

Voter Assistant

Personal Instruction Manual 2023 General Election Name:

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My voting place

Voting place name:	
Address:	
Voting Place Manager:	
HQ Phone:	
IT helpdesk: 0800 665 001	Enrolment helpdesk: 0800 36 76 56
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Accessible Accessible	with assistance ONot accessible
Electorates The voting place will issue ordinary	voting ballot papers for:

Electorate number and name

Home general electorate	
Home Māori electorates	
Other (shared) electorates	

Foreword

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri- Welcome to Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri Electoral Commission.

Ko te whakatinanatanga o te Pōtitanga-ā-motu ka taea ina ka ngātahi te mahi, tēnā e whakamiha ana kāutau kua tūhono mai ki te whakatutuki i tēnei pōtitanga.

E tūhonotia mai kāutau ki tētehi rōpū manawanui ki ngā taumata me tā mātau aronga matua. Koinā te huarahi whāia kia tika, kia pono, kia haumaru nō hoki te pōtiatanga o tēnei tau.

He hiahia nō mātau te whakahaere i tētehi pōtitanga kia mīharo a Aotearoa whānui otinō kia manawanui katika i tō urunga mai.

Mō mātau ake, ka arō tōtika ki te aronga matua, kia whakapono a Aotearoa whānui, kia tika, kia whai wāhi te katoa ki ngā pōtitanga ā-pāremata.

Ka whakamahia ngā taumata hei arataki i te tūtukitanga o te aronga matua, ā kei te pokapū o ā mātau mahi katoa ko ngā tāngata i Aotearoa nei.

E tāwharau ana ngā taumata i ā tātau mahi tiaki i te pūnaha pōtitanga, nā he motuhake nō tō whai wāhitanga mai hei whakakanohi i te manapori o tō hapori.

He hiahia nō mātau kia hora i ngā pārongo katoa hei whakatūtukitanga māu, kia hākoakoa nō tō urunga mai.

Nā ēnei tuhinga ka aratakina kāutau kia whai wāhi mai i tēnei tau.

Tēnā kāutau te hāpai tahi i te kaupapa nei

Ngā mihi

The 2023 General Election can only happen with all of us playing our part, so we appreciate you joining our team to help us deliver the election.

You're joining a dedicated and motivated team that lives by our values and purpose. It's the way we'll deliver a safe, reliable and trusted election this year.

We want to deliver an election that the people of Aotearoa New Zealand can be proud of, and that you're proud of being a part of!

For us, that means looking to our purpose that all New Zealanders trust, value and take part in parliamentary elections.

We use our values as a guide to make sure we can achieve our purpose and put the people of Aotearoa at the centre of everything we do.

Our values are underpinned by our role as kaitiaki (guardians) of the electoral system and your role is an important part of that, as the face of democracy to your community.

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to do that and enjoy playing your part.

This manual provides you with the guidance and information you need to help people have their say this year.



Karl Le Quesne

Āpiha Pōti Matua Chief Electoral Officer











Thank you for joining us in this journey.

Introduction

Keep votes and other materials safe

- All staff are responsible for the security of information and voting materials. Do not leave voting materials unattended at any time, including when transporting them in vehicles
- Marked, uncounted ballot papers should always be transported by two staff members
- All staff should be aware of where voting materials are in the voting place. When going on a break, log out of the voting place phone and give it to the Voting Place Manager
- All voting materials must be accounted for at all times. Watch that voters do not leave the voting place with their ballot paper. Even if they do not wish to vote, they must place their ballot paper in the appropriate ballot box. If a voter has spoilt their ballot paper then they must return it to the Issuing Officer who issued the paper for a replacement
- If you think anyone has tampered with voting materials or has accessed information they are not permitted to have, contact your Electorate Manager immediately, either directly, or through your Voting Place Manager.

Be security conscious

- Be aware of what is happening in and around the voting place
- Be alert to the verbal and non-verbal cues of the person you are dealing with. If you are concerned about the behaviour of any person, advise your Voting Place Manager
- Pay attention to your surroundings. If you notice any suspicious or unattended bags or packages in or around the voting place advise your Voting Place Manager.

Keep yourself and voters healthy

- **Stay at home if you are unwell**. Call your electorate HQ to let them know as soon as possible if you cannot work because you are sick.
- Masks and hand sanitiser are available to staff and voters.

Incident Management Handbook

• There is an Incident Management Handbook located in the drop file next to the Voter Assistant's station to help with any incidents and emergencies in the voting place.

The rights of the voter

- Every person has the right to cast their vote in a safe environment
- Your voting place should be welcoming and supportive to all voters. Keep your focus on the voter in front of you, even when the voting place is busy and you feel under pressure. Offer help where needed and ensure voters feel respected – ask yourself how you would like to be treated
- Only the voter can decide if they want to vote, and only the voter can decide who to vote for. No-one can cast a vote for another person
- Voters can get help from anyone they choose such as a support person or a voting place staff member
- Be clear on the difference between helping the voter and influencing the voter's choice. You can help the voter but you cannot make the choice for them.

Privacy

- All staff are responsible for keeping voters' information private
- Do not answer questions from a member of the public about whether another person is enrolled, if they have voted, or their personal details
- Only use the information you have access to for your duties to issue votes
- Do not discard EasyVote cards and Special Vote slips. Stamp and keep them for return to electorate headquarters, or return them to the voter if asked.

Secrecy

- All staff are responsible for maintaining the secrecy of the vote
- Do not answer any questions from media. Only pre-arranged visits from journalists or film crews are allowed
- Do not take photos, blog or post on social media about what is happening in a voting place
- If voters attempt to film or take photos in a voting place, ask the Voting Place Manager to show them the poster asking them not to. If they do, you cannot stop them. You can ask them not to post or use what they have recorded to maintain the secrecy of the vote and to protect people's privacy.

The security of staff and voters are the first priority and always take precedence over the security of voting materials

Roles in the voting place

Voter Assistants are responsible for managing voters as they arrive, they:

- help voters to get into the right queue to vote, with the correct information
 - assist voters to enrol or update their enrolment details

Issuing Officers are responsible for issuing votes accurately & efficiently, they:

- are welcoming and supportive to voters
- follow instructions in their Personal Instruction Manual (PIM) and from the Voting Place Manager.

Issuing Support Officers are present in busy or complex voting places, they:

- help manage vote issuing, including filling in for Issuing Officers and the Voting Place Manager during their breaks
- support the Voting Place Manager in end of day processes



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- The Voting Place Manager has overall responsibility for the voting place, they: • manage staff and ensure votes are issued correctly
- are your first port of call after this manual for any questions or concerns.

Security Guards are responsible for safety in the voting place, they:

- help keep voting place staff and voters safe
- help keep the ballot boxes and other voting materials safe
- help with queue management.



Scrutineers

Scrutineers are not electoral staff, but are appointed by candidates to observe the issuing of votes. They are an important part of the electoral process and we welcome their presence in voting places.

