


Enrolling
to vote before
you're

18

ELECTIONS







You must be enrolled to vote in New Zealand Parliamentary Elections




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0800 ENROL NOW
(0800 36 76 56)



or visit
www.elections.org.nz



At least once every three years New Zealand holds a General Election to choose a new Parliament and Government. The MMP (Mixed Member Proportional) electoral system allows each person enrolled as an elector to cast two votes. One vote is for your preferred Party. The second is for the person you want to be the Member of Parliament for your local Electorate. Your residential address decides which electorate you will be in. There are General and Maori 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 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 – www.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.
- Request or print one from our website – www.elections.org.nz

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

Freepost 2 Enrol
Electoral Enrolment Centre
P O Box 190
Wellington 6015

Can I enrol or update my details using the Internet?

Yes, simply go to our website www.elections.org.nz and click the "check your enrolment details or enrol online" 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

www.elections.org.nz

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.

I'm a New Zealand Maori. Can I choose which roll to go on?

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

More information is available in our booklet called "Enrolling to vote as a New Zealand Maori".

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?

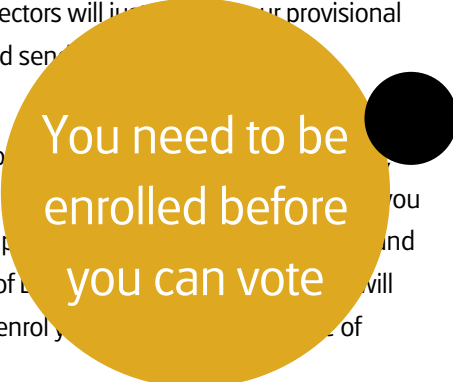
On your eighteenth birthday you will be registered as an elector without the need for you to complete a further form. The Registrar of Electors will write to you to inform you that your application has been dealt with and that you have been enrolled.

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 confirmation.

However, if you move to a new electorate you'll be sent a form to complete and you'll need to shift. Just complete the form and send it to the Registrar of Electors. You'll be provisionally enrolled in your new electorate and you'll receive a confirmation.



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Further information

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 – www.elections.org.nz – and update your address online.

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 – www.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.

How do I get more information?

Further information about enrolling to vote can be obtained by:

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

*available from PostShops or Registrars of Electors offices.

Thank you
for reading this
booklet.

We hope it
has answered all
your questions on
provisional
enrolment.

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Can I get this information in other languages?

If you would like a copy of this booklet in Maori, Cook Islands Maori, Tongan, Samoan, Chinese, or Korean languages simply call us free on 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) and we'll send you a copy straight away.

Maori

Mehemea kei te pirangi koe ki tetahi kape o te puka nei i te reo Maori, waea mai ki a matau i runga i te nama kore utu 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56), a, ma matau e tuku tika atu ki a koe.

Cook Islands Maori

Me kua inangaro koe i tetahi kaopi naau o teia buka meangiti nei i roto i te Reo Maori Kuki Airani, e ringi ua mai ia matou i te numero te kare koe e tutaki 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56), e ka tuku atu i reira matou i tetahi kaopi naau i te reira taime tikai.

Tongan

Kapau te ke fiema'u ha tatau 'o e ki'i tohi ni 'i he lea faka-Tongá, telefoni ta'e totongi mai pe ki he 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) pea te mau li atu leva ha'o kopi 'i he taimi pe ko ia.

Samoan

Afai e te mana'omia se ata o le lolomiga i le gagana Samoa o lenei tusi, telefoni mai i matou i le numera e leai se totogi: 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56), ona lafo atu loa lea o sau tusi.

Chinese

如果您希望得到本小冊子的中文副本，請打0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)免費電話索閱。我們將馬上為您寄去一份。

Korean

이 책자의 한국어 사본이 필요하면 저희에게 무료 전화 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)으로 전화 주십시오. 한국어 사본을 바로 보내 드리겠습니다.

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