



Elections - Advice for voters

Our local authority elections are held every three years, and give you the chance to vote for the regional council, Mayor, district council, and District Health Board. The next election will be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.

How do I vote?

First you need to make sure you're on the [New Zealand electoral roll](#)

You're eligible to enrol if you:

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

Why is your address important?

Because voting papers are mailed out to everyone and we want to make sure you get yours. If you've recently moved, you'll need to update your address one of these three ways.

- complete the appropriate form at any Post Office
- phone 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- go to the [Elections New Zealand website](#).

Where do I vote?

Our local body elections are mostly by postal vote. We recommend that you read the candidate booklet when it arrives, vote and mail your papers back quickly (in the prepaid envelope provided)

You can also drop them back into the Council offices or local libraries.

Over the next few weeks our mobile enrollment and voting service will be traveling around the district.

We'll be visiting a mix of private venues, such as rest homes and education institutes, and public

venues, so that all eligible voters can get themselves onto the electoral role and cast their vote. Are you election ready?

When do I vote?

Voting papers will be posted out on 20 September. If you haven't received your voting papers by 26 September, you may not be on the electoral roll at the address you're living at or you may not be registered. For details on how to check and register can go online at <https://vote.nz> or phone 0800 36 76 56. You can register on the electoral roll up until 4.00 pm on 11 October and you can come in to the council offices to cast a special vote right until 12 noon on 12 October.