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**ENROLLING TO
VOTE BEFORE YOU'RE**

18



YOU MUST BE ENROLLED TO VOTE IN NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

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At least once every three years New Zealand holds a General Election to choose a new Parliament and Government. There are General and Māori electorates. Each electorate has a roll, or a list, of everyone who is enrolled to vote. If you are aged 18 years or older and eligible to enrol the law says you must be on the roll. If you're 17 years of age you can provisionally enrol. Once enrolled you must keep your details up to date. Registrars of Electors, who work for New Zealand Post Ltd, look after the rolls.

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INTRODUCTION

CAN I ENROL BEFORE I'M 18?

Yes, you can make a “provisional enrolment” as soon as you turn 17 by filling in the form called “Enrolling to vote: Application”.

WHY SHOULD I BE ENROLLED?

Once you've turned 18 you must enrol if you are qualified to do so. Being enrolled gives you the opportunity to do so. Being enrolled gives you the opportunity to vote. Voting is your chance to have your say about which people and which political parties are elected to New Zealand's Parliament at each general election. You will also have the opportunity to vote at local council and district health board elections and any referenda or polls.

APPLYING TO PROVISIONALLY ENROL?

AM I QUALIFIED TO PROVISIONALLY ENROL?

You may provisionally enrol if:

- You are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand, and,
- You are 17 years old, and,
- You have lived in New Zealand for more than one year continuously at some time, and,
- You are not disqualified.

AM I DISQUALIFIED FROM PROVISIONALLY ENROLLING?

You cannot provisionally 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.
- You are a permanent resident of New Zealand who is outside New Zealand and has not been in New Zealand within the last 12 months.

(Note: 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.)

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. If you have any questions or concerns about other grounds for disqualification, call 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) or see our website – elections.org.nz.

HOW DO I APPLY TO PROVISIONALLY ENROL?

Just fill in an enrolment form called “Enrolling to vote: Application”.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO GIVE?

Please answer all questions on the enrolment form so we can enrol you correctly.

WHERE DO I GET AN ENROLMENT FORM?

- Fill in and post the coupon at the back of this booklet and we'll send you one.
- They're free from any PostShop.
- Phone us free on 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56), and we'll send you one.
- Freetext your name and address to 3676, and we'll send you one.
- Request or print one from our website – elections.org.nz

After you have filled in the form drop it in at any PostShop or post it (no postage stamp required) to:



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P O BOX 190, WELLINGTON 6140**

CAN I ENROL USING THE INTERNET?

Yes, simply go to our website elections.org.nz and click the “Enrol, check or update” button. Follow the steps to fill your enrolment details. You can then download and print off an enrolment form with your details already filled in, sign this and send it in to complete the process.

Alternatively, you can submit the transaction and we will send a pre-printed personalised enrolment form for you to check, sign and send back. You can also check your enrolment details online at the website.

CAN I UPDATE MY DETAILS USING THE INTERNET?

A person is able to update their enrolment details electronically once they have filled in, and the Registrar of Electors has accepted, an ‘Enrolling to vote: Application’ form that shows they want to opt in to this service. An applicant’s email address is also required.

The electronic updating of enrolment details is accessed via an igovt logon which allows the use of the same logon details to access various government online services – igovt 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 an igovt logon, or to use your existing igovt logon 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 Registrar of Electors that you opt out of the electronic transactions option. Access to your enrolment record will be amended accordingly.

I’M A NEW ZEALAND MĀORI. CAN I CHOOSE WHICH ROLL TO GO ON?

You can choose which type of roll to go on if you’re a New Zealand Māori, by signing the appropriate panel on the enrolment form. Once you’ve made your choice you can’t change until the next Māori Electoral Option exercise.

More information is available in our booklet called “Enrolling to vote as a New Zealand Māori”.

I'M DISABLED. CAN I HAVE HELP WITH PROVISIONALLY ENROLLING?

If you are physically disabled you can get someone to fill in, sign and date the enrolment form for you. But:

- They must be a registered elector – that is, already enrolled themselves.
- They must print “Elector Physically Disabled – signed by their direction” on the enrolment form next to their signature.
- Or your application can be completed by the person who holds your Power of Attorney. In this case they must print “Elector Physically Disabled – Power of Attorney” on the enrolment form next to their signature.

If a member of your family is mentally incapable you may be able to enrol them. Call us free on 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) for details.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ENROLMENT FORM AFTER I'VE SENT IT BACK?

Your Registrar of Electors will check to ensure it's filled in correctly. If it is, your name will go on the provisional electoral roll of the electorate you've last lived in for at least a month. We'll send you notification in the mail to confirm your provisional enrolment.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TURN 18?

On your eighteenth birthday you will be registered as an elector without the need for you to complete a further form. The Registrar of Electors will write to you to inform you that your application has been dealt with and that you have been enrolled.

WHAT DO I DO IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

Just before you move, fill in a New Zealand Post “Mail Re-direction Request” form at any PostShop. You'll get your mail delivered to your new address, plus your Registrar of Electors will also be advised you've moved.

If your new address is still in the same electorate your Registrar of Electors will just update your provisional enrolment and send you a new notice of confirmation.

However, if you have moved into a new electorate, you'll be sent an enrolment form one month after you shift. Just complete, sign and send back this form and the Registrar of Electors for your new electorate will provisionally enrol you and send you a notice of confirmation.

If the Registrar of Electors can't find your name on any provisional enrolment list, they will mail an enrolment form to your new address.

Alternatively, you can fill in a new enrolment form or go to our website – elections.org.nz – and update your address online.



**YOU NEED TO BE
ENROLLED
BEFORE YOU CAN VOTE**

WHAT DO I DO IF I CHANGE MY NAME OR OCCUPATION?

If you change your name or occupation you should advise your Registrar of Electors in writing of the change as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can fill in a new enrolment form or update your details on our website – elections.org.nz.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I FORGET TO UPDATE MY DETAILS?

If you forget to update your details we may not be able to contact you during an enrolment update campaign and your name will be removed from the roll. You will then need to re-enrol.

THANK YOU
FOR READING THIS BOOKLET.

WE HOPE IT HAS ANSWERED ALL YOUR
QUESTIONS ON PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT

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Further information about enrolling to vote can be obtained by:

- visiting our website – elections.org.nz
- calling free 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- reading the booklets
 - Everything you need to know about enrolling to vote*
 - Enrolling to vote as a New Zealand Māori
 - Everything you need to know about the unpublished electoral roll*

* available from PostShops or Registrars of Electors offices.



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Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):

Address:

City/Town:

Postcode:

Please send me the following number of electoral enrolment forms to the above address:

CAN I GET THIS INFORMATION IN OTHER LANGUAGES?

Our website has this booklet available in a number of languages.



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