This is actioned by selecting the appropriate 'Access Purpose Code' that applies to your inquiry and clicking the 'Accept' button.

As indicated in our terms and conditions you must not use the consumer credit information we supply for any purpose other than the purpose you have indicated.



Access Purpose Code Selection Screen



As referred to in the summary below, a copy of the applicant's credit file will be returned. Please refer to the Handy Reference Guide, for an explanation of various terms.



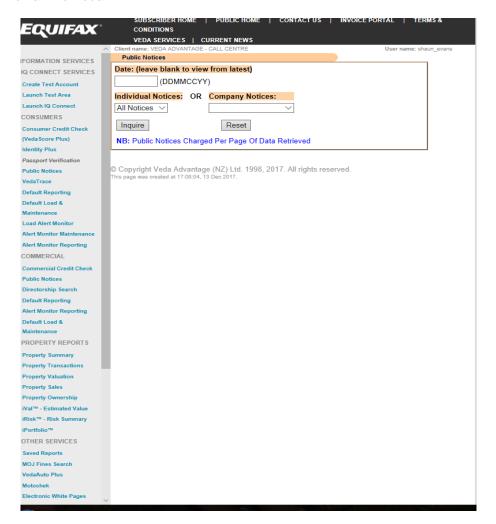
From your report, you can then print the report, turn the report into a PDF or the close the window.

Public Notices

Equifax captures every business-related public notice published in the New Zealand Gazette and provides this in an easy-to-use electronic format.

Choose the date and a category of public notice you'd like to search, such as bankruptcy notices, insolvency, and all notices. We will then conduct a search and provide listings of all public notices added to our database on the day you selected. With the listings provided, you also have the option to view the notice(s) details as well as to print copies of the notice(s) you specify.

A Consumer Public Notice allows you to access information such as bankruptcy and insolvency information on an individual.

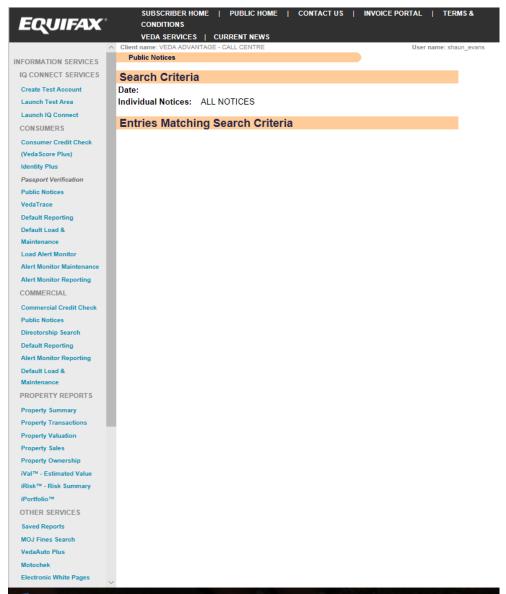


Public Notices Input Screen

Select Public Notices from the Menu Bar

- Enter the date you wish to search, or leave blank to view all notices from the latest
- Select either 'Individual Notices' or 'Company Notices'
- To process, select the 'Inquire' button. To re-enter, select the 'Reset' button and for additional assistance, select the 'Help' button

An example of your results is shown below.



Public Notices Selection Screen

• From this list you can then select further information in regard to the notice by clicking on the required name



Public Notices Result Screen

eTrace

The Equifax eTrace service is an electronic address location tool that utilises the constantly updated address information stored on the Equifax database, to provide clients with new address information.

The Best Way To Keep In Touch

Locating existing customers who have failed to update a client with forwarding address information can be a time-consuming and costly exercise. Our internal statistics indicate that approximately 15% of individuals will change address each year, a significant number of whom fail to inform a client of their new address. eTrace is a cost-effective tool that can assist you in updating your database for a number of different functions:

- Invoicing
- Statements
- Payment Reminders
- Search for Date of Birth information
- Name verification and use of Alias names

In Order to Access eTrace

- You must be a Full Subscriber of Equifax services
- You must have an eTrace Subscriber Agreement with Equifax
- In accordance with the New Zealand Credit Reporting Privacy Code 2004, you must provide an Access Purpose Code when accessing an individual's credit information. Please refer to the terms and conditions of your subscriber agreement with Equifax to confirm your obligations when requesting credit information.

What Does The Result Include?

