

Enrolling to vote: Application

YOU MUST ENROL
if you are qualified to do so.

When you enrol to vote in parliamentary elections, your details are also made available to your local authority for the purpose of including you on the rolls for local elections.

If you have any questions about enrolment -

- See the information attached to this form.
- Ask your Registrar of Electors, or the staff of any New Zealand PostShop or agency, or call 0800 36 76 56.
- See the elections website at www.elections.org.nz

If you are physically disabled or outside New Zealand, another person may be able to fill out this form and sign it for you.

SECTION A

Please print using
black or blue ink pen

My details

This is the address where you choose to make your home. If your house or flat does not have a street or road number, please give extra details in Section E on the next page.

If you answer 'No' or you live outside New Zealand, please fill in Section C on the next page

Please give your postal address if different from your residential address

If you answer 'Yes' please fill in Section D on the next page

You must enrol for a General electorate. Please sign in the General electorate box in Section B.

My surname or family name is:

My given or first names are:

My title is:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other title →

eg Dr, Professor

My residential address is:

Flat/House number:

Street/Road:

Suburb, Town, City or Locality:

Have you resided for at least the last month at this address?

Yes No

My postal address is:

My date of birth is:

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Day Month Year

My occupation is:

Do you want to be able to update your details electronically in future?

Yes No

My contact telephone numbers are:

Mobile Work Home

Are you a New Zealand Māori or a descendant of a New Zealand Māori?

No Yes

To find out if you can choose to enrol for a Māori electorate or a General electorate, first read the information attached to this form.

SECTION B

Declaration

Sign in one of the boxes below

You must **sign** and date this declaration **yourself**, unless you are physically disabled or outside New Zealand. See the information attached to this form.

General electorate

1. I believe I am qualified to enrol as a voter.
2. My details are given correctly on this form.
3. I apply to enrol for a General electorate.

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Signature

Date

Māori electorate

1. I believe I am qualified to enrol as a voter.
2. My details are given correctly on this form.
3. I am a New Zealand Māori or a descendant of a New Zealand Māori.
4. I apply to enrol for a Māori electorate.

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Signature

Date

Now that you have filled out this form, signed and dated it, please return it in the envelope provided, or post it to Enrolment Services, Freepost 2 ENROL, PO Box 190, Wellington 6140, hand it in at any New Zealand PostShop, fax it to 04 801 0709 or scan both pages of your completed form (PDF or JPG format) and follow the instructions to upload your form at www.elections.org.nz/enrolme.

SECTION C

Only fill in Section C if you have resided for less than one month in your house or flat, or if you live outside New Zealand

If you live in New Zealand

I moved to my current residence on:

Day / Month / Year

The last address in New Zealand where I resided for at least 1 month was:

Flat/House number:
Street/Road:
Suburb, Town, City or Locality:

I resided there from:

Day / Month / Year

to:

Day / Month / Year

If you live outside New Zealand

I was last in New Zealand on:

Day / Month / Year

I moved overseas on:

Day / Month / Year

The last address in New Zealand where I resided for at least 1 month before moving overseas was:

Flat/House number:
Street/Road:
Suburb, Town, City or Locality:

I resided there from:

Day / Month / Year

to:

Day / Month / Year

SECTION D

Only fill in Section D if you want to be able to update your details electronically in future

Electronic update transactions

My email address is:

[Email address input field]

SECTION E

Only fill in Section E if your house or flat does not have a street or road number

Sketch map showing where you reside

Sketch map area with a north arrow pointing upwards.

Names of your nearest neighbours on your side of the road

[Neighbour names input fields]

Name of landlord (if you have one)

[Landlord name input field]

If you own the property, give the DP Lot Number of the property from your rates account (if you know it)

[DP Lot Number input field]

Name of the person who resided in your house or flat before you (if you know it). Please say if the house is newly built

[Previous resident name input field]

If your property has been allocated a Rural Address Property Identification (RAPID) number, please show it here

[RAPID number input field]

You must enrol if

- you are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand, and
- you are 18 or older, and
- you have at any time resided in New Zealand continuously for one year or more, and
- you are not disqualified (see “Grounds of disqualification” below).

For electoral purposes, a permanent resident of New Zealand is any person that is lawfully in New Zealand and is not required under the Immigration Act 2009 to leave within a specified time.

You may apply if you are 17

If you are 17, you can fill in the form and return it now. We will then enrol you as a voter when you turn 18. At that time we will write to you to say that we have enrolled you.

