Election Access Fund

Te Tomokanga — Pūtea Whakatapoko Pōtitanga

Election Access Fund Application Form

Before you start

Help with your application

If you would like help completing your application, please call 0800 36 76 56 or email us on electionaccessfund@elections.govt.nz . Please let us know:

- your preferred method of contact (phone call, Zoom, Microsoft Teams or other)

- if you will have a support person or agent in attendance with you, and their name

- if you have any support needs, including cultural support needs.

Preparing your application

Please make sure you:

- read and understand all information about the Election Access Fund (the Fund). This can be found here: elections.nz/getting-involved/election-access-fund .

- meet the eligibility criteria detailed in the declaration section of this form

- prepare all the required documents, ensuring you provide as much information as you can, as this will help us process your application faster. A checklist can be found in this application form.

Submitting your application

Completed applications and supporting documents can be emailed to
electionaccessfund@elections.govt.nz

or you can post it to:

Election Access Fund
Electoral Commission
PO Box 3220
Wellington 6140

Please note - if you send us your application by email or post, we can't guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of this information until we have received it. However, once we receive it we'll keep your information private, and we won't share your email address.

Application form - Election Access Fund

Your details

First name:

Last name:

Date of Birth:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Street Address:

City:

Region:

Postcode:

Preferred method of communication (Phone, Text, E-mail, Other) describe if other:

Phone

Text

E-mail

Other:

Checklist

Your application must include all the following documents:

Application form and signed declaration

Budget costings

Supporting quotes or estimates for goods and services

Evidence of intention to stand as a candidate.

Your candidacy

Do you plan to stand for a political party?

Yes, I plan to stand for a political party.

No, I do not plan to stand for a political party.

If you plan to stand for a political party, have you notified your party of your intentions?

Yes, I have notified my party of my intention to stand.

(Please include a copy of your email or letter to the party secretary stating that you are seeking selection.)

No, I have not notified my party of my intention to stand.

Please note: To continue with your application, you need to notify your party and provide us with a copy of your email or letter.

Do you plan to stand as an independent candidate?

Yes, I plan to stand as an independent candidate.

(Please include a copy of your public announcement stating that you are standing as a candidate.)

No, I do not plan to stand as an independent candidate.

Your support requirements

The Fund will help to pay for additional disability-related costs needed to undertake selection and campaigning activities, which non-disabled candidates do not need.

Please refer to the Application Guidelines for examples of what costs can and cannot be covered by the Fund.

What service(s) are you applying to have funded?

What equipment are you applying to have funded?

What support(s) are you applying to have funded?

What barriers to your participation in selection and / or campaigning activities will these service(s), equipment and / or support(s) contribute to your participation in election activities?

Please comment on all the items you are applying to have funded

How will these services, equipment and / or supports contribute to your participation in election activities?

Please comment on all the items you are applying to have funded

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your disability and / or support needs?

For example, please tell us if there are other considerations such as whānau or family support you have available, equipment you already have, or services you use that work for you.

Do any other Government agencies give or plan to give you funding for the services, equipment and / or supports you are applying to have funded?

Yes

No

Comments

Declaration

This is a legal declaration to declare you are eligible to apply and that you will use the Fund appropriately.

I declare that:

- I am applying to the Election Access Fund as a person with a disability, being a long-term (lasting or expected to last 6 months or more) physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with various barriers may hinder my full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

- I am seeking to be a candidate, or to be selected as a candidate, in a parliamentary general election or by-election and I face barriers to doing so, as a consequence of my disability, and which non-disabled individuals do not face.

- I understand that I must not seek funding from the Election Access Fund for specific costs for which I already receive funding from another government agency

- I meet the requirements to be a candidate under the Electoral Act 1993, at the time of application, including being:

  - a New Zealand citizen

  - currently registered as an elector if aged 18 years old or over; and

  - not otherwise disqualified for registration as an elector under that Act.

- I am seeking to be a candidate in a by-election and I will be 18 years of age by nomination day for the by-election, or

- I am seeking to be a candidate in the general election and I will be 18 years of age by nomination day for the general election or, until nomination day is known, by the day the current Parliament expires.

- The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

- I understand that I may be asked for further information to support my application if necessary.

- I understand that this application will be reviewed by the Applications Panel with my name and any political party names removed.

- I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee that part or all the funding I have applied for will be approved.

Please sign electronically by inserting an image of your signature next to the Signature text, or sign by hand. We cannot accept typed signatures or digital certificates.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Additional information

Supporting Documents

Budget

A budget needs to be submitted with your application. The budget outlines the costs of the services, equipment, and support you are applying to have funded.

A budget template can be downloaded from the Electoral Commission website: elections.nz /getting-involved /election-access-fund /how-to-apply-to-the-election-access-fund /application-resources.

You can also create your own budget form. Please refer to the Budget Guidelines on what information must be supplied.

Evidence of costs for services, equipment and support

It is your responsibility to contact suppliers and providers to get quotes or estimates for the services, equipment, and support you are applying to have funded. We have a list of suppliers in New Zealand by region and can send this to you on request.

All quotes and estimates must include GST. If GST is not included, please provide a comment.

Equipment and technology

You must include the following information:

- two (2) recent quotes from suppliers, if possible, for all the equipment and technology you are applying for

- quotes valid within three (3) months of submitting this application

- detail about which quote best meets your needs and why.

Services and support

You must include supporting evidence detailing costs for services and support. This could include a quote or an invoice from previous use of the service.

For each item, please add details as follows:

- Support / Service Item 1 Name

- Quote 1 (total cost and service provider)

- Quote 2 (total cost and service provider)

- detail about which quote best meets your needs and why.

Please include any other documents, letters or reports that are relevant to your application.