



## **Report for Privacy Commissioner**

# **2019/2020 Unqualified Voters Match**

**(1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020)**

**Between**

**Immigration New Zealand (INZ)**

**and**

**The Electoral Commission (EC)**

**Signed off: James Willcocks – Chief Information Officer  
Electoral Commission  
Wellington**

## Overview

Section 263A of the Electoral Act 1993 authorises the disclosure of information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ (INZ)) to the Electoral Commission for the purpose of enabling the Electoral Commission to check whether any person who is, or has applied to be, registered as an elector of that electoral district is not qualified from being so registered because of the person's immigration status.

The purpose of the information matching programme is to enable the Electoral Commission to maintain and enhance confidence in the integrity of the electoral roll by providing a systematic and comprehensive mechanism for identifying individuals who may not be entitled to enrol because of their immigration status.

This information is being provided as required under sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act.

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Each file, which was received daily, was a complete dataset of current information that was held by INZ at that point in time. Three days' of files were kept for disaster recovery purposes (grandfather versions).

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## **4 Format of Information**

The format of data information received was as detailed in the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **5 EC Processing**

When an applicant is attempting to enrol, their details are checked against the files received from INZ. If a match is detected, the processing of the enrolment is suspended/cancelled while the Registrar undertakes inquiries to determine the applicant's immigration status.

Due to the real-time aspect of the procedure, the match results are not referred to INZ for verification.

The matching procedure involves the use of an individual's:

- Date of birth;
- Surname;
- Given name(s); and/or
- Address information held/supplied on an applicant;

A match is defined as follows:

- Exact match of date of birth
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the first name (if no first names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no first names are matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the middle names (if no middle names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no middle names will be matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of surname

## **7 Process and Correspondence Sent**

### **Attempt to Contact Applicant**

When a Registrar is entering a persons details into the Electoral computer system and system highlights that a match with Immigration NZ data has occurred, the Registrar attempts to contact the applicant by phone. ( A flowchart of the process is shown as Appendix 8).

The purpose of the phone call is to ascertain if the applicant is eligible to be on the roll.

Following the phone call to the elector, one of the following letters is sent to the applicant.

#### **UVL1: Applicant Confirmed They Were Eligible** (Appendix 1)

This letter is sent to applicants who believe that they are eligible to enrol. This letter acknowledges there was a phone conversation, and requests proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

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Applicants who are not contactable by phone are sent a letter requesting proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

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This is a reminder letter sent to applicants who do not respond to the UVL1 or UVL2 within 10 working days. If no response is received following the sending of the UVL3 letter after 5 working days, the applicant's enrolment form is discarded and no further action taken.

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Applicants who advise that they are not eligible to enrol are sent this letter confirming that their enrolment application will not be progressed any further.

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Applicants who provide insufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment will not be progressed any further.

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#### **UVL7 Confirmation of Eligibility - New Form Required** (Appendix 7)

This letter acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to be on the roll, however, as their enrolment form was dated prior to them obtaining residency, the applicant is asked to re-submit a new enrolment form.

## 8 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, a total of 833 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	833
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled (sent UVL6)	1
<b>Total Enrolments Rejected</b>	<b>832</b>

## 9 Costings for period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Registrar of Electors' Processing	84	\$35.17	\$2954.28
Stationery (including postage)			\$1854.46
<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$4808.74</b>

## 10 Records Imported as at 30 June 2020

The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as at 30 June 2020.

Permit Type	Unique Client IDs
Limited Purpose Visas	9367
Student Permits	76436
Overstayers	30309
Visitors	47032
Work Permits	198969
<b>Total</b>	<b>362113</b>

**UVL1 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL1 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

Registrar of Electors  
ELT\_NAME Electorate  
Address\_1  
Address\_2  
Address\_3  
City post\_code

Telephone:  
Facsimile:  
www.elections.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol as elector on the phone. As it was mentioned to you, while your application to enrol was being processed your details matched those that the Immigration Service has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

To be eligible to enrol and vote you must be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

I understand from our conversation that you believe you are eligible. So that I can continue with the processing of your application could you please provide:

- a statement signed by you providing reasons why your name should be placed on the roll;
- and
- sufficient evidence to support your application.

