

New Zealand central bank says data system hacked

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In this May 8, 2019, file photo, New Zealand's Reserve Bank Governor Adrian Orr speaks to the media in Wellington, New Zealand. New Zealand's central bank said, Sunday Jan. 10, 2021, that one of its data systems has been breached by an unidentified hacker who has potentially accessed commercially and personally sensitive information. (AP Photo/Nick Perry, File)

New Zealand's central bank said Sunday that one of its data systems has been breached by an unidentified hacker who potentially accessed commercially and personally sensitive information.

A third party file sharing service used by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to share and store [sensitive information](#) had been illegally accessed, the Wellington-based bank said in a statement.

Governor Adrian Orr said the breach has been contained. The bank's core functions "remain sound and operational," he said.

"We are working closely with domestic and international cybersecurity experts and other relevant authorities as part of our investigation and response to this malicious attack," Orr said.

"The nature and extent of information that has been potentially accessed is still being determined, but it may include some commercially and personally sensitive information," Orr added.

The system had been secured and taken offline until the bank completes its initial investigations.

"It will take time to understand the full implications of this breach and we are working with system users whose information may have been accessed," Orr said.

The bank declined to answer to emailed questions seeking more details.

It's unclear when the [breach](#) took place or if there were any indications of who was responsible, and in what country is the file sharing service based.

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