Grounds of disqualification

- You cannot enrol if you are:
 - a New Zealand citizen who is outside New Zealand and has not been in New Zealand within the last 3 years or
 - a permanent resident of New Zealand who is outside New Zealand and has not been in New Zealand within the last 12 months.

**NOTE that there are exceptions to the above two rules – for example, public servants or members of the Defence Force who are on duty outside New Zealand, as well as members of their families. – if you are unsure call 0800 36 76 56 or see www.elections.org.nz*
- There are other grounds of disqualification that affect a very small number of people. Registrars of Electors are notified of people covered by any such ground. A Registrar of Electors would contact any person applying to enrol who appeared to be subject to such disqualification to discuss his or her qualification to enrol. However, if you have any questions or concerns about other grounds of disqualification, call 0800 36 76 56 or see www.elections.org.nz

What happens if I don't enrol?

The law requires you to enrol as a voter if you are qualified to do so. You are required to provide all the information on the form. It is an offence not to enrol if you are qualified to do so. People who are convicted of the offence, face a fine of up to \$100 for a first conviction, and up to \$200 for a further conviction.

Instructions for filling in the form

Truth

You must be sure that what you say in this form is true.

What parts of the form do I fill out?

You must fill in sections A and B.

You also need to fill in section C if you live in New Zealand and you have answered “No” in section A to the question “Have you resided for at least the last month at this address?”, or if you live outside New Zealand.

You will need to fill in section D if you want to be able to update your enrolment details electronically in future, and section E if your house or flat does not have a street or road number.

Signing the application

You must sign this form yourself unless you are physically disabled or you are outside New Zealand. If you are physically disabled or you are outside New Zealand, another person may sign on your behalf.

That person must be:

- someone to whom you have granted a power of attorney, or
- someone who is already enrolled as a voter, and who says on the form that the form is being signed and returned by your direction.

The person signing must also say on the form that you are physically disabled or are outside New Zealand (whichever applies).

If the application is for a person who is unable to understand the nature of the decision to enrol as a voter, then you may be able to apply for them. Call 0800 36 76 56 for details.

How do we work out your electorate?

You can only be enrolled in one electorate. Your electorate will be the last one in which you resided for at least one month.

What does “reside” mean?

This is your home address. A New Zealand Post Box or rural delivery number isn't enough to describe your address. We require your full home address so we can enrol you in the electorate in which you ‘reside’. You “reside” at the place where you choose to make your home because of family or personal relations or for other domestic or personal reasons. Just because you may be occasionally or temporarily absent from that place does not mean that you do not reside there. Being absent from your place of residence because of your employment or education (or your spouse's employment or education) does not affect it either. The most important factor in working out where you reside is where you choose to make your home.

Generally, you must have lived in an electoral district for at least one month to enrol to vote in that district. You are still eligible to enrol if you are in temporary accommodation or do not have a fixed address – to register you need to give the address you last lived at for a period of one month or more, even if that is some time ago. If you are homeless, you can give the address where you spend a substantial part of your time as your current residential address. However, if you are homeless or do not have a fixed address you will also need to provide a postal address where important electoral mail, such as voting papers and enrolment confirmations, can be sent. Patients in hospital and remand prisoners should give their home address, rather than the address of the facility, on the enrolment form. If you are living overseas and are eligible to vote you can only enrol at your last home in New Zealand, but you can register your overseas address as your postal address.

If you have questions about where you “reside” for electoral purposes call 0800 36 76 56.

What happens if I change my address?

Every time you change your address, you must tell the Electoral Commission. You can do this by filling in a change of address form at any New Zealand PostShop or by filling in this form. You can also use this form to tell the Electoral Commission that you wish to be able to update your enrolment details electronically, in future - see ‘Electronic Transactions’ in this information sheet.

If you do not tell us your new address or re-enrol, your vote may not count.

What happens to the information I supply?

What is the information about voters used for?

When you enrol, we will publish your name, the address where you reside, and your occupation in the roll of your electorate. The roll is a list of voters which any member of the public can look at and is used during elections. We may give this information to scientific or health researchers, political candidates, members of Parliament or political parties. We can also tell them your age group, postal address and whether you are of Māori descent. The information is also used to make up lists of people who might be called to serve on a jury. Phone numbers are needed in case we need to contact you for electoral purposes. Date of birth is needed to show that you are old enough to enrol and can also help us distinguish between people with the same name. Phone numbers and elector's date of birth information is not released.

The unpublished roll

If you are eligible to enrol but believe that having your details recorded on the published electoral roll could threaten your personal safety, or that of your family, you may request to go on the confidential unpublished roll. To request a form for applying to go on the unpublished roll call 0800 36 76 56 or go to www.elections.org.nz. Your enrolment details will be held securely by the Electoral Commission and not released to anyone.