Examples of evidence required for your name to be placed on the electoral roll are:

- Current Residence Permit
- Current Returning Residence Visa
- Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
- New Zealand Passport
- Australian Passport
- Naturalisation Certificate
- Official Statement of Citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs
- New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau Birth Certificate

The statement and a certified copy of the evidence should either be posted to me at the above address, or presented to me at my office as listed above within 10 working days of this letter. My office hours are 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 2

### UVL2 - Datamatch Immigration – Letter where applicant could not be contacted by phone

Letter\_Date

UVL2 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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## Appendix 3

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Letter\_Date

UVL3 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote to you recently requesting details of your eligibility to enrol as a Parliamentary elector.

To date I have not received any information from you to support your application. If I don't hear from you within 5 working days of this letter I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME

Location

## Appendix 4

### **UVL4 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were NOT eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL4 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
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To be eligible to enrol and vote you must be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

I understand from our conversation that you believe you are not eligible to enrol. If you now believe you are eligible could you please send me some supporting evidence. If I don't hear from you within 10 working days of this letter I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 5

### **UVL5 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter where evidence supplied was insufficient to accept enrolment**

Letter\_Date

UVL5 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote to you recently requesting details of your eligibility to enrol as a Parliamentary elector.

Unfortunately, the information you provided was insufficient evidence to prove your eligibility. As a result, I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If your circumstances change and you become eligible to enrol as an elector in New Zealand, please fill in a new enrolment form. Forms are available from any PostShop or by calling 0800 36 76 56. You can also enrol online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz).

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 6

### **UVL6 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL6 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for providing documentation regarding your New Zealand Immigration status.

I can confirm that, from the documentation provided, you are eligible to enrol as an elector and I have completed processing your application which will be confirmed in a separate letter to you shortly.

So this will not happen in future, I encourage you to advise the New Zealand Immigration Service of your updated status, by calling them on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand but outside Auckland), or 914 4100 (from within Auckland).

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

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Letter\_Date

UVL7 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
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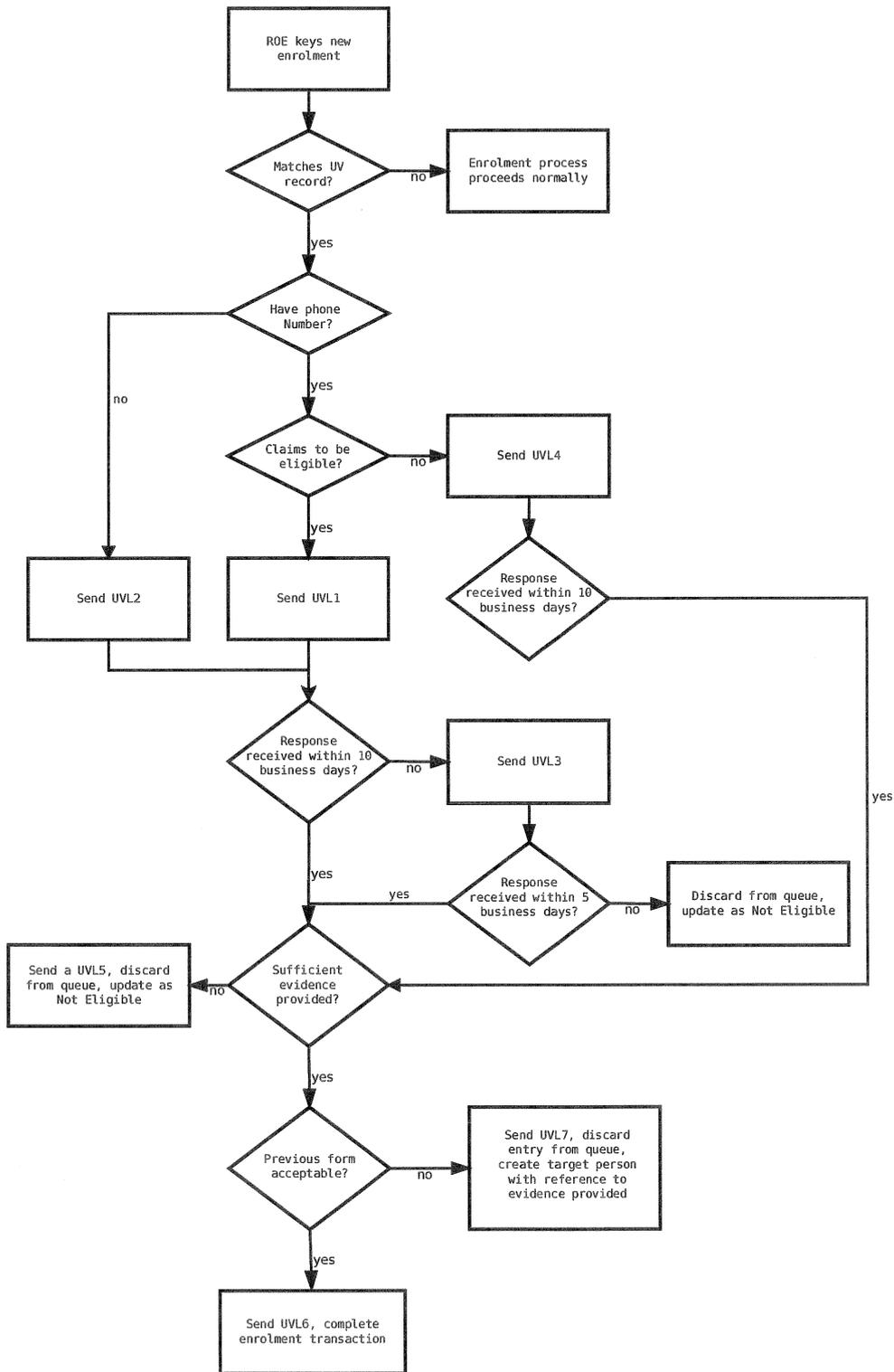
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**ELECTORAL  
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6 July 2020

