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ANZ partners with Air New Zealand to launch the ANZ Airpoints Visa

ANZ today announced a partnership with Air New Zealand to bring customers a new option in earning Airpoints – the new ANZ Airpoints Visa, where Airpoints do not expire for customers holding this card.

Available from February 2010, the new ANZ Airpoints Visa would allow customers to earn Air New Zealand Airpoints directly on their spend using the card.

ANZ's General Manager Lending Products, Mark Wilkshire said the bank was delighted to partner with New Zealand's national carrier to offer what will be a popular product with customers.

"An important feature of the ANZ Airpoints Visa card is that the Airpoints do not expire, regardless of whether they are earned from a flight or card spend, so long as you remain a cardholder. The non-expiry feature also extends to any Airpoints a customer has earned prior to applying for our card," he said.

"This means customers can be confident of maximising the full benefit of the card, whether they hold the classic ANZ Airpoints Visa or the ANZ Airpoints Visa Platinum."

"One in five New Zealanders currently benefit from Air New Zealand's Airpoints programme and we're pleased to be able to offer customers a new option in earning rewards on their credit card spending."

Air New Zealand Chief Financial Officer Rob McDonald said the partnership with ANZ would provide customers with greater choice.

"We're now able to provide kiwis with the freedom to select the financial partner that best suits their needs and ANZ's first suite of cards, with a range of benefits including no Airpoints expiry period, will certainly appeal."

Airpoints earned on the ANZ Airpoints Visa will be able to be redeemed on any available seat on an Air New Zealand ticketed and operated flight, and on reward seats on Star Alliance Network partner flights. They can also be used for flight upgrades, hotel and car rental bookings, and Koru Club membership.

The ANZ Airpoints Visa Platinum card will offer cardholders additional benefits including an increased Airpoints earn rate and the ability to earn status points.

Further details of the ANZ Airpoints Visa and ANZ Airpoints Visa Platinum cards will be announced in the New Year.

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