

Make sure you're enrolled for the 2026 General Election

9 June 2026

2026 is election year when we vote for the people and parties who will represent us in Parliament and form a government. Election day is 7 November 2026.

Last year, Parliament passed the Electoral Amendment Act 2025, bringing in some changes to enrolment and how elections are run.

You need to be enrolled before voting starts

Enrolment will close 13 days before election day, on 25 October 2026.

You won't be able to enrol at a voting place. If you are not enrolled, you won't be able to vote.

This is different to the last two elections when you could enrol and vote at the same time.

The Māori Electoral Option in election year

If you're Māori, you choose the Māori roll or general roll when you first enrol to vote.

After that, you can change rolls any time, except in the three months before an election.

In election year, the deadline for enrolled voters to change rolls is **midnight, 6 August 2026**.

If you miss the deadline, you'll stay on your current roll until after the election.

Key Dates



6 August 2026

Deadline to change rolls if you're Māori and already enrolled



25 October 2026

Enrolment closes



26 October 2026

Advance voting begins



7 November 2026

Election day

How to check your enrolment details

You can search for your enrolment details online at vote.nz/enrol

For privacy reasons the details you enter need to be an exact match for the details we have on file.

If they're not, the search may not find your enrolment.

If you can't find your record, it doesn't necessarily mean you're not enrolled – it means we couldn't match your details.

Moved house? Update your address

If your address is not kept up to date and we receive returned mail from your old address, you may be placed on the dormant roll.

We'll try to get in touch with you via text or email to update your details if this happens.

It's easy to correct by updating your address with us, and you'll be placed back on the main roll that you're enrolled on (Māori or general).

If you have any problems, call freephone 0800 36 76 56 and our team can check for you.

Or visit our website for troubleshooting tips: vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/troubleshooting-your-enrolment

How to enrol or update your details

You can enrol, check or update your details online at vote.nz using your NZ driver licence, NZ passport or RealMe verified identity.

You can also call freephone 0800 36 76 56 to ask for an enrolment form to be sent to you.

Or free text your name and address to 3676 and we'll send you a form.

Help us keep in touch with you about enrolling and voting by giving us your email and phone number as well as your address.

What is the dormant roll?

The dormant roll is the roll voters get placed onto when we have not been able to contact them at their registered address.

Voters remain on the electoral roll while we try to contact them through email, text or an alternate address if we have this information.

After four weeks, if we haven't heard from the voter (they have not updated their details) they will be moved to the dormant roll.

Being on the dormant roll doesn't change your roll type (general or Māori) or your electorate.

Anyone who has updated their details since being made dormant is added back onto the main roll.

We don't change your roll type unless you ask us to.

Someone on the dormant roll is still eligible to vote, but if their current address is in a different electorate to their enrolled address, they may only be able to make a party vote.

How to get off the dormant roll

To get off the dormant roll, you simply need to update your enrolment address.

However you need to do this before voting starts on 26 October 2026. You won't be able to do it at the voting place.

To check or update your enrolment details, go to vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

Other reasons we remove people from the electoral roll:

- we receive notification of their passing
- we receive notification they have been sentenced to a prison term
- they are living overseas and haven't visited New Zealand for over 12 months for residents for electoral purposes, and three years for NZ citizens
- they are living overseas and request to be removed.