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Dear ██████████

### **2019/2020 Unqualified Voters Match**

As required under Sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act, I have enclosed the 2019/2020 Unqualified Voters Match report.

The daily matches were carried out by the Electoral Commission as provided for in the Agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ), and there has been no change to the process or matching rules in the 2019/20 period.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the report.

Yours sincerely

James Willcocks  
**Chief Information Officer**



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## 8 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, a total of 1301 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	1301
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled (sent UVL6)	26
<b>Total Enrolments Rejected</b>	<b>1275</b>

**9 Costings for period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Registrar of Electors' Processing	130	\$35.17	\$4572.10
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<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$7494.47</b>

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The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as 30 June 2021.

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Limited Purpose Visas	6355
Student Permits	51027
Overstayers	26385
Visitors	18580
Work Permits	174627
<b>Total</b>	<b>276974</b>

## Appendix 1

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ROE NAME  
Location

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Letter\_Date

UVL2 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
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<mailing\_address\_4>  
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Registrar of Electors  
ELT\_NAME Electorate  
Address\_1  
Address\_2  
Address\_3  
City post\_code  
  
Telephone:  
Facsimile:  
[www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)

Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote to you recently requesting details of your eligibility to enrol as a Parliamentary elector.

Unfortunately, the information you provided was insufficient evidence to prove your eligibility. As a result, I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If your circumstances change and you become eligible to enrol as an elector in New Zealand, please fill in a new enrolment form. Forms are available from any PostShop or by calling 0800 36 76 56. You can also enrol online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz).

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

**UVL6 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL6 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

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Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

**UVL7 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible but new enrolment form needed**

Letter\_Date

UVL7 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for providing documentation regarding your New Zealand Immigration status.

I can confirm that, from the documentation provided, you are eligible to enrol as an elector.

Unfortunately, as your enrolment form was dated prior to you receiving your residency, we need you to fill in a new form. I have enclosed the form for you to fill in, sign, date, and return to me in the envelope provided.