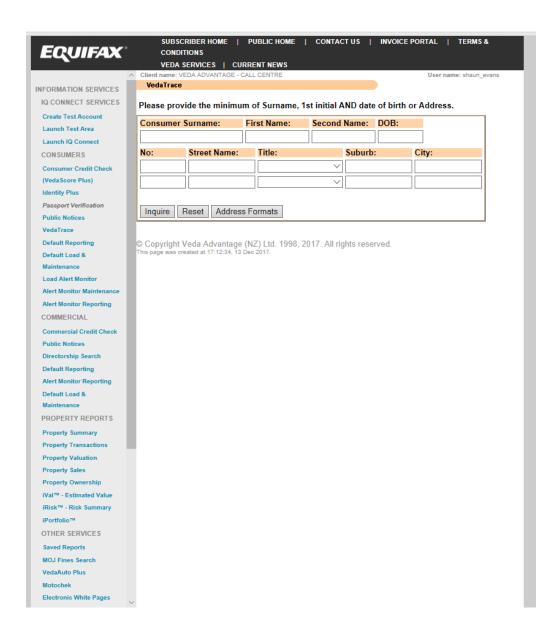
The result contains address information for each consumer, and the applicable matching level. If any address information is disputed by the consumer, a note about this is also provided.

The address information displayed on the output file can be tailored to return any combination of the following available addresses:

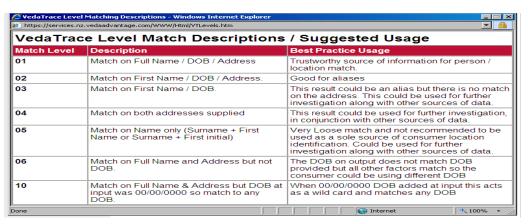
- New Zealand Post Current Address
- New Zealand Post Previous Address
- Director Address
- Current Address
- Previous Addresses
- Current Privacy Address
- Previous Privacy Addresses

To Access eTrace Reports

- Select 'eTrace'
- Enter the consumer information in marked fields
- Select 'Inquire'
- Your will be required to enter your 'Access Purpose Code', as when performing a consumer inquiry
- Your result will then be returned.



eTrace Input Screen



eTrace eTrace Match Level Descriptions

| | SUBSCRIBER HOME | PUBLIC HOME CONTACT US INVOICE PORTAL | TERMS & |
|---|--|--|-------------------|
| EQUIFAX * | CONDITIONS | 10020 nom2 0011110100 111101021011112 | , |
| | VEDA SERVICES | CURRENT NEWS | |
| ^ | Client name: VEDA ADVANTA | GE - CALL CENTRE User | name: shaun_evans |
| INFORMATION SERVICES | VedaTrace | | |
| IQ CONNECT SERVICES | Search Details AMELIA INGRID SAMPLE | Help with Levels DOB: 01/01/1969 | |
| Create Test Account | 21 HOPETOUN ST AUCKLAN | | |
| Launch Test Area | | | |
| Launch IQ Connect | SAMPLE, AMELIA TESTBANI | K DOB: 01/01/1969 ADR: 28/02/2017 12 QUEEN ST , AUCKLAND CENTRAL AUCKLAND | (01) CUR |
| CONSUMERS | | 28/02/2017 15 HOPETOUN ST, PONSONBY AUCKLAND | PRV |
| Consumer Credit Check | SAMPLE, AMELIA | DOB: 00/00/0000 | (01) |
| (VedaScore Plus) | MATCHED TO ADDRESS: | FIRST ADDRESS | |
| Identity Plus | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID | ADR: 24/04/2009 *15 HOPETOUN ST, AUCKLAND DOB: 01/01/1969 | (01) |
| Passport Verification | MATCHED TO ADDRESS: | FIRST ADDRESS | (01) |
| Public Notices | | ADR: 24/06/2015 *12 HOPETOUN ST, FREEMANS BAY AUCKLAND | PRV |
| VedaTrace | | 09/10/2014 *21 HOPETOUN ST, AUCKLAND CENTRAL | CUR |
| Default Reporting | | 10/06/2014 15 HOPETOUN , FREEMANS BAY AUCKLAND 20/05/2014 12 HOPETOUN PL, PONSONBY AUCKLAND | PRV CUR |
| Default Load & | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID | DOB: 01/01/1969 | (02) |
| Maintenance | MATCHED TO ADDRESS: | FIRST ADDRESS | |
| Load Alert Monitor | | ADR: 09/10/2017 *21 HOPETOUN ST, AUCKLAND CENTRAL AUCKLAND | CUR |
| Alert Monitor Maintenance | SAMPLE, AMELIA | DOB: 01/01/1980 | (05) |
| Alert Monitor Reporting | | ADR: 27/06/2005 15 SAMPLE ST, WELLINGTON | CUR |
| COMMERCIAL | SAMPLE, AMELIA | DOB: 10/10/1974 | (05) |
| Commercial Credit Check | | ADR: 29/03/2010 12 QUEEN ST, AUCKLAND CENTRAL AUCKLAND 22/03/2007 GREY, GREY LYNN AUCKLAND | CUR |
| Public Notices | SAMPLE, AMELIA | DOB: 00/00/0000 | (05) |
| Directorship Search | | ADR: 04/12/2008 123 TYLER ST, AUCKLAND | CUR |
| Default Reporting | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID MATCHED TO ADDRESS: | DOB: 12/04/1985 | (05) |
| Alert Monitor Reporting | MATCHED TO ADDRESS: | FIRST ADDRESS ADR: 24/04/2009 12 QUEEN ST, AUCKLAND CENTRAL AUCKLAND | CUR |
| Default Load & | | 18/04/2007 *15 HOPETOUN ST, PONSONBY AUCKLAND | CUR |
| Maintenance | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID | DOB: 01/01/1981 | (05) |
| PROPERTY REPORTS | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID | ADR: 24/05/2011 12 QUEEN ST, AUCKLAND CENTRAL AUCKLAND DOB: 01/01/1900 | CUR |
| | SAMPLE, AMELIA INGRID | ADR: 30/05/2011 8 FRANK GREY PL, OTAHUHU AUCKLAND | (05) CUR |
| Property Summary Property Transactions | | 30/05/2011 15 SAMPLE ST, WELLINGTON | PRV |
| | | 30/05/2011 00107 CAMBELL RD, TAURANGA | PRV |
| Property Valuation | | | |
| Property Sales | New Inquiry Next 10 | Help with Levels | |
| Property Ownership iVal™ - Estimated Value | | | |
| iRisk™ - Risk Summary | © Copyright Veda Advant | age (NZ) Ltd. 1998, 2017. All rights reserved. | |
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eTrace Match Level Outcome