You will need to provide supporting information to show why you need to register on the unpublished roll. Examples of the type of information to include are:

- A letter from your employer, your lawyer, your social worker, your advocate or someone of standing in the community explaining why your work or personal circumstances place you at risk, or
- A copy of a protection order that is in force under the Domestic Violence Act 1995, or
- A copy of a restraining order that is in force under the Harassment Act 1997, or
- Information from a Police officer or Corrections officer explaining why your personal safety, or that of your family, could be prejudiced by the publication of your name and address.

Access to information

You have the right to ask for access to information about you held by the Electoral Commission. You may also ask for this information to be corrected.

Checking the information

We may carry out information matching with details from a number of government agencies (under authorised information matching programmes) to ensure that the electoral roll is complete and correct.

Electronic transactions

In order to update your enrolment details electronically you must first opt in to the service and provide your email address on an 'Enrolling to vote: Application' form.



The electronic updating of enrolment details is accessed via a RealMe login, which allows the use of the same login details to access various participating online services – the RealMe® service is secure and maintains your privacy.

Once your enrolment has been processed you will be contacted at the email address provided on your application form to complete registration with the elections enrolment online service. This will either require you to set up a RealMe login, or to use your existing RealMe login if you have one.

Should you decide you no longer wish to be able to update your enrolment details electronically, you need to advise the Electoral Commission that you opt out of the electronic transactions option. Access to your enrolment record will be amended accordingly.

Choosing to enrol in a Māori electorate

If you are of New Zealand Māori descent, you have a choice of enrolling for either a General electorate or a Māori electorate when:

- you are enrolling for the first time, or
- you are completing this form during a Māori Electoral Option, or
- your enrolment has lapsed and you were not on the roll as at 3 April 2018.

If none of the above situations applies to you, but you are using this form to update your electoral details, you do not have a choice. You must remain enrolled for the same type of electorate (Māori or General) for which you are currently enrolled.

If you answered 'yes' to the question in section A asking whether you are a New Zealand Māori or a descendant of New Zealand Māori you will be sent an option form at the time of the next Māori Electoral Option. You will then be able to change from one type of roll to the other if you choose to do so.

If you do not answer the question, or if you answer 'no', then you will be treated for electoral purposes as a person who is not of New Zealand Māori descent. You will be enrolled for a general electorate and will not be sent an option form for the next Māori Electoral Option.

Ko tō kōwhiringa kia rēhita ki tētahi rohe pōti Māori

Mēnā he uri Māori koe nō Aotearoa, he uri rānei nō tētahi Māori nō Aotearoa, ka taea e koe te whiriwhiri me rēhita ki tētahi rohe pōti whānui, ki tētahi rohe pōti Māori rānei mehemea:

- koiane te wā tuatahi e rēhita ana koe hei kaipōti,
- kei te whakaoti koe i tēnei puka i te wā o tētahi Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, tērā rānei
- kua hipa kē tō rēhita, ā, kāore koe i runga i te rārangi i te 3 o Paengawhāwhā 2018.

Mehemea kāhore tētahi āhuatanga o runga nei i te pā ki a koe engari e whakamahi kē koe i tēnei pukapuka hei whakahou i ngā kōrero pōtiringa mōu, kāhore i a koe te kōwhiringa nei. Me noho tonu koe ki te momo rohe pōti (Māori, whānui rānei) e noho nei koe i tēnei wā.

Me i 'āe' mai koe ki te pātai i te Wāhanga A, e pātai ana mehemea he Māori koe nō Aotearoa, he uri rānei nō tētahi Māori nō Aotearoa, ka tukuna he puka kōwhiringa ki a koe mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori ā muri ake. Hei reira rawa koe ka āhei ki te whakawhiti mai i tētahi m omo rohe pōti ki tētahi, mehemea e pīrangi ana koe.

Ki te kore koe e whakautu i te pātai, ki te whakautu rānei i te pātai ki te 'kāo', ka kīia koe ehara i te tangata whakapapa Māori mō ngā take pōti. Ka whakaurua koe ki tētahi rohe pōti whānui, ā, e kore e tukuna he puka kōwhiringa ki a koe i te wā o te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori o muri atu.

If you would like an acknowledgement when you hand in your completed application at a New Zealand PostShop, fill in your name in the panel below and have a staff member sign and date stamp it.

To: -----
Applicant's name

I have received your application.
The Registrar of Electors will write to you
when your application has been dealt with.

DATE
STAMP

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