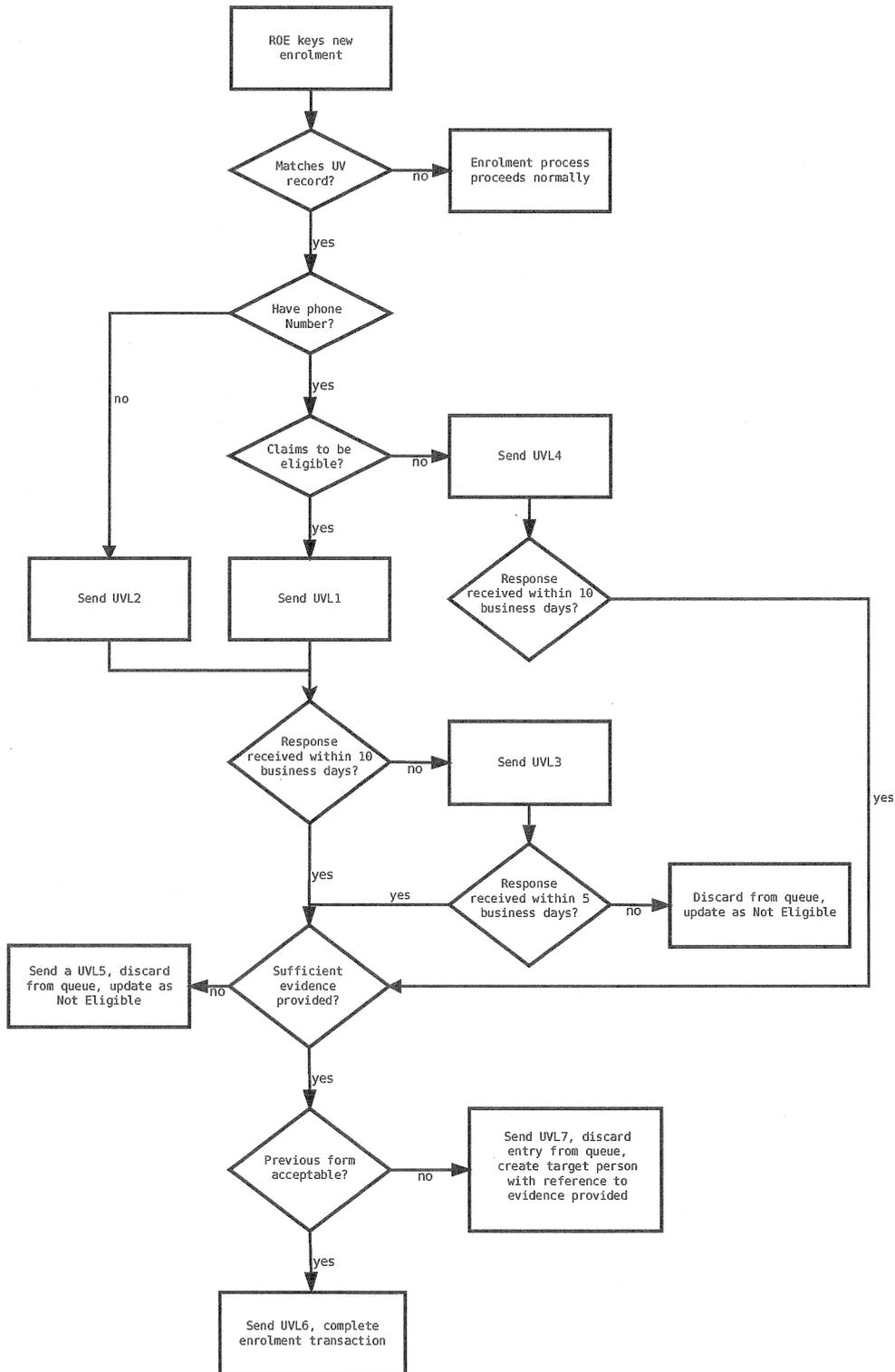
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Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

UV Process





**ELECTORAL  
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6 July 2021

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Dear ██████████

**2020/2021 Unqualified Voters Match**

As required under Sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act, I have enclosed the 2020/2021 Unqualified Voters Match report.

The daily matches were carried out by the Electoral Commission as provided for in the Agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ), and there has been no change to the process or matching rules in the 2020/21 period.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the report.

