

Access 2026

Accessible voting services for the 2026 General Election



To vote in the 2026 General Election you need to be enrolled by:

midnight on Sunday 25 October 2026.



You can vote:

- from **Monday 26 October**
- to **7pm on Saturday 7 November.**

More information

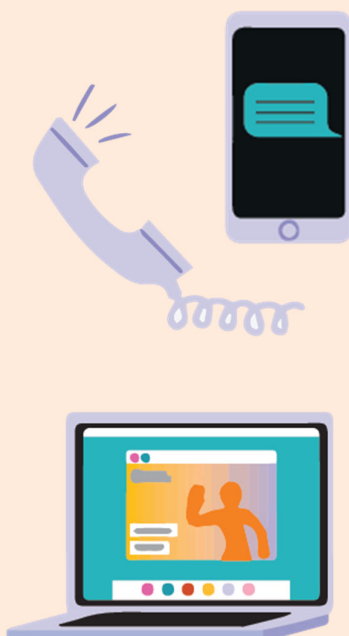
- call us for free on:
0800 36 76 56
- visit our website:
vote.nz

Read more about Access 2026 on this website:

elections.nz/access2026

Find more information about voting options at this website:

vote.nz/need-help-to-vote



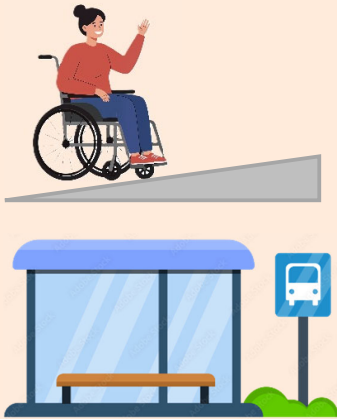
Where to find a voting place



Voting places are where you can vote during the election.

They might be at a place you know like a:

- school
- community centre.



Many of these voting places are accessible by:

- having ramps up to the door
- being big rooms with space to move around
- being close to parking and public transport.



There will be some voting places set up to support specific communities like:

- Māori
- Deaf people
- neurodivergent people.



A list of all voting places in your community will be put out 1 month before election day on this website:

vote.nz

Support to vote

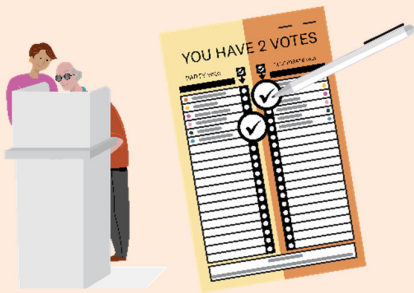


Have a support person

You can get a support person to assist you to vote in a voting place.

The support person can be someone:

- you know like a friend or family member
- who works at the voting place.



Your support person can:

- go behind the voting screen with you
- read out the words on the voting papers
- tick the voting paper if you ask them to.



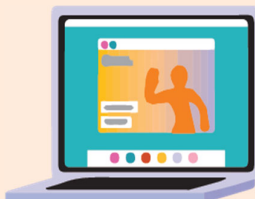
A support person is not allowed to tell you who to vote for.



Someone can pick up your papers

Someone can pick up and return your voting papers for you to complete at home.

You will need to fill in a form for this to happen.



This form can be downloaded from this website:
vote.nz

Support to vote



Telephone dictation service

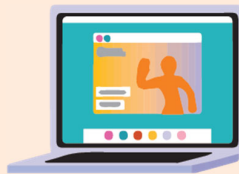
Telephone dictation is a way of voting over the phone for people who:

- are blind
- have low vision
- need support to mark voting papers because of a physical disability.



Voting by telephone dictation is private.

The person taking your vote will not know who you are.



You can find more information about the telephone dictation service at this website:

vote.nz/dictation



Care homes and hospitals

Teams will bring voting services to people in:

- care homes
- hospitals.