Scrutineers are permitted to:	Scrutineers cannot:
Sit and observe in the designated area of the voting place.	Handle any voting materials such as ballot papers or EasyVote cards, or use an Issuing Officer's table
Photograph the lists of persons who have voted and give these details to their campaign team. A mobile phone, laptop or tablet can be used	Film or take other photos in voting places in order to maintain the secrecy of the vote and out of respect for people's privacy
Ask an Issuing Officer to question a voter suspected of voting more than once, or as somebody else	Communicate directly with voters
Wear a party lapel badge or rosette with the party's name, slogan or logo Wear clothing in party colours	Wear or display any items with the candidate's name Wear or display any item, other than a party lapel badge or rosette, with the party name, slogan or logo

At the voting place

Voters will either make an ordinary or a special vote. It is the responsibility of voting place staff to ensure that the voter has the opportunity to enrol or update their enrolment details and to be issued the correct type of vote and for the correct electorate. If a voter is not enrolled correctly or does not receive the correct ballot paper, their vote may not count.

The key question is: "Is the voter's name on a printed roll in the voting place?" If "Yes" - then the voter will be issued with an ordinary vote If "No" - then the voter will be issued with a special vote

Electorates



New Zealand has 65 general electorates and 7 Māori electorates. Each electorate is a geographical area that has been defined for voting purposes. Every part of the country is in both a general and a Māori electorate.

The election

Voters have two votes on their ballot paper — a party vote and an electorate vote.

The party vote is for the political party the voter wants to be in government.

The electorate vote is for the candidate the voter would like to be the member of Parliament for the area they live in.

No-one who wants to vote is turned away!

Enrolment

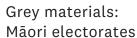
If voters are not enrolled or have changed their address details, they will be able to complete an enrolment form while they are in the voting place.

Any questions from voters about enrolment that are not covered in the PIM should be referred to the Voting Place Manager, or to the enrolment helpdesk (0800 36 76 56).

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Māori and general rolls

Your voting place will be issuing ordinary votes for both your home general electorate and your home Māori electorate. Colour coding helps you to distinguish these: grey for Māori electorates and orange for general electorates. **Never assume which roll a voter is on.**





Orange materials: general electorates

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Voting information

Most voters will receive voting information in the mail. Many voters will bring this to the voting place.

EasyVote card:

- Voter's name appears on a printed roll
- Gives the voter's name, address, electorate and the page and line number from the electoral roll.

Special Vote slip:

- A voter who enrolled after the rolls were printed or is on the unpublished roll may have been sent a Special Vote slip
- This gives the voter's name and electorate, and
 - if the voter enrolled after the rolls were printed shows their residential address
 - if the voter is on the unpublished roll then the slip states "ADDRESS NOT REQUIRED"

These voters are always issued a special vote.

Voting place card:

- If a voter does not bring their EasyVote card to vote, a purple voting card may be created at the voting place to help the Issuing Officer correctly issue the vote
- You will determine what to write on the card using an electronic roll (eRoll) that searches for the voter's details.



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eRoll:

- One or more mobile phones may be provided to a voting place to look up the voter's details
- It does not contain voters who are on the unpublished roll, as the details of these people are not released publicly for privacy or safety reasons. Only the Registrars of Electors have access to this information
- It is a live look-up so will show everyone who is enrolled to vote, including those who have enrolled recently.

Dormant roll:

- If the Commission loses contact with a voter, for example if a letter to a voter cannot be delivered to them, the voter's enrolment may be moved onto the dormant roll.
- This will appear in eRoll as:

Person is on Dormant roll. Provide enrolment form for them to update their details.

- The voter can update their details when they come to vote using an enrolment form. They will also need to cast a special vote.
- If voters of Māori descent are unsure which roll they were previously enrolled on, call the enrolment helpdesk (0800 36 76 56) for advice.

Provisional roll:

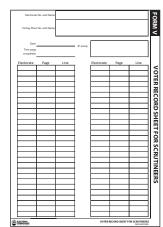
- People can provisionally enrol once they turn 17 years old. Their details are held on the provisional roll until they turn 18, at this date their details are transferred onto the main roll and from this time they are eligible to vote.
- This will appear in eRoll as:

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Provisional Roll
This person will not be 18 years old as at election day. As such they are not eligible to vote in
this election.
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Voter record sheets for scrutineers

Ordinary vote Issuing Officers will keep a running record of who has voted, by writing the electorate, page and line numbers marked off in the printed rolls. The details of special voters are not recorded.

The Voting Place Manager will collect the sheets and they can be photographed by scrutineers visiting the voting place. Scrutineers will likely make themselves known to you when they arrive. Advise the Voting Place Manager.



Tasks during voting

No matter how big or small the voting place, the Voter Assistant (VA) is the first staff member that a voter meets and will set the tone for the voter's experience. Be warm and welcoming, even at the end of a tiring day.

A Voter Assistant has 4 main tasks:



The number of Voter Assistants in the voting place will determine how these tasks are allocated.

One Voter Assistant

In voting places with fewer expected voters, one Voter Assistant should be able to manage all tasks, assisted by the Voting Place Manager when required.

Busier voting places should have more than one Voter Assistant; it is important to work together to ensure that voters have a smooth experience.

Two Voter Assistants

If there are two Voter Assistants, the tasks are recommended to be split by:



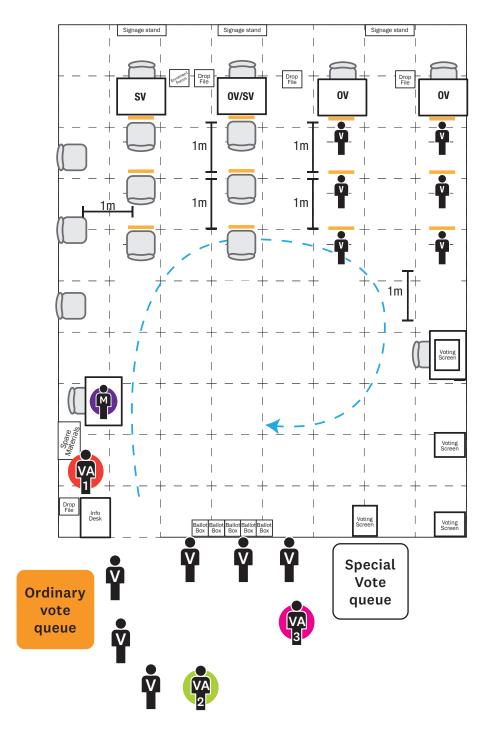
Tasks:

- Direct voters to the correct queue in front of Issuing Officers
- Provide enrolment forms as required and assist voters who need help to complete them
- Manage voters into queues as they arrive at the voting place. Depending on space, queues may be indoors or outdoors
- Use eRoll to prepare voting cards for voters who need one
- Identify voters who need extra help and assist them.

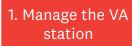
If there is a third Voter Assistant:

- VA 3
- VA3 will either work alongside VA2 in directing people into the correct queue voting place, or
- assist voters with their enrolment forms, depending where the need is greatest, as agreed with the Voting Place Manager.

Here is an example layout of a voting place and location of the Voter Assistants.



Where there are multiple Voter Assistants, they may rotate through the inside and outside tasks during the day.



Send to the correct queue .

Kia ora/Hello, do you have a voting card?

Send the voter to the correct queue

Voters should have an EasyVote card, Special Vote slip, or a purple voting card created by a Voter Assistant. This will make it easier to direct them to the correct queue in the voting place and will speed up the issuing process.

Use the tape marks on the floor to help manage flows in the voting place.

Provide an enrolment form

If a voter requires an enrolment form, they will receive it from the Voter Assistant with a clipboard. Explain to the voter why, e.g. "As we don't seem to have your current details, we need you to complete an enrolment form to get you enrolled. Then an Issuing Officer will give you a declaration form to get your voting papers".