Yours sincerely

James Willcocks  
**Chief Information Officer**



# Report for Privacy Commissioner

## 2021/2022 Unqualified Voters Match

(1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022)

Between

**Immigration New Zealand (INZ)**

and

**The Electoral Commission (EC)**

Signed off: Aidan Kirrane – IT Applications Manager  
Electoral Commission  
Wellington

## Overview

Section 263A of the Electoral Act 1993 authorises the disclosure of information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ (INZ)) to the Electoral Commission for the purpose of enabling the Electoral Commission to check whether any person who is, or has applied to be, registered as an elector of that electoral district is not qualified from being so registered because of the person's immigration status.

The purpose of the information matching programme is to enable the Electoral Commission to maintain and enhance confidence in the integrity of the electoral roll by providing a systematic and comprehensive mechanism for identifying individuals who may not be entitled to enrol because of their immigration status.

This information is being provided as required under sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act.

## **1 Transfer of Information**

As per the Information Matching Agreement between Immigration New Zealand (INZ) and the Electoral Commission (EC) the following files were provided to the Electoral Commission (EC) on a daily basis:

- Visitors
- Overstayers
- Students
- Work Permit Holders
- Limited Purpose Visas

## **2 Security**

The files were received and stored securely as per the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **3 The Files**

Each file, which was received daily, was a complete dataset of current information that was held by INZ at that point in time. Three days' of files were kept for disaster recovery purposes (grandfather versions).

The grandfather versions were also used as part of daily reporting to compare the latest file with the previous file to highlight any invalid/corrupt files.

Obsolete versions of the files were securely destroyed daily whenever a new version was received.

## **4 Format of Information**

The format of data information received was as detailed in the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **5 EC Processing**

When an applicant is attempting to enrol, their details are checked against the files received from INZ. If a match is detected, the processing of the enrolment is suspended/cancelled while the Registrar undertakes inquiries to determine the applicant's immigration status.

Due to the real-time aspect of the procedure, the match results are not referred to INZ for verification.

The matching procedure involves the use of an individual's:

- Date of birth;
- Surname;
- Given name(s); and/or
- Address information held/supplied on an applicant;

A match is defined as follows:

- Exact match of date of birth
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the first name (if no first names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no first names are matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the middle names (if no middle names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no middle names will be matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of surname

## **7 Process and Correspondence Sent**

### **Attempt to Contact Applicant**

When a Registrar is entering a persons details into the Electoral computer system and system highlights that a match with Immigration NZ data has occurred, the Registrar attempts to contact the applicant by phone. ( A flowchart of the process is shown as Appendix 8).

The purpose of the phone call is to ascertain if the applicant is eligible to be on the roll.

Following the phone call to the elector, one of the following letters is sent to the applicant.

#### **UVL1: Applicant Confirmed They Were Eligible** (Appendix 1)

This letter is sent to applicants who believe that they are eligible to enrol. This letter acknowledges there was a phone conversation, and requests proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL2: Applicant Could Not Be Contacted** (Appendix 2)

Applicants who are not contactable by phone are sent a letter requesting proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL3: Reminder Letter** (Appendix 3)

This is a reminder letter sent to applicants who do not respond to the UVL1 or UVL2 within 10 working days. If no response is received following the sending of the UVL3 letter after 5 working days, the applicant's enrolment form is discarded and no further action taken.

#### **UVL4: Applicant Advises They Are Not Eligible** (Appendix 4)

Applicants who advise that they are not eligible to enrol are sent this letter confirming that their enrolment application will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL5 Insufficient Evidence** (Appendix 5)

Applicants who provide insufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL6 Confirmation of Eligibility** (Appendix 6)

Applicants who provide sufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment form has been processed and will be confirmed in due course.

#### **UVL7 Confirmation of Eligibility - New Form Required** (Appendix 7)

This letter acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to be on the roll, however, as their enrolment form was dated prior to them obtaining residency, the applicant is asked to re-submit a new enrolment form.