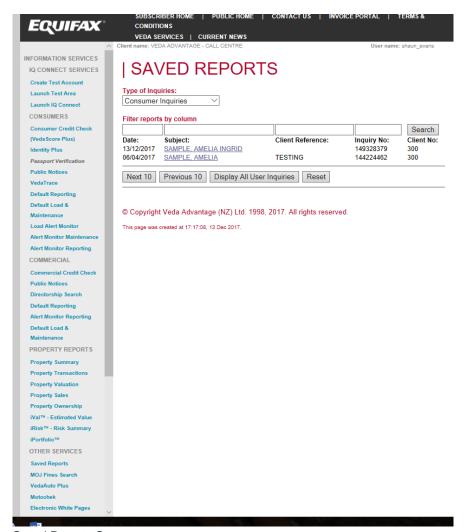
Saved Reports

Saved Reports is a summary of the consumer inquiries, commercial inquiries and commercial officer inquiries processed by you and your team through http://www.equifax.co.nz/. This allows you to review files that have been previously accessed. You are able to view inquiries made over the past five years.

You will not be able to add new information, or see if any other Equifax subscriber has accessed the file.

To Access These Reports

- Select 'Saved Reports'
- From the drop-down menu select the type of Inquiry you require
- You can also narrow the search by including the Date, Subject or Client Reference details
- Select 'Search'
- A list of your report will be produced as shown below
- You can then select your required report by clicking on the name, or sort your report using the Next 10, Previous 10 or Most Recent.



Saved Reports Screen

Defaults

Default Reporting

Protect yourself by posting a Default onto the Equifax database. This ensures that other creditors are aware of your claim against the person or organisation concerned, and makes it more difficult for that person or organisation to obtain further credit without first paying you the money you are owed.

Defaults are loaded by accessing your customer's details from the Consumer input screens or Commercial Inquiry screen.

Overdue accounts should be listed as defaults when:

- The account is over 30 days in arrears
- The debt is over \$100.00
- All subscribers have advised the debtor that if the payments are over 30 days in arrears then steps will be taken to recover the debt and a default may be loaded on their credit file.
- You must not load a default that is in dispute.
- You must not load a default that is over 5 years old.
- The debtor must be over 18 years old.
- The default is not paid or settled

Guarantor Credit Default – refers to a payment that the individual is overdue in making as a guarantor under a guarantee given against any default by the debtor in repaying any or all of the debt deferred under credit provided by a credit provider to the debtor if:

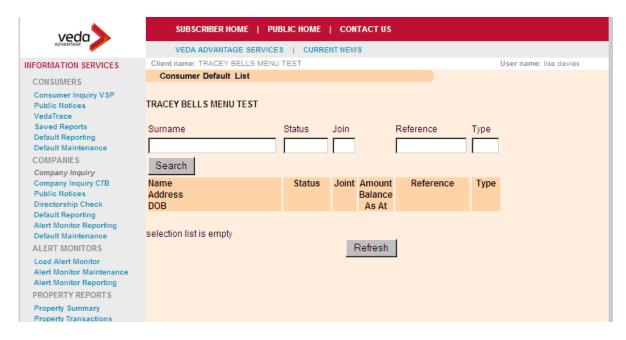
- The credit provider has notified the individual of the debtor's default that gave rise to the
 individual's obligation to make the overdue payment and requested that the individual pay the
 amount of the overdue payment;
- At least 30 days have passed since the day on which the individual was notified;
- In addition to notifying the individual, the credit provider has taken other steps to recover the amount of the overdue payment from the individual;
- The credit provider is not prevented by or under any law from bringing proceedings against the individual to recover the overdue payment; an
- The overdue payment is equal to or more than \$100.00

