

# Why enrol to vote?

If you're enrolled to vote, you get to have a say in general elections, local elections and referendums. Elections are your chance to have a say about who represents you on the issues that you care about.

**You can make sure your voice is heard by enrolling to vote.**



## Who can enrol to vote?

You *must* enrol if you:

- are 18 years or older, and
- are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand, and
- have lived in New Zealand for more than one year continuously at some time in your life.

If you are Australian, Cook Islands Maori, Niuean or Tokelauan, you can only enrol if you have lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months.

If you live overseas you can enrol to vote if you:

- are a New Zealand citizen who has been in New Zealand within the past three years, or
- are a permanent resident of New Zealand who has been in New Zealand within the past twelve months.

You can enrol once you turn 17. When you turn 18, you'll be automatically enrolled and you'll be ready to vote.



## How do I enrol?

It's easy to enrol or update your details. You can:

- Visit **vote.nz** and use your New Zealand driver license, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity to enrol online
- Call free **0800 36 76 56** and ask for a form to be sent to you

When you've enrolled, your name will go on the electoral roll. You must be on the electoral roll to vote.

You need to update your details every time you move house.



## Enrolling to vote if you are Māori

If you're of Māori descent and enrolling for the first time, you have an important choice to make. You need to decide which electoral roll you want to be on: the general roll or the Māori roll.

Your choice affects which electorate you vote in at the general election.

If you choose the general roll, you'll vote for a candidate in a general electorate. If you choose the Māori roll, you'll vote for a candidate in a Māori electorate. You can vote for the same list of political parties whichever roll you're on.

The roll you choose may affect the way you vote in local elections. If you're on the Māori roll and your local authority has a Māori ward or constituency, you'll vote for a candidate in the Māori ward.

If you change your mind once you've chosen a roll (Māori or general), you can change rolls during the Māori Electoral Option, which takes place about every 5 years.



## Concerned about your personal safety?

If you're concerned about your personal safety, or that of your family, you can apply to go on the confidential unpublished roll. We'll keep your enrolment details secure and we won't give them to anyone.

Talk to your local registrar of electors, go to **vote.nz** or call **0800 36 76 56** for more information and an application form.



## Need help to enrol?

You can ask someone you know, such as a friend or family member, or you can ask your local registrar of electors, to help you complete your enrolment form, or to complete your form for you.

You need to sign the form.

If you know someone who can't complete and sign their enrolment form because of a physical or mental impairment, you may be able to help.

Go to **vote.nz** to find out more about helping someone enrol to vote.



## Need more information?

For more information about enrolling and voting:

- Visit **vote.nz**
- Visit **facebook.com/VoteNZ**

Information about enrolling and voting is available in 27 languages at **vote.nz**

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# He aha te take me rēhita ki te pōti?

Mēnā kua rēhita koe ki te pōti, ka whai reo koe i roto i ngā pōtitanga whānui, ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe me ngā tāpaetanga pōti. He whai wāhitanga ngā pōtitanga mōu ki te whakaputa whakaaro ko wai ka taunaki i ō take e kaingākauria ana e koe.

**Ka mātua whakarite koe kia rongohia tō reo mā te rēhita ki te pōti.**

## Ko wai ka āhei ki te rēhita ki te pōti?

Me mātua rēhita koe mēnā:

- 18 ō tau, neke atu rānei, ā,
- he kirirarau koe nō Aotearoa, he kainoho pūmau rānei koe nō Aotearoa, ā,
- neke atu i te kotahi tau mau tonu i te iti rawa tō noho ki Aotearoa i tētahi wā.

Mēnā he Ahitereiria koe, he Māori Kuki Airani, he Niuē, Tokerau rānei ka taea anake e koe te rēhita mēnā i noho pūmau koe ki Aotearoa mō te 12 marama.

Mēnā kei tāwāhi koe e noho ana ka taea e koe te rēhita ki te pōti mēnā:

- he kirirarau koe nō Aotearoa e noho ana i Aotearoa i roto i te toru tau kua taha ake nei, tērā rānei
- he kainoho pūmau koe nō Aotearoa e noho ana i Aotearoa i roto i te tekau mā rua marama kua taha ake nei.