Indicate the fields on the enrolment form as you say to the voter:

- Please fill in as much of this form as you can, at least:
- 1. your full name
- 2. your date of birth
- 3. current home address, and that you've lived at your address for at least one month. If you haven't, also fill in your previous address and move date on the back of the form [show Box 2A]
- 4. tick the statement that applies to you
- 5. sign the declaration box and write the date.

Give the enrolment form and voting card to the Issuing Officer when it's your turn.

Let me know if you need any help with the form.

Enrolment form (ROE1)

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	home address or if you're living overseas				
	Step 4 Your roll	Please tick ONE statement	that applies to you.		
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After welcoming the voter

- Your first priority is to identify who can receive an ordinary vote. These should be the majority of voters and most bring their EasyVote card with them to vote. Know which ordinary vote electorates your voting place is issuing for
- 2. Your next priority is to identify voters who have:
 - an EasyVote card for an electorate that your voting place is not issuing ordinary votes for, or
 - a Special Vote slip for any electorate

Explain to these voters that they need to complete a special vote and this takes just a bit longer

- 3. eRoll can be used to update voter's details who have moved within their electorate so they can receive an ordinary vote.
- 4. The final group of voters are those who are unsure about their electorate or are not enrolled. Use eRoll to determine the voter's enrolment status. If they are not enrolled or need to update their details, they can fill in an enrolment form and receive a special vote.

Ordinary
vote
queue



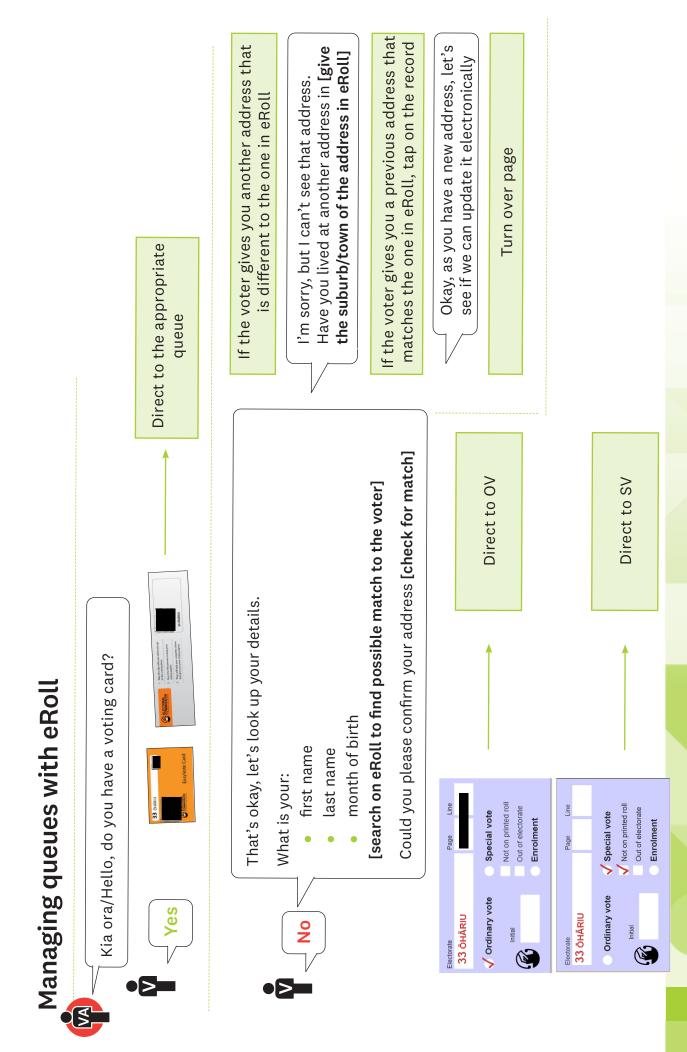


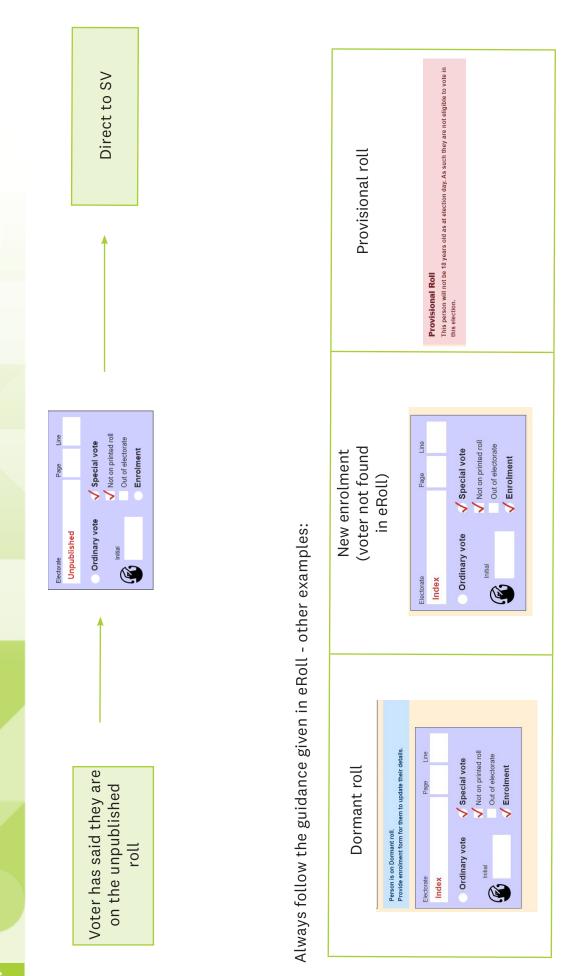
Special Vote queue

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Give voters an estimate of how long they will be waiting in the queue	Keep asking voters the same questions eg: "What electorate are you in?" "Have you got your EasyVote card?"
Thank voters for their patience if there is a queue	Apologise for queues
Check with voters if they need any help with their forms if you have time to do this	Lose awareness of who else is arriving at the voting place; getting voters into the right queue is your first priority.
Give clear instructions about what the voter needs to do or where to stand	