It is also important to update your defaults via Default Maintenance, for example, when the client finalises the account. By using the Update Default facility you can ensure that part payments, accruing interest or penalty payments can be incorporated onto a person's or organisation's credit report.

Please also ensure that you have documentary evidence to support the default so that it can be made available to Equifax on request. For more information call 0800 653 309.

Please note that paid defaults will NOT be removed from the Equifax database. They remain on file for 5 years from the date they were loaded.

Default Reporting provides a list of all the consumer defaults your organisation has previously listed. The Consumer Default Reporting and Default Maintenance options can be accessed under the Consumers heading.



Consumer Default List Screen

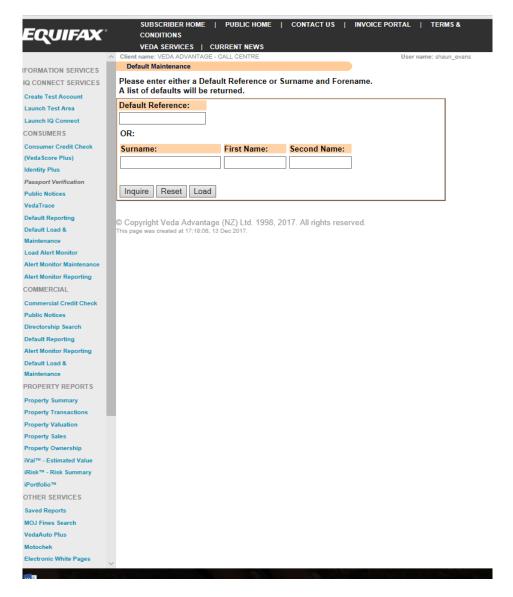
To Search for a particular inquiry, enter your customer's Surname, Status and if the account was made to more than one party (i.e. Joint). You can also search via Reference and Type of account. Next, click on the Search button and your results will be returned.

To process other searches, select the Refresh button and type in your new criteria.

Default Maintenance

Default Maintenance allows you to update your listing when a customer has either paid off the debt in full or if the default recovery path has changed. You can also list a new default from this section.

- Select 'Default Maintenance' from the main menu
- Enter either your 'Default Reference' or your Customer's' Surname', 'First Name' and 'Second Name' (if applicable)
- Select 'Inquiry' to process your selection. To re-start your inquiry select the 'Reset' button
- In order to ensure that default information remains accurate, up to date and complete, you must update all default information you have previously provided as soon as it is reasonably practicable for you to do so after the default information has changed.



Default Maintenance Screens

From here you may either:

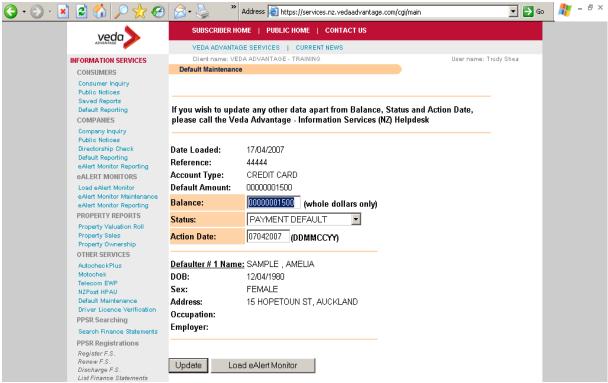
- · Select the 'Default' you require by clicking on the date or
- Load a New Default listing, by selecting the 'New' button.



Consumer Default List Screen

Now that you have found the correct default, several fields can be amended as required:

- Update the 'Balance' if your customer has paid some of their debt or incurred more debt
- Update the 'Status' of the Default to show the current standing of the default
- Record the 'Action Date', which this change took place
- Select 'Update', to process these changes, or 'Load Alert Monitor' to establish a monitor on this customer.