Ka āhei koe ki te rēhita ina eke koe ki te 17 tau. Ina eke koe ki te 18 tau kua rēhita tonu noa koe, ā, ka āhei hoki ki te pōti.

## Me pēhea taku rēhita?

He māmā te rēhita, te whakahou rānei i ō taipitopito. Ka taea e koe te:

- Haere ki **vote.nz** ka whakamahi i tō raihana taraiwa o Aotearoa, tō uruwhenua o Aotearoa rānei, tō tuakiri RealMe kua whakaūngia rānei hei rēhita tuihono

- Waea koreutu ki **0800 36 76 56** ka pātai atu kia tukuna tētahi puka rēhita ki a koe

Ina rēhita koe, ka uru tō ingoa ki te rārangi pōti. Me mātua uru koe ki te rārangi pōti ki te pōti.

Me whakahou e koe ō taipitopito i ia wā ka neke koe ki whare kē noho ai.

## Te rēhita ki te pōti mēnā he Māori koe

Mēnā he uri Māori koe, ā, kei te rēhita koe mō te wā tuatahi, he kōwhiringa nui tāu hei tuku. Me whiriwhiri e koe ko tēhea te rārangi pōti e hiahia ana koe ki te eke atu: te rārangi pōti whānui, te rārangi pōti Māori.

Ka whai pānga tō kōwhiringa ko tēhea te rohe pōti ka pōti koe i te pōtitanga whānui.

Ki te kōwhiria e koe te rārangi whārangi, ka pōti koe mō tētahi kaiono i tētahi rohe pōti whānui. Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi Māori, ka pōti koe mō tētahi kaitono i tētahi rohe pōti Māori. Ka āhei koe ki te pōti mō ngā rōpū tōrangapū ōrite ahakoa kei tēhea rārangi koe.

Ka whai pānga pea te rārangi pōti ka kōwhiria e koe ki te āhua o tō pōti i ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe. Mēnā kei runga koe i te rārangi Māori, ā, he rohe pōti Māori tō tō kaunihera ā-rohe, ka pōti koe mō tētahi kaitono i roto i te rohe pōti Māori.

Ki te huri ō whakaaro ina kōwhiria e koe tētahi rārangi (Māori, whānui rānei), ka taea e koe te whakawhiti rārangi i roto i te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, ka tū i ia 5 tau.

## Kei te māharahara mō tō haumaruru?

Mēnā kei te māharahara mō tō haumaruru, mō te haumaruru o tō whānau rānei, ka taea e koe te tono kia eke koe ki te rārangi huna matatapu. Ka puritia kia noho tapu ō taipitopito rēhita, ā, kāore e tukuna atu ki te tangata.

Me kōrero ki tō kairēhita o ngā kaipōti i tō rohe, haere ki **vote.nz**, waea rānei ki **0800 36 76 56** mō ētahi atu kōrero me tētahi puka tono hoki.

## Kei te hiahia āwhina koe ki te rēhita?

Ka taea e koe te tono ki tētahi tangata e mōhio ana koe, pērā i tētahi hoa, he whanaunga rānei, te tono rānei ki tō kairēhita o ngā kaipōti i tō rohe rānei, ki te āwhina i a koe ki te whakaoti i tō pepa pōti, kia whakaotihia rānei te puka mōu.

Me waitohu e koe te puka.

Mēnā kei te mōhio koe ki tētahi tangata kāore e taea e ia te whakaoti me te waitohu tana puka rēhita nā tētahi waimaero hinengaro me te hauora, ka taea pea e koe ia te āwhina.

Haere ki **vote.nz** ki te rapu kōrero atu anō mō te āwhina i tētahi atu ki te rēhita ki te pōti.

## Kei te hiahia kōrero atu anō koe?

Mō ētahi atu kōrero mō te rēhita me te pōti:

- Haere ki **vote.nz**
- Haere ki **facebook.com/VoteNZ**

E wātea ana ngā kōrero mō te rēhita me te pōti i roto i ngā reo 27 i **vote.nz**

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