## 8 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, a total of 120 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	125
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled (sent UVL6)	5
<b>Total Enrolments Rejected</b>	<b>120</b>

## 9 Costings for period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Registrar of Electors' Processing	13 hours	\$38.42	\$499.46
Stationery (including postage)			\$311.64
<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$811.10</b>

## 10 Records Imported as 30 June 2022

The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as 30 June 2022.

Permit Type	Unique Client IDs
Limited Purpose Visas	9750
Student Permits	30531
Overstayers	25329
Visitors	29980
Work Permits	116645
<b>116Total</b>	<b>212235</b>

## Appendix 1

### UVL1 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were eligible

Letter\_Date

UVL1 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

Registrar of Electors  
ELT\_NAME Electorate  
Address\_1  
Address\_2  
Address\_3  
City post\_code

Telephone:  
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www.elections.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol as elector on the phone. As it was mentioned to you, while your application to enrol was being processed your details matched those that the Immigration Service has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

To be eligible to enrol and vote you must be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

I understand from our conversation that you believe you are eligible. So that I can continue with the processing of your application could you please provide:

- a statement signed by you providing reasons why your name should be placed on the roll;  
and
- sufficient evidence to support your application.

Examples of evidence required for your name to be placed on the electoral roll are:

- Current Residence Permit
- Current Returning Residence Visa
- Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
- New Zealand Passport
- Australian Passport
- Naturalisation Certificate
- Official Statement of Citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs
- New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau Birth Certificate

The statement and a certified copy of the evidence should either be posted to me at the above address, or presented to me at my office as listed above within 10 working days of this letter. My office hours are 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 2

### UVL2 - Datamatch Immigration – Letter where applicant could not be contacted by phone

Letter\_Date

UVL2 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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Dear Sir/Madam

While your application to enrol as an elector was being processed your details matched those that the Immigration Service has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

To be eligible to enrol and vote you must be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

So that I can continue with the processing of your application could you please provide:

- a statement signed by you providing reasons why your name should be placed on the roll;  
and
- sufficient evidence to support your application.

Examples of evidence required for your name to be placed on the electoral roll are:

- Current Residence Permit
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The statement and a certified copy of the evidence should either be posted to me at the above address, or presented to me at my office as listed above within 10 working days of this letter. My office hours are 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 3

### **UVL3 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector NOT responding to UVL1 or UVL2**

Letter\_Date

UVL3 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

Registrar of Electors  
ELT\_NAME Electorate  
Address\_1  
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Address\_3  
City post\_code  
  
Telephone:  
Facsimile:  
www.elections.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote to you recently requesting details of your eligibility to enrol as a Parliamentary elector.

To date I have not received any information from you to support your application. If I don't hear from you within 5 working days of this letter I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME

Location

## Appendix 4

### **UVL4 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were NOT eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL4 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol as elector on the phone. As it was mentioned to you, while your application to enrol was being processed your details matched those that the Immigration Service has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

To be eligible to enrol and vote you must be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

I understand from our conversation that you believe you are not eligible to enrol. If you now believe you are eligible could you please send me some supporting evidence. If I don't hear from you within 10 working days of this letter I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If you have any queries regarding this, please call me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 5

### **UVL5 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter where evidence supplied was insufficient to accept enrolment**

Letter\_Date

UVL5 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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ELT\_NAME Electorate  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote to you recently requesting details of your eligibility to enrol as a Parliamentary elector.

Unfortunately, the information you provided was insufficient evidence to prove your eligibility. As a result, I will not be processing your enrolment form further.

If your circumstances change and you become eligible to enrol as an elector in New Zealand, please fill in a new enrolment form. Forms are available from any PostShop or by calling 0800 36 76 56. You can also enrol online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz).

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME  
Location

## Appendix 6

### **UVL6 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible**

Letter\_Date

UVL6 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>

<mailing\_address\_1>

<mailing\_address\_2>

<mailing\_address\_3>

<mailing\_address\_4>

<mailing\_address\_5>

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Thank you for providing documentation regarding your New Zealand Immigration status.

I can confirm that, from the documentation provided, you are eligible to enrol as an elector and I have completed processing your application which will be confirmed in a separate letter to you shortly.