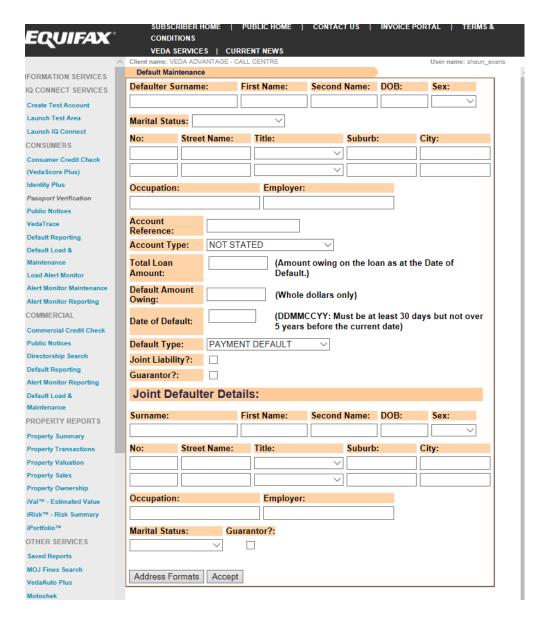
Consumer Default Update Screen

To List A New Default

- Select 'Consumer Inquiry' from the left hand menu bar
- Enter your applicant's 'Surname'
- Enter your applicant's' First Name'
- Enter any other names your applicant is known by, e.g. Middle Name
- Enter 'DOB' if you have it or 00/00/0000 if unknown (debtor must be 18 years or over)
- Enter the 'Gender' of your applicant or U if unknown (or select from drop-down menu)
- Enter the 'Street No.' of your applicant
- Enter the 'Street Name' of the applicant
- Enter the 'Street Title' from the drop-down menu
- Enter the 'Suburb' of your applicant
- Enter the 'City' of your applicant
- If you have it enter a 'Previous Address' as per the above instructions
- Enter the 'Occupation' and' Employer' details of your applicant if you have this information
- Enter your unique 'Account Reference' for this payment default
- Select an 'Account Type' from the options in the drop down menu
- Enter the 'Default Amount' owing
- Enter the 'Date of Default' (must be 30 days older than today's date)
- Select a 'Default Type' from the options in the drop down menu
- If the default is a joint default you can now enter the other debtor's details

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Select the 'Accept' button.



Consumer Default Load Screen

Appendix – Handy Reference Guide

Commonly Used Terms

| Topic | Definition |
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| Bankruptcy Notices | The financial affairs of a person declared Bankrupt are placed under the control of an Official Assignee. Equifax receives notification of Bankruptcy Notices from the Insolvency and Trustee Service. These notices are removed from a credit file four years after the date of discharge. |
| NAP | No Asset Procedure is a type of Insolvency. The financial affairs of a person are placed under the control of an Official Assignee. The person's maximum debt must not exceed \$40,000 and they must not have been declared Bankrupt before. Equifax Ltd receives notification of NAPs from the Insolvency and Trustee Service. These notices are removed from a credit file four years after the date of discharge. |
| SIO | Summary Instalment Order – Previously the responsibility of the District Court, now the Official Assignee. Max \$40,000 in debt. Consumer has made arrangement to pay off debts. These notices are removed from a credit file four years after the date of discharge. |
| Default-Collection Agency (also formally known as Collections Data) | This is information on debts being recovered by collection agencies. Collection Agency Defaults remain on a credit file for five years. |
| Company Officer Information | This information is obtained from the official Companies Office Register and lists the companies, of which a consumer is a director. The fact that a consumer was a director of a company remains on a credit file for seven years from the date that the consumer ceases to be a director of a company. |
| Consumer | A consumer is the person, individual or subject that the credit information or credit file relates to. |
| Judgments | These are debts where judgment has been obtained against a consumer in the District or High Court. |
| | Judgments remain on a credit file for five years. NB: The fact that judgment has been obtained and the account has then been paid becomes part of a consumer's credit history. The court judgment will not be removed from a credit file. |
| Credit Reporting Privacy Code 2004 | This is the Code that applies to all credit reporting agencies, such as Equifax (NZ) Limited consumer credit reporting business. The Code is issued under section 46 of the Privacy Act 1993 and is legally enforceable in the same way that the Act itself is. |
| Cross References | A cross-reference is attached to a consumer's credit file when it is confirmed that he or she is known by another name. Information held under all known aliases is provided when a credit enquiry is performed on a consumer with a cross reference. |
| File Numbers | This is the final section on a credit file. These numbers are used for internal administration purposes only. |
| ID Verification | This may confirm that a consumer's identity has been verified via one or more of the following: |
| | Valocity (property ownership records) |