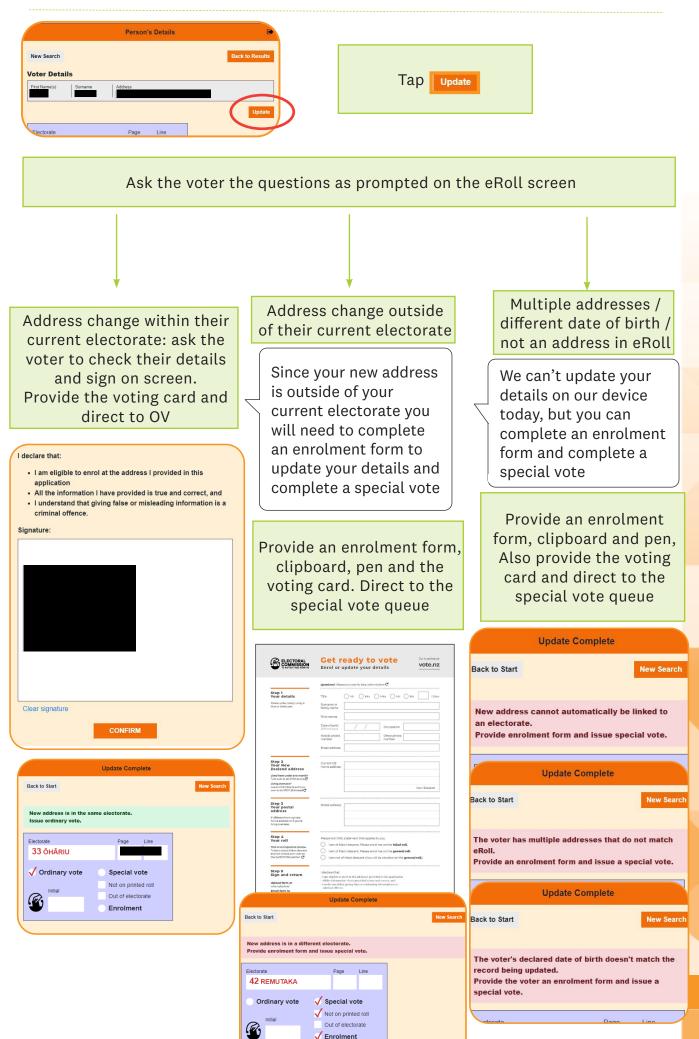
Priority voters

Some voters may be physically unable to wait in a queue. Bring these voters into the voting place to the front of the queue with an Issuing Officer. The Voting Place Manager can help if needed.