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Yours faithfully

ROE NAME

Location

## Appendix 7

### **UVL7 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible but new enrolment form needed**

Letter\_Date

UVL7 <electorate\_code><immi\_status>

<mailing\_name>  
<mailing\_address\_1>  
<mailing\_address\_2>  
<mailing\_address\_3>  
<mailing\_address\_4>  
<mailing\_address\_5>

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Dear Sir/Madam

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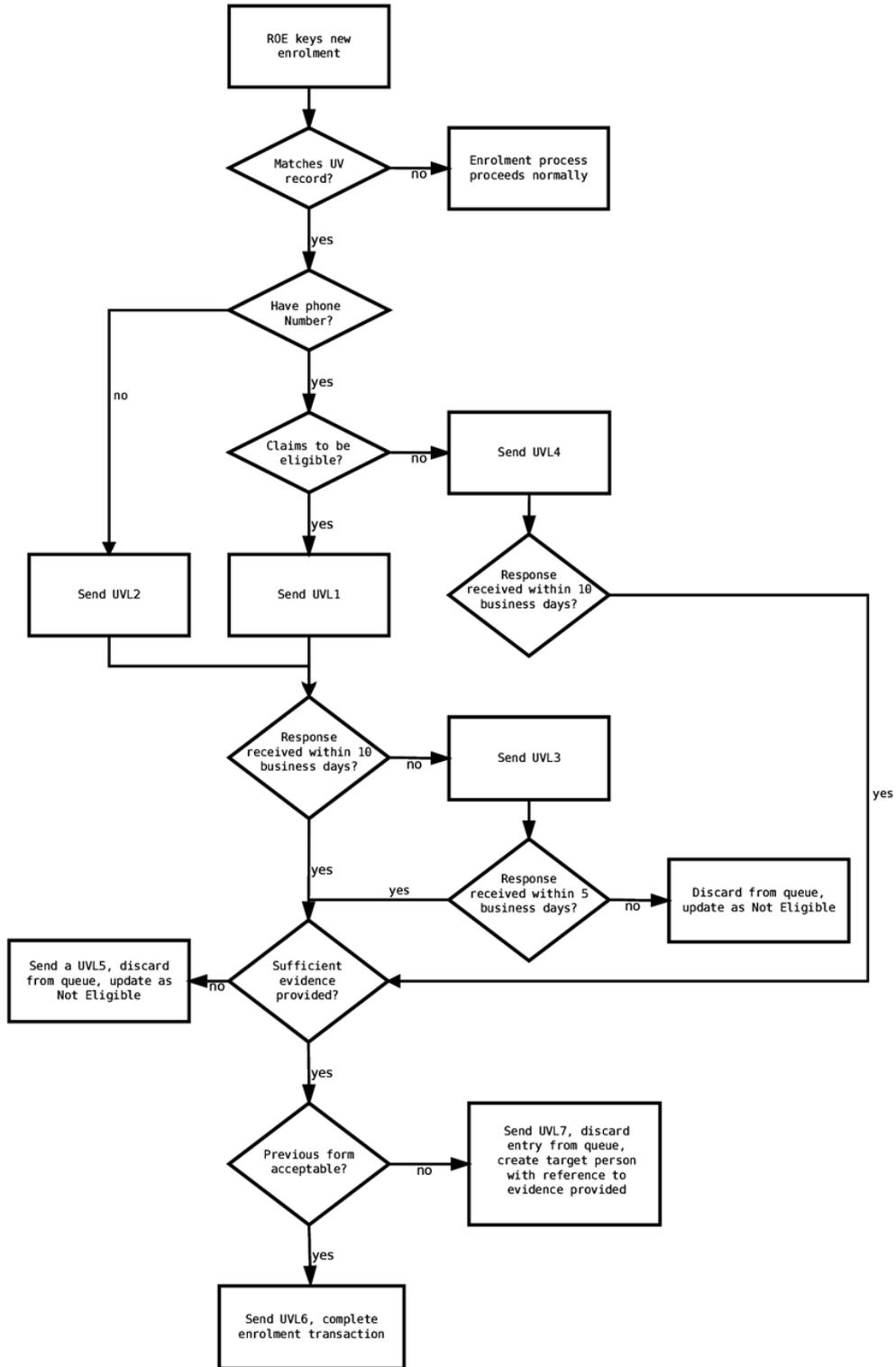
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19 August 2022

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Data Matching Compliance Officer  
Office of the Privacy Commissioner  
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Dear ██████,

### **2021/2022 Unqualified Voters Match**

As required under Sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act, I have enclosed the 2021/2022 Unqualified Voters Match report.