| | EWP - Electronic White Pages (telephone records) |
|----------------------------------|---|
| | NZTA - New Zealand Transport Agency Driver Licence Verification |
| Lost or Stolen Identification | This advises any subscriber enquiring on a consumer's credit file that the consumer has reported his or her identification as being lost or stolen. This information is provided by the consumer to prevent the fraudulent use of their identity. |
| Mercantile Gazette | The Mercantile Gazette is a magazine that is published on a regular basis and is a published source of court and public record information. Judgments in particular are sourced from the Mercantile Gazette. |
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| NZ Gazette | The NZ Gazette is the official newspaper of the Government of New Zealand and is produced weekly by the NZ Gazette Office at the Department of Internal Affairs. |
| Previous Inquiries | A previous inquiry is a summary of access made to a credit file and appears as a separate section on the credit file. Some access, such as official government agencies, may not appear on the previous inquiry section. |
| | Previous inquiries remain on a credit file for five years. |
| Payment Default | A payment default is information about money owed to a subscriber by a consumer which has become overdue for more than 30 days. |
| | Payment defaults remain on a credit file for five years. |
| | The subscriber that lists a payment default entry on a consumer's credit file is obligated to update the entry when the account is paid. NB: Even when a Payment Default is paid, then information can only be updated to reflect this, we will not remove data unless it is inaccurate in some way. The fact that the account became overdue and has then been paid becomes part of a consumer's credit history. |
| Public Notices | This is public information obtained from the NZ Gazette. Notices include bankruptcies and insolvency, creditors' proposals and summary orders. These notices remain on a credit file for seven years. |
| Subject Details | This information is used to distinguish a credit file from others held in the consumer credit reporting database and includes name, date of birth, gender, address history, and cross-reference names (if any). |
| Subscriber | A subscriber is a Equifax client who has access to the consumer credit reporting database. |
| | Generally a subscriber is an agency that is involved with credit in some form and has signed a completed subscriber agreement with Equifax. Examples of subscribers are credit providers, debt collectors, landlords, employers, etc. |
| | The subscriber agreement defines the obligations imposed when accessing the consumer credit reporting information. |
| Summary | This is the "Summary" box section that appears on a credit file. It provides an indication of the number of entries listed on that particular credit file. |
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Account Type Codes

| Code | Description |
|------|----------------------------|
| 30 | 30 DAY ACCOUNT |
| 60 | 60 DAY ACCOUNT |
| 7 | 7 DAY ACCOUNT |
| 90 | 90 DAY ACCOUNT |
| В | BUDGET ACCOUNT |
| BF | BRIDGING FINANCE |
| BS | BILL OF SALE |
| CC | CREDIT CARD |
| CD | CASH ON DELIVERY |
| CE | CONSUMER INQUIRY |
| CF | CONSUMER FINANCE |
| CM | CHATTEL MORTGAGE |
| CQ | CHEQUE (PERSONAL) |
| CS | CREDIT SALE CONTRACT |
| DC | DAMAGES CLAIM |
| DE | DIRECTOR INQUIRY |
| F | FACTORED ACCOUNT |
| HB | HIRE PURCHASE (BOAT) |
| HC | HIRE PURCHASE (COMMERCIAL) |
| HH | HIRE PURCHASE (HOUSEHOLD) |
| HM | HIRE PURCHASE (VEHICLE) |
| L | LEASING |
| LC | LOAN CONTRACT |
| LP | LENDING PROPOSAL |
| M | MONTHLY ACCOUNT |
| 0 | OPTIONAL |
| OD | BANK OVERDRAFT |
| PE | PROFESSIONAL INQUIRY |
| PL | PERSONAL LOAN |
| R | RENTAL |
| RM | REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE |
| SV | SAVINGS ACCOUNT |
| Т | TERM ACCOUNT |
| TC | TITLE CHECK |

Payment Default Status Codes

| Status Description | Short Discription | Comment |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| W/OFF | Written Off | The client has decided not to take any further action with regard to this debt (e.g. the amount is too small to take legal action etc.) Please note that the money is still outstanding. |
| REPO | Repossession | The creditor has had to repossess the goods, or goods to the value of the amount outstanding. The balance |

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| | | owing is usually the shortfall after sale, or repossession / collection costs etc. |
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| GNA | Gone No Address | The creditor has been unable to obtain a current address for the person, so has selected this status code for their defaulter. |
| PLAN | Property Law Act Notice | This is a notice from the creditor to the debtor that they are in default of one or more terms and conditions of their mortgage. Before the mortgager has the right to enter into possession or sell the land they must serve a property law act notice (section 92) requiring the default to be remedied. The notice must specify the default complained of, specify a date by which the default must be remedied and specify the rights the mortgager will be entitled to exercise if the default is not remedied. |
| COLLCT | Collection Dept/Agency | The creditor has given the debt to their collection department, or agency to obtain the monies owed. |
| PAID | Paid | The default has been paid in full. |
| PAYING | Paying By Instalments | The debtor has come to an agreement with the creditor, and is paying regular amounts towards the debt. |
| DIS. | Dishonoured Cheque | When a cheque that the debtor has written has bounced, and the debtor has not been forthcoming with the monies due. |
| OVER | Overdrawn Account | When the debtor has not repaid their overdraft facility. |
| DFLT | Payment Default | When the account type does not fit into any of the other categories, the client may simply choose this type for their status codes. Simply means that their customer has failed to pay their account. |
| VOL. | Voluntary Repossession | Where the debtor has surrendered the goods, and the balance is the shortfall after sale. |
| STLLD | Settled | The creditor and debtor have come to an agreement and an appropriate amount has been accepted as full and final payment. |
| BKRPT | Bankrupt | The debtor has been adjudicated bankrupt. |
| DOC | Deed Of Compromise | This is where the debtor can reach some form of agreement with the |