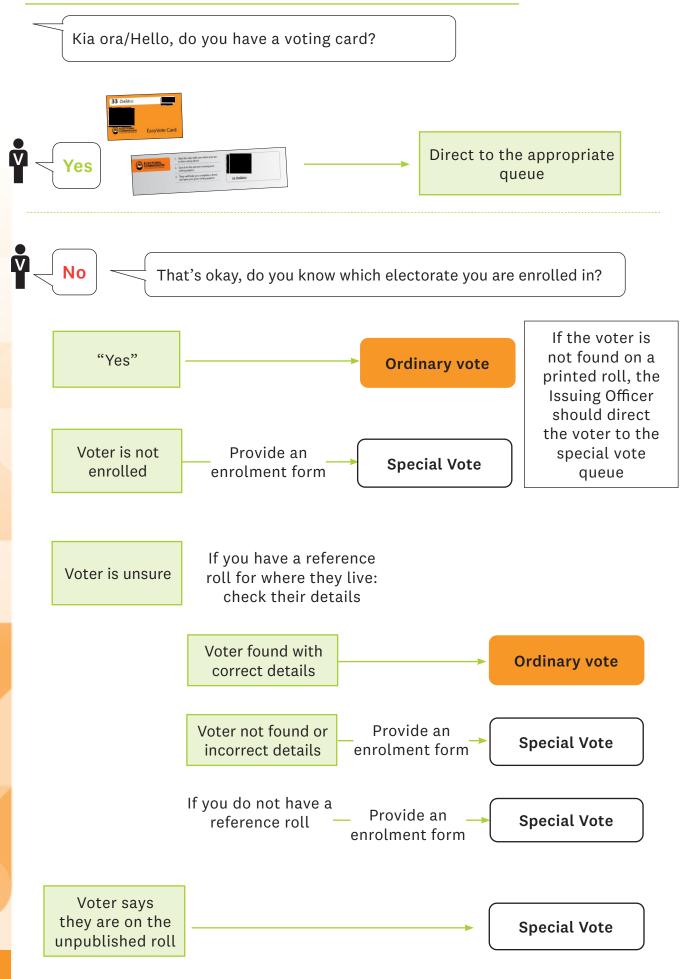


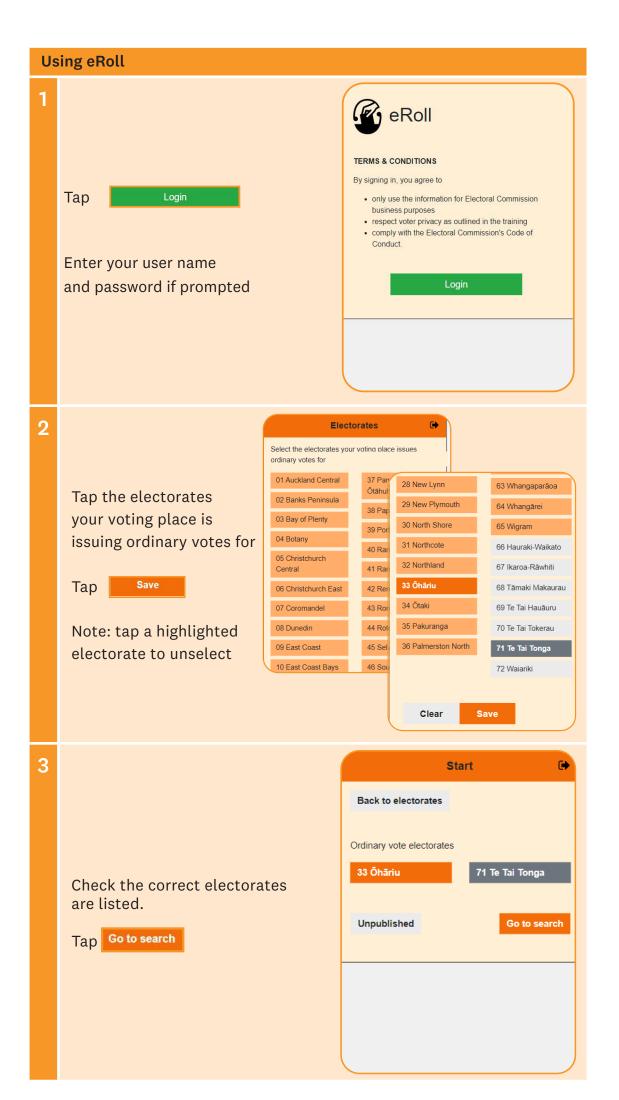


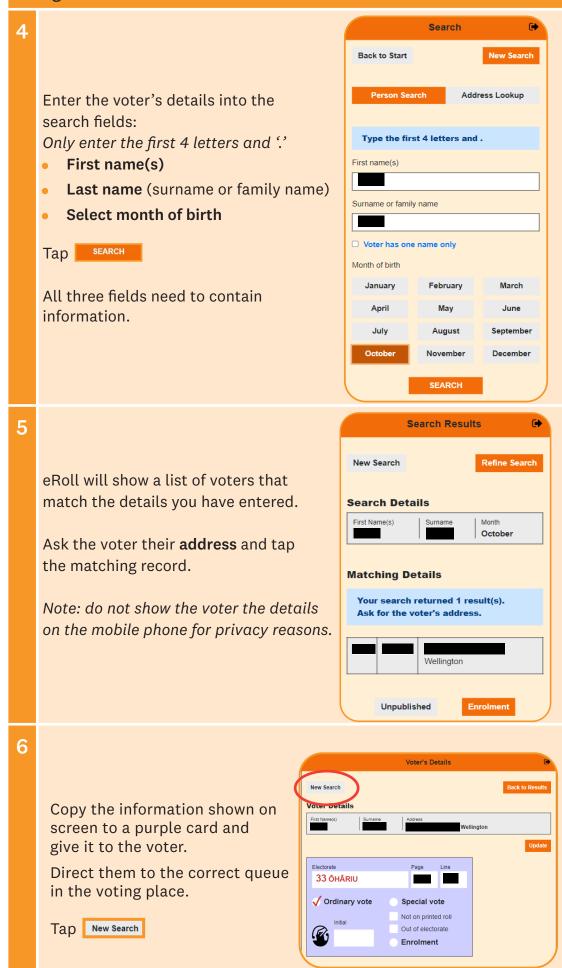
Updating a voter's address with eRoll

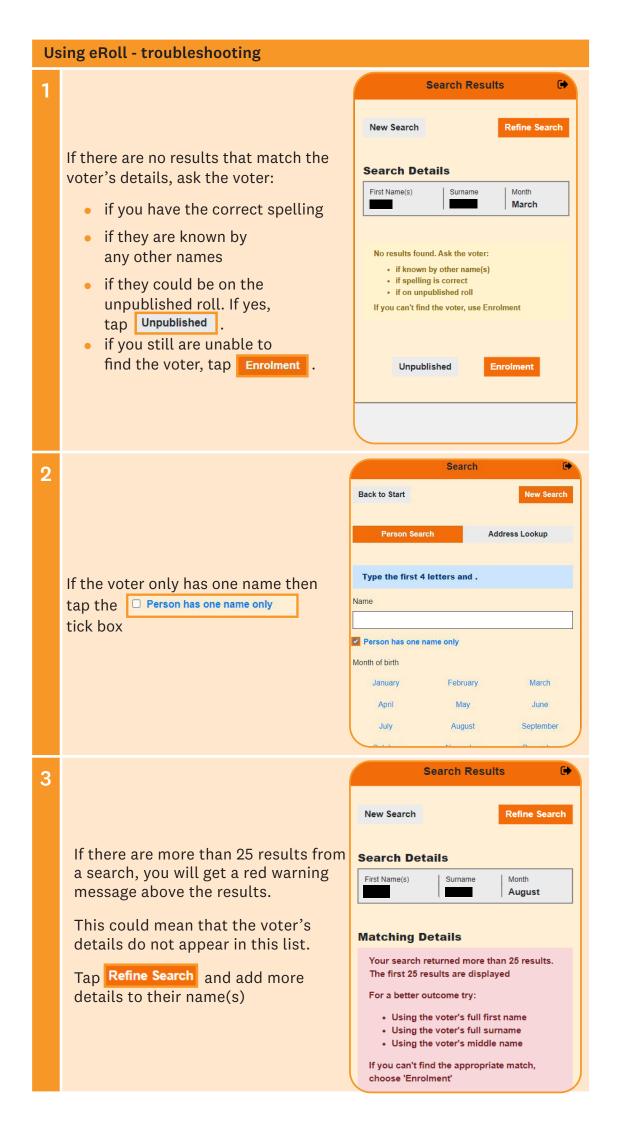


Managing queues without eRoll









Using eRoll - update address

If a voter gives you a different address from what is shown on screen you may be able to use eRoll to update their address.

Confirm that the address is a previous address for the voter.

Then tap Update

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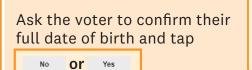
Start typing the voter's new address and select from the drop down list. *If the address does not appear then* select "no matching address found" at the bottom of the list.

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declaration and sign on the screen	Current home address:
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Using eRoll - update address

Copy the information shown on screen to a purple card and give it to the voter. Then direct them to the queue for ordinary votes.



Note: If the voter does not meet the criteria to complete an electronic update, the voter can fill in a paper enrolment form and receive a special vote

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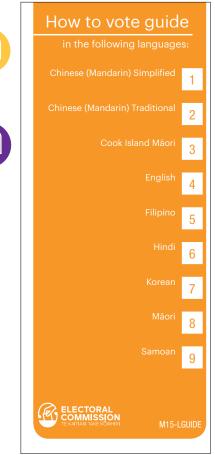
4. Help voters

Providing language support



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Language sheets will be available in the voting place to help you to support voters. Keep these in your drop file next to the information stand at the entrance to the voting place.



You can use the infographic pages to help the voter through the enrolling (if required) and the voting processes.

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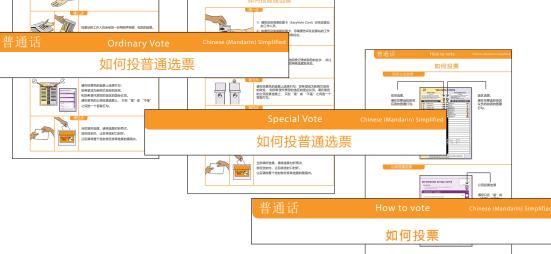
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If a voter does not appear to understand you, show them the language card (M15-LGUIDE) to identify if there is a language that can help them.

If there is, provide the voter with the appropriate language and use the key phrases and images to help the voter.

The language card should be tucked inside the mobile phone case, ready to use when helping people as they arrive at the voting place.





Voter care

Follow the guidance below to provide assistance to voters.

Do	😕 Don't
To help a voter:	
Speak slowly and carefully Ask short questions that require Yes/ No answers or a shake of the head Use hand gestures, for example, point to a voting screen or an EasyVote card	Shout or talk loudly at a person with language, visual or hearing difficulties Use technical terms or jargon Explain everything in detail, unless the voter requires that
Be patient and listen attentively Know what languages are spoken by other staff members	Pretend to understand if you do not
If the voter is unsteady, bring them to the front of the queue, offer them a chair and consider how you can make voting easier e.g. bring the table top screen to them while still maintaining the privacy of the vote If a voter with a visual impairment needs guiding, offer your arm rather than grabbing theirs Make eye contact with a person with	Assist a person with a physical disability unless asked Tap a person with a hearing impairment on the shoulder to get their attention
a hearing impairment to communicate with them, or communicate in writing	

Helping a voter understand how to cast a vote

You can advise voters that they have	You cannot influence the voter's
two votes on the ballot paper: one for a	choice about who or what to vote
party and one for a candidate	for

Frequently asked questions

Enrolment

"I turn 18 on Election Day. Can I still vote?"

Yes, you can. If you are not already enrolled, you can enrol up to and including on Election Day.

"Can I tick that I am of Māori descent?"

For enrolment purposes, Māori descent means that you are descended from a NZ Māori. This includes Chatham Island Māori, but not Cook Island Māori.

Voters of Māori descent who are enrolling for the first time can choose to enrol on the Māori roll or the general roll.

"What is the difference between choosing the Māori roll and the general roll?"

Your choice affects your electorate vote but not your party vote. On the Māori roll you'll vote for a candidate in a Māori electorate. On the general roll you'll vote for a candidate in a general electorate. You can vote for the same list of political parties whichever roll you are on.

"I am unsure if I am enrolled" or "I am not enrolled"

We can check your details on our eRoll or a printed roll. If we cannot find you, you can fill out an enrolment form and receive a special vote. You can enrol up to and including on Election Day to vote in this election.

Roll changes since the last election

"When can I make my roll choice?"

If you are Māori, you choose which electoral roll you want to be on when you enrol for the first time. You can change your roll type at any time, except in the 3 months before a general election is being held

"Why can't I change in the 3 months before the election?"

There are times when voters can't change between the Māori and general rolls, including in the 3 months before a general election. The times when voters cannot change rolls is set out in the legislation passed by Parliament in November 2022.

"What's changed for Māori voters?"