The daily matches were carried out by the Electoral Commission as provided for in the Agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ), and there has been no change to the process or matching rules in the 2021/22 period.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the report.

Yours sincerely

Aidan Kirrane  
**IT Applications Manager**



# Report for Privacy Commissioner

## 2022/2023 Unqualified Voters Match

(1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

Between

**Immigration New Zealand (INZ)**

and

**The Electoral Commission (EC)**

Signed off: Aidan Kirrane – IT Application Manager (Information Technology)  
Electoral Commission  
Wellington

## Overview

Section 263A of the Electoral Act 1993 authorises the disclosure of information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ (INZ)) to the Electoral Commission for the purpose of enabling the Electoral Commission to check whether any person who is, or has applied to be, registered as an elector of that electoral district is not qualified from being so registered because of the person's immigration status.

The purpose of the information matching programme is to enable the Electoral Commission to maintain and enhance confidence in the integrity of the electoral roll by providing a systematic and comprehensive mechanism for identifying individuals who may not be entitled to enrol because of their immigration status.

This information is being provided as required under sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act.

## **1 Transfer of Information**

As per the Information Matching Agreement between Immigration New Zealand (INZ) and the Electoral Commission (EC) the following files were provided to the Electoral Commission (EC) on a daily basis:

- Visitors
- Overstayers
- Students
- Work Permit Holders
- Limited Purpose Visas

## **2 Security**

The files were received and stored securely as per the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **3 The Files**

Each file, which was received daily, was a complete dataset of current information that was held by INZ at that point in time. Three days' of files were kept for disaster recovery purposes (grandfather versions).

The grandfather versions were also used as part of daily reporting to compare the latest file with the previous file to highlight any invalid/corrupt files.

Obsolete versions of the files were securely destroyed daily whenever a new version was received.

## **4 Format of Information**

The format of data information received was as detailed in the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **5 EC Processing**

When an applicant is attempting to enrol, their details are checked against the files received from INZ. If a match is detected, the processing of the enrolment is suspended/cancelled while the Registrar undertakes inquiries to determine the applicant's immigration status.

Due to the real-time aspect of the procedure, the match results are not referred to INZ for verification.

The matching procedure involves the use of an individual's:

- Date of birth;
- Surname;
- Given name(s); and/or
- Address information held/supplied on an applicant;

A match is defined as follows:

- Exact match of date of birth
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the first name (if no first names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no first names are matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the middle names (if no middle names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no middle names will be matched)
- Exact (case insensitive) match of surname

## **7 Process and Correspondence Sent**

### **Attempt to Contact Applicant**

When an Enrolment Officer is entering a person's details into the Electoral Enrolment computer system and the system highlights that a match with Immigration NZ data has occurred, the Enrolment Officer attempts to contact the applicant by phone. (A flowchart of the process is shown as Appendix 8).

The purpose of the phone call is to ascertain if the applicant is eligible to be on the roll.

Following the phone call to the elector, one of the following letters is sent to the applicant.

#### **UVL1: Applicant Confirmed They Were Eligible** (Appendix 1)

This letter is sent to applicants who believe that they are eligible to enrol. This letter acknowledges there was a phone conversation, and requests proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL2: Applicant Could Not Be Contacted** (Appendix 2)

Applicants who are not contactable by phone are sent a letter requesting proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL3: Reminder Letter** (Appendix 3)

This is a reminder letter sent to applicants who do not respond to the UVL1 or UVL2 within 10 working days. If no response is received following the sending of the UVL3 letter after 5 working days, the applicant's enrolment form is discarded and no further action taken.

#### **UVL4: Applicant Advises They Are Not Eligible** (Appendix