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| | | creditor in respect to paying a proportion of the debt in full settlement. |
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| SOA | Scheme Of Arrangement | Where the creditor and debtor have come to an agreement regarding payment of the debt (much like the status paying by instalments) |
| FRAUD | Fraudulent Account | This is for a fraudulent account the debtor has committed fraud in some way or another. E.g. has obtained a Hire Purchase using somebody else's name. |
| SIO | Summary Instalment Order | This is an order made by a District Court judge, which allows a person in debt to pay back those debts in regular easy stages, without the threat of further legal action while the order is in force. A supervisor can be appointed to help the debtor to budget for repayment. |
| NAP | No Asset Procedure | The debtor has had the No Asset Procedure entered. |

Judgment Type Codes

| Code | Description |
|------|------------------------|
| DC | DISTRICT COURT |
| DIS | DISCHARGED |
| HC | HIGH COURT |
| IIB | INCLUDED IN BANKRUPTCY |
| TT | TENANCY TRIBUNAL |

Bankruptcy Codes

| Code | Description |
|-------|---|
| BKRPT | BANKRPUTCY FURTHER INFORMATION AT: http://www.insolvency.govt.nz/cms REMOVED FOUR YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF DISCHARGE. |
| NAP | A "NO ASSET PROCEDURE" (NAP) INTRODUCED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BANKRUPTCY FOR CONSUMER DEBTORS WITH FEW OR NO REALISABLE ASSETS, THE FOCUS BEING ON A "FRESH START". DISCHARGED AFTER 1 YEAR. MAX \$40,000 IN DEBT, REMOVED FOUR YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF DISCHARGE. |
| SIO | SUMMARY INSTALMENT ORDERS (SIO) – PREVIOUSLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICT COURT, NOW THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE. MAX \$40,000 IN DEBT. CONSUMER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENT TO PAY OF DEBTS. REMOVED FOUR YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF DISCHARGE. |

Gender Type Codes

| Code | Description |
|------|-------------|
| M | MALE |
| F | FEMALE |
| U | UNKNOWN |

Street Type Codes

| Code | Description | Code | Description |
|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| AC | Access | BN | Bend |
| AH | Arch | ВО | Brook |
| AL | Alley | BP | Bypass |
| AM | Amble | BR | Brae |
| AN | Anchorage | BS | Briars |
| AP | Approach | BT | Belt |
| AR | Arcade | BW | Broadway |
| AT | Artery | BX | Byway |
| AV | Avenue | BY | Bay |
| AW | Access way | BZ | Brow |
| AX | Annex | C1 | Concourse |
| AY | Alleyway | C2 | Crossroad |
| BA | Branch | C3 | Crossway |
| BB | Block | C4 | Corseo |
| BC | Brace | C5 | Corso |
| BE | Break | C6 | Centre way |
| BF | Bluff | C7 | Circlet |
| BG | Bridge | C8 | Cruise way |
| ВН | Beach | C9 | Central |
| BI | Basin | CA | Claim |
| BK | Bank | СВ | Copse |
| BL | Boulevard | CC | Circuit |
| BM | Bottom | CD | Colonnade |
| CE | Centre | EL | Elbow |
| CF | Cliffs | EM | Elm |
| CG | Crossing | EN | Entrance |
| CH | Chase | ES | Esplanade |
| CI | Circle | ET | Estate |
| CJ | Cutting | ET | Estates |
| CK | Creek | EW | Expressway |
| CL | Close | EX | Extension |
| CM | Common | FA | Fairway |
| CN | Corner | FB | Flats |
| CN | Corners | FC | Fire Track |
| CO | Course | FD | Ford |
| CP | Cape | FE | Fern |
| CQ | Cross | FF | Front |
| CR | Crescent | FG | Frontage |
| CS | Crest | FH | Foreshore |
| CT | Court | FI | Field |
| CU | Cul | FJ | Fields |
| CU | Cul-De-Sac | FK | Formation |