Previously, once enrolled, Māori voters could change rolls during a 4-month Māori Electoral Option period held every 5 or 6 years. In November 2022, Parliament changed the law so Māori voters could change roll types at any time, except in the 3 months before a general election.

IMPORTANT: You must not direct or instruct someone of NZ Māori descent on which type of roll (general or Māori) they should enrol on, or promote one roll over the other.

If a person of NZ Māori descent is not sure which roll they want to enrol on, advise them that they can take the enrolment form away to talk with their whānau (family).

However, a voter cannot take voting papers issued to them outside of the voting place: they cannot decide to return their papers and vote later.

Home address

"What do I use as my home address?"

Your home address is the place you choose to make your home because of family, domestic or personal reasons.

Your home address does not change if you sometimes live away from home for work or education (or because of your partner's work or education).

"My home doesn't have a full address - what do I write?"

If your home doesn't have a full address, for example, your house isn't numbered or your street doesn't have a name, write as much information as you can about where your home is located and include any details such as names of neighbours or who lived in the house before you, if you know this.

Please provide your contact details such as an email address or phone number so we can contact you later if we need to follow up.

"I am a student living away from home"

If you are studying and living away from your family home, you will have chosen when you enrolled to use either your family home or your current address. If you do not have an EasyVote card, we can search for your details on our eRoll or in a printed roll.

If you wish to change your enrolment to your current home address, you can do this with an enrolment form and be issued with a special vote.

"I have more than one house"

You can only enrol to vote in one electorate. Use the address where you choose to make your home because of family, domestic or personal reasons.

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In temporary accommodation or without a fixed address

"I don't have an address", "I live in a campervan", "I'm homeless"

This includes if a voter is living in a shelter, hotel, motel, camping ground, public space, or living with other people temporarily. It also includes if the voter's home is a campervan, motorhome or car that is not permanently in one place.

Use the address you last lived at least 1 month, even if that is some time ago.

If you are unable to provide this, then you can use the address where you spend a lot of your time.

We will need a postal address on the enrolment form to send mail to you. The postal address could be a PO Box, or the address of a friend, family member, church or support group. Whoever is at the address needs to be someone who will agree to hold your mail for you to collect.

"I live on a ship or boat"

If your home is on a ship or boat that is permanently in a harbour, use the address of that ship or boat.

If your home is on a travelling ship or boat, use the last New Zealand address you lived at for at least 1 month, even if that is some time ago.

We will need a postal address on the enrolment form to send mail to you. The postal address could be a PO Box, or the address of a friend, family member, church or support group. Whoever is at the address needs to be someone who will agree to hold your mail for you to collect.

Overseas

"I have recently returned from overseas"

If you will have lived at your NZ address continuously for at least one month by Election Day, you are qualified to vote in the electorate at that address.

If less than one month, then the NZ address where you last lived for at least one month is used to determine your electorate.

If you are temporarily visiting NZ and need to enrol or update your details, then you also fill in **Step 2B** on the back of the enrolment form.

Help to complete the enrolment form or special vote declaration

"Can you help me fill out my enrolment form or special vote declaration?"

You can assist a voter with a physical impairment to complete the forms.

If the voter is physically unable to sign an enrolment form or special vote declaration, then you can sign the form and write next to the signature box

'Voter with physical impairment — signed by their direction'

Note that for a person with a mental impairment, there are different requirements for enrolling which include the person completing the form to have an enduring power of attorney or be the person's appointed welfare guardian. It is best in these situations to refer the person to the enrolment helpdesk on 0800 36 56 76.

Different name

If the voter verbally gives a different name to what is on the printed roll.

Ask the voter if they are known by any other names, or what name they may have used to enrol with. Check if the voter uses their names in a different order or may have changed their name after marriage or by deed poll. If this gives you a match to the name on the roll and the voter confirms that the name on the roll is theirs, then continue to issue the ordinary vote.

The voter's details could also be searched for on the electronic roll if you have access to one.

If it is still unclear, then the voter should complete an enrolment form and be issued with a special vote.

A voter has someone else's EasyVote card

If it appears the voter has someone else's EasyVote card.

Ask the voter why that might be.

If the voter has brought the wrong EasyVote card in error:

- Stamp the front of the card
- Put the card in an Issuing Officer's disposal box, do not give it back to the voter
- Offer to find the voter's name on eRoll or the printed roll.

If a voter intends to vote on behalf of another person.

Explain that no one, not even a person with power of attorney can cast a vote on behalf of the voter. Even if a voter has asked someone else to do that, doing so would be an offence. If a voter cannot get to a voting place, they can request another person to bring a takeaway vote to them, which can be returned to any voting place.

Takeaway vote

"My cousin has asked me to pick up his voting papers as he's sick and can't leave home"

Ask the Voting Place Manager to assist the agent with a takeaway vote to take to the voter.

If the Manager is busy, ask the agent to wait in the special votes queue until the Manager is available.

"Can I return voting papers for my neighbour?"

Anyone can return a takeaway vote for another person. They will put the voter's envelope with the voting papers into the special votes box.

If the agent brings back the voter's ballot paper and declaration without the outer envelope:

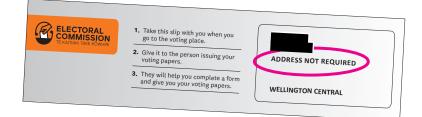
- ask the Voting Place Manager for an E79 (takeaway) envelope
- check the declaration for the voter's electorate, not the voting papers, to maintain the secrecy of the vote
- write the name of the voter's electorate on the envelope
- ask the agent to seal the declaration and ballot papers inside
- the agent can put the envelope in the Special Vote box.

Unpublished roll

"I am on the unpublished roll" or "I am on the private roll"

There are a number of reasons why a voter may be on the unpublished roll. Only the Registrar of Electors has access to this information. These voters cast a special vote.

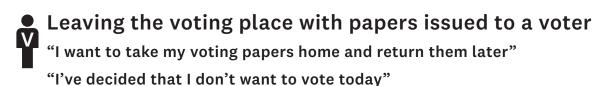
Voters on the unpublished roll may have a Special Vote slip which gives their name and the electorate they are enrolled in, but states 'ADDRESS NOT REQUIRED'.



Always communicate quietly with these voters to provide some level of privacy.

"How do I enrol on the unpublished roll?"

Provide a copy of the brochure "Concerned About Your Personal Safety?" (*ROE47B*) to the voter.



If a voter has been issued with their ballot papers, whether an ordinary or a special vote, they cannot leave the voting place with them, or return them to a voting place staff member, to vote on another day.

Allow the voter time to think how they might want to vote.

The voter must put their ballot papers into the ballot box before leaving the voting place. If they choose to vote again, they will likely be investigated for dual voting and their votes could be disallowed.

Disruptive behaviour

What if someone is behaving inappropriately or disturbing other voters?

People should only be in a voting place when they are voting or supporting someone who is voting. If a person is finished voting, or is not voting or supporting a voter, inform your Voting Place Manager who can ask them to leave a voting place.

If a person becomes disruptive, the Voting Place Manager will take the appropriate steps using guidance from the Incident Response Handbook that is supplied to each voting place.

Voter being influenced

If a support person is influencing a voter

It is an offence to communicate and/or influence a voter in a voting place. A support person should only provide general directions on how to vote and, for example, assist with naming the candidates in alphabetical order (if the voter has reading or sight issues).