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| CV | Cove | FL | Forks | |
|----|--------------|----|------------|--|
| CW | Causeway | FM | Flat | |
| CX | Circus | FN | Farms | |
| CY | Courtyard | FO | Fen | |
| CZ | Courts | FQ | Follow | |
| DA | Dale | FQ | Fall | |
| DL | Dell | FR | Falls | |
| DN | Downs | FS | Fare | |
| DP | Dip | FT | Forest | |
| DR | Drive | FW | Fort | |
| DS | Distributor | FX | Footway | |
| DT | Deviation | FY | Firetrail | |
| DU | Dune | FZ | Ferry | |
| DV | Divide | GA | Freeway | |
| DW | Driveway | GD | Grange | |
| EA | East | GG | Garden | |
| ED | End | GL | Green | |
| EG | Edge | GN | Glade | |
| GO | Ground | LY | Glen | |
| GP | Gap | LZ | Lodge | |
| GR | Grove | MA | Mall | |
| GS | Gardens | MD | Mead | |
| GT | Gate | ME | Mew | |
| GT | Gates | ME | Mews | |
| GU | Gully | MI | Mill | |
| HB | Harbour | MI | Mills | |
| HE | Head | ML | Mile | |
| HL | Hill | MN | Mount | |
| HR | Highroad | MR | Meander | |
| HS | Hills | MS | Mission | |
| HT | Heights | MT | Mountain | |
| HV | Haven | MU | Motu | |
| HW | Highway | MW | Meadows | |
| IC | Interchange | MY | Motorway | |
| IS | Island | NK | Nook | |
| IT | Intersection | NV | Neaves | |
| JN | Junction | OK | Oaks | |
| KB | Knob | OL | Outlook | |
| KY | Key | OR | Orchard | |
| LA | Ladder | OV | Overbridge | |
| LD | Landing | PA | Passage | |
| LE | Lea | PB | Pocket | |
| LG | Leigh | PC | Paddock | |
| LH | Lights | PD | Parade | |
| LI | Line | PE | Plateau | |
| LK | Link | PH | Path | |
| LL | Little | PI | Priors | |
| LN | Lane | PK | Park | |
| LN | Lanes | PL | Place | |
| LO | Loop | PM | Palms | |
| LO | Loops | PN | Parklands | |

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| LR | Leader | РО | Port | |
|----|--------------|----|--------------|--|
| LS | Lees | PQ | Part | |
| LT | Lookout | PR | Promenade | |
| LW | Lower | PS | Pass | |
| PT | Point | RU | Rue | |
| PU | Paku | RV | Reserve | |
| PW | Pathway | RW | Row | |
| PX | Piazza | RX | Rua | |
| PY | Parkway | RY | Roadway | |
| PZ | Plaza | RZ | Run | |
| QD | Quad | SA | Spa | |
| QL | Quadrangle | SB | Straat | |
| QT | Quadrant | SC | Spring | |
| QU | Quay | SD | Springs | |
| QU | Quays | SE | Strand | |
| R1 | Roadside | SG | Steep | |
| R2 | Riviera | SH | Straight | |
| R3 | Right Of Way | SH | Shore | |
| RA | Range | SI | Shores | |
| RB | Ramble | SL | Siding | |
| RC | Ronde | SM | Slope | |
| RD | Road | SN | Stream | |
| RD | Roads | SO | Station | |
| RE | Retreat | SP | Sound | |
| RF | Reef | SQ | Strip | |
| RG | Ridge | SR | Square | |
| RG | Ridgeway | SS | Spur | |
| RH | Reach | ST | Steps | |
| RI | Ride | SU | Street | |
| RJ | Ranae | SV | Summit | |
| RK | Ring | SW | Service Lane | |
| RL | Rosebowl | SY | Service Way | |
| RM | Ramp | SZ | Subway | |
| RN | Round | TA | Stairs | |
| RO | Route | TC | Tarn | |
| RP | Rapids | TE | Terrace | |
| RQ | Rotary | TF | Trees | |
| RR | River | TI | Thoroughfare | |
| RR | Riverway | TK | Triangle | |
| RS | Rise | TL | Track | |
| RT | Rest | TN | Trailer | |
| TO | Tor | VN | Tunnel | |
| TP | Тор | VS | Views | |
| TR | Trail | VU | Vue | |
| TS | Terraces | VW | View | |
| TU | Turn | VY | Valley | |
| TV | Tram | WA | Waters | |
| TW | Toll-way | WD | Wade | |
| TX | Trunk-way | WF | Wharf | |
| TY | Tramway | WH | Whenua | |
| TZ | Towers | WK | Walk | |
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| UP | Underpass | WN | Wynd |
|----|-----------|----|---------|
| UR | Upper | WO | Wood |
| VA | Vista | WW | Walkway |
| VD | Viaduct | WY | Way |
| VE | Village | YD | Yard |
| VI | Villas | | |
| VL | Vale | | |