If it appears that the voter is being influenced, the Voting Place Manager should explain to the support person what they are allowed to do and ask the voter if they require assistance.



Reading or marking a ballot paper for a voter

If a voter needs someone to read the information on the ballot paper or needs help marking the ballot paper

- Move to an area where you cannot be overheard
- Unless the voter knows who they want to vote for, you must read out the complete lists of all candidates and parties on the ballot paper
- You must mark the choice the voter has indicated to you
- You must not provide information about any of the candidates or parties other than what is written on the paper.
- Check that the voter's choice has been correctly marked
- Change the option marked if the voter agrees it has been incorrectly marked
- Don't allow an interpreter or any support person assisting the voter to:
 - interfere with the voter's choice about who to vote for
 - provide information that may influence their decision.

Photos taken in voting place

What happens if someone takes a photo in the voting place or outside the voting place? (e.g. in a mall)

If they do, you cannot stop them. You can ask them not to post or use what they have recorded to maintain the secrecy of the vote and to protect people's privacy.



Two forms

"Why do I have to fill in two forms?"

The enrolment form and special vote declaration are processed separately and currently the law does not allow one form to be used for both purposes.

Before leaving home

Check that you have:

Enough time to get to the voting place. For your first day of voting you will be advised when you need to arrive to set up, but expect that it will take up to 90 minutes
Chosen clothes and shoes for comfort and warmth, that would not be considered inappropriate or politically biased. As a Voter Assistant you will be on your feet for most of the day and could be outdoors, working with queues of voters
Packed food and drink for the day
Packed reading glasses (if required)
Packed this manual

All voting place staff will be given an orange vest by the Voting Place Manager to wear with their ID card. There are two sizes of vests.





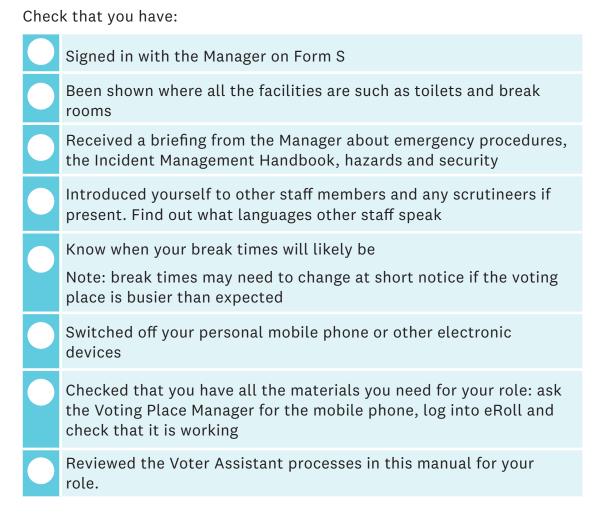


All voting place staff must wear their vest and ID card at all times when working in the voting place. You should question any person who is handling materials such as ballot paper pads who is not wearing a vest and ID card.

Your own vote

You may vote in your voting place at any time during opening hours. Check with the Voting Place Manager who will cover your duties while you vote.

Before voting starts



Dropfile

You will have a dropfile at the Voter Assistant station at the entrance to the voting place. Locate it where it is available to you, but away from public access.

Put the following materials in the dropfile:

- enrolment form pad(s)
- cardboard clipboards (can be reused between voters)
- black pens for use with enrolment forms
- language support sheets in different languages
- spare E139-PURPLE cards for the mobile phone
- Incident Management Handbook



Integrity checks

On the first day of voting you will be asked to:

1 Get the sealed box that contains key voting materials and the tracking note from the Voting Place Manager



- 2 Break the tamper evident tape
- 3 Remove the materials and separate into piles by electorate
- 4 Check the quantity of each of the materials against the tracking note

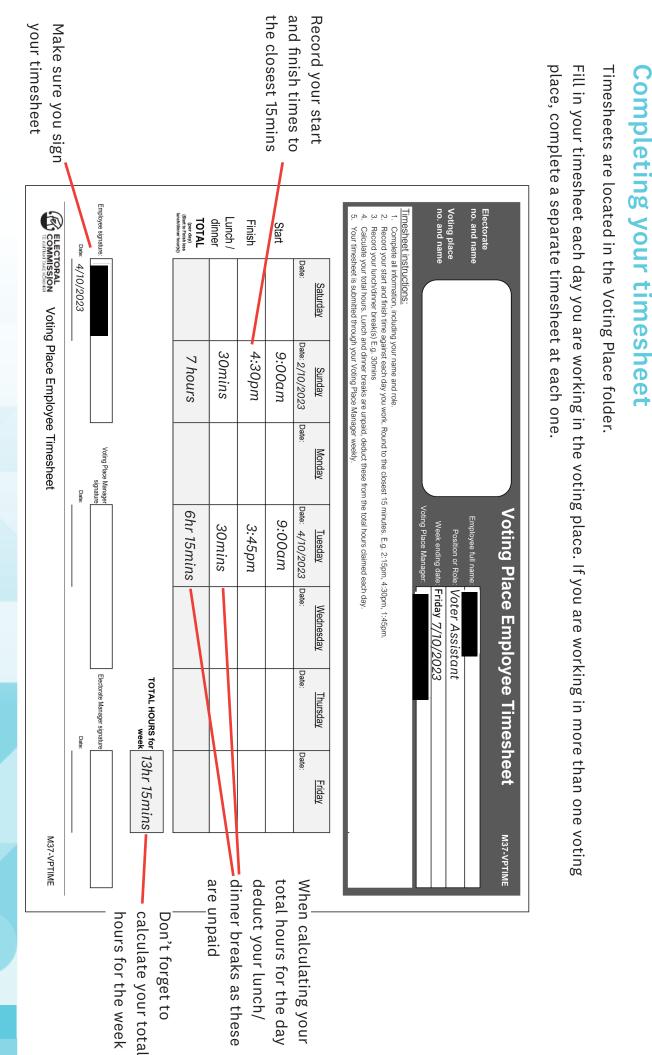
E.g. 1 roll for Hutt South, 7 rolls for Mana, 1 roll for Ōhāriu, 2 ballot paper pads for Hutt South, 25 ballot paper pads for Mana.

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5 Check that all the ballot boxes are empty, if there are any scrutineers present, invite them to also check the ballot boxes. Seal the ballot boxes and complete the seal log on the back of the ballot box with an Issuing Officer.

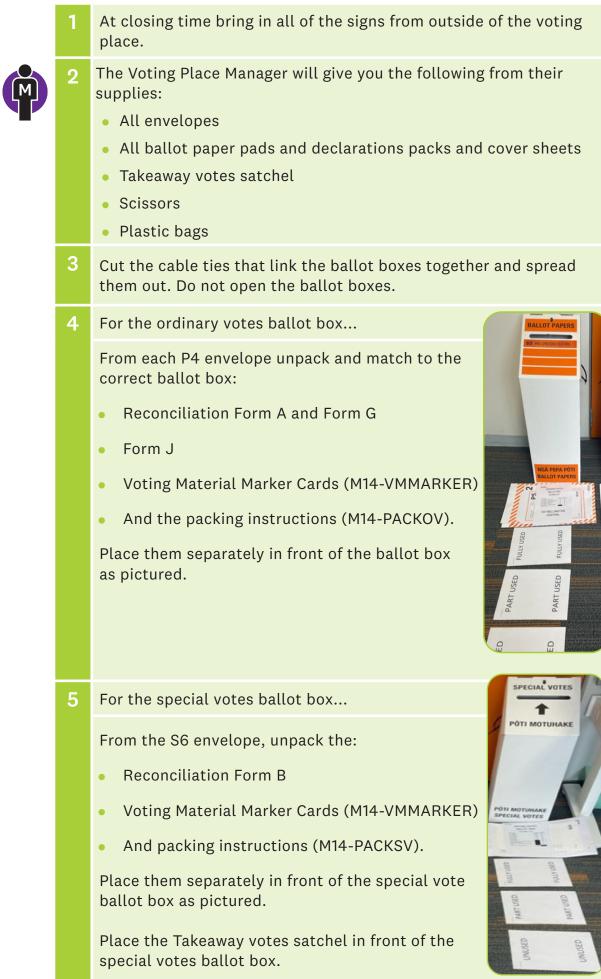
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After voting finishes





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Ask Issuing Officers to place their materials in separate piles in front of the appropriate ballot box as indicated by the marker cards:

- fully used
- part-used
- unused
- electoral rolls.

Check the materials have been placed on the correct marker card.

Issuing Officers will also place their S7 spoilt materials envelope in front of the special vote ballot box.

For shared ballot boxes make sure the materials are kept separate for each electorate.



- 7 Put the other materials from the Voting Place Manager on the marker card in front of the appropriate ballot box.
 - Assist the Voting Place Manager as directed with the reconciliation. You will be asked to:
 - count the number of pads and declarations packs in each pile
 - document the date and that number on the corresponding Voting Material Marker Cards (M14-VMMARKER) for each pile.

Then for:

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Ordinary votes

 record the last two digits of the next remaining ballot paper in every part-used pad on the part-used Voting Material Marker Card

Special votes

 count the number of remaining declarations in each part-used pack and record on the part-used Voting Material Marker Card

9 Advance voting

Pack up materials as directed by the Voting Place Manager

On Election Day

- 10 Assist the Voting Place Manager as directed with the preliminary count.
- 11 Once the votes are counted, work with the Issuing Officers to use the packing instructions (M14-PACKOV & M14-PACKSV) to pack the envelopes.

On the packing instructions, tick off each item 'Packed'.

Troubleshooting

1. Spoilt enrolment form

If a voter spoils their enrolment form

1	Write across the enrolment form: 'Spoilt by voter and a fresh enrolment form issued' and initial this
2	Give the spoilt enrolment form to an Issuing Officer for them to put in their Envelope S7

3 Issue a fresh enrolment form.

2. More complex situations

Most situations are routine. However a few may be more complex.

If there are any doubts, the Voting Place Manager should call the Electorate Manager using the voting place mobile phone.

The Voting Place Manager must contact the Electorate Manager if:

- There is an accident in the voting place (write the details in M33-INCIDENT Incident, Near Miss and Injury Report)
- There are concerns from a staff member or the public about candidate advertising or activities in or around the voting place, particularly if voters are hindered in their access.

If you are calling your Mobile Support or Electorate Manager to report a problem or incident, provide the following information:

- Who: your name & number
- When it happened
- Where it happened (address/description)
- What happened
- What you did
- What you intend to do next

Glossary

J	
Agent	A person appointed by a voter to collect a takeaway vote on their behalf
Ballot box	Box used for voter to place their completed ballot paper
Ballot paper	Paper on which the voter indicates their preferred candidate and political party
EasyVote card	Card posted to every voter on the printed electoral roll, providing their details from the roll
Election Day	The day of the election
Electoral roll	The printed roll used to issue ordinary votes
Electorate	Geographical area defined for voting purposes
Electorate Manager	Person responsible for the management of an electorate
Electorate headquarters	The building from which a Electorate Manager runs their electorate
Enrolment form	The application form used to enrol to vote or to update enrolment details
eRoll	An electronic version of the roll
General electorate	Electorate for voters on the general roll
Issuing Officer	Person responsible for issuing votes
Issuing point	Where votes are issued within a voting place
Issuing Support Officer	Person who fills in for other staff on breaks and supports the VPM with end of day tasks
Māori electorate	Electorate for voters on the Māori roll
Mobile Support	Person responsible for visiting voting places to ensure processes are being followed and supplies are appropriately stocked
Ordinary vote	A vote cast by a voter who is on an electoral roll at the voting place they attend
Reconciliation	Process to account for every used and unused ordinary ballot and voting paper and special vote declaration

Reference roll	A roll that is not used to issue votes from, also known as a composite roll
Registrar of Electors	Person responsible for the management of an electoral roll(s)
Scrutineer	Person who observes the conduct of the election on behalf of candidates
Security Guard	Person who is employed to assist with maintaining a safe and secure voting place
Special vote	A vote cast by a voter whose name is not on an electoral roll at an voting place (may also be referred to as a 'special declaration vote')
Special Vote slip	A tear-off slip from the letter mailed to a voter who enrolled after the electoral roll was printed, or who is on the unpublished roll, providing their details from the electoral roll and how to vote
Takeaway vote	A type of special vote that can be completed outside of a voting place
Unpublished roll	A roll containing the names of voters whose personal details are not released publicly
Voter Assistant	Person who helps to manage queues of voters and the enrolment process in a voting place
Voting Place	A physical site where voting takes place
Voting Place Manager	Person responsible for managing a voting place

Symbols used:



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Notes:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Keep yourself and others safe in the voting place.

Tell your Manager immediately if you notice anything that could be a hazard or could hurt you or someone else.

A hazard could be:

- An electrical cord lying across the floor or hanging loose from the wall
- A rip in the carpet or a raised piece of flooring
- A puddle of water on the floor.

Your Manager will look for ways to deal with the hazard, by either removing it, isolating it, or otherwise ensuring that it is no longer a problem.

When lifting heavy items, keep a straight back and bend your knees. Ask for help if you need it. Help others with lifting heavy or awkwardly shaped items, including at the end of the day when loading voting materials into vehicles.

Accidents, other incidents and near misses

- Tell the Voting Place Manager if you have an injure during the day, even if it is minor. The Manager has a first aid kit, and you may be asked to complete an incident form.
- If an accident happens to someone else, you may be asked to help with the response or with contacting others. After the situation is resolved, you may be asked to help with completing an incident form.
- Report serious non-injury incidents or near misses. For example something safety related that the building owner should know about.

You are likely to be very tired at the end of a long day at the Voting Place, and for some, a long drive home may be unsafe for you. Make a plan during the day of what you will do to get home safely, if you find yourself in this situation.

If there is a threat to people, materials or property - call 111

Before voting begins:

- Get familiar with the voting place including the location of the evacuation assembly point
- Make sure you know at least two ways out of the building
- Be aware of where the Incident Management Handbook is located in the voting place

If you need to leave the voting place as a result of an emergency:

- Leave all elections material behind
- Go straight to the assembly point
- Continue with your own personal evacuation plans once you have reported to your Manager.

REMEMBER:

People are the priority.

Ensure you and those around you are safe.

DO NOT

- X Try to take elections material with you
- X Re-enter the building once you have left

REMAIN CALM LEAVE THE VOTING PLACE QUICKLY

Electorate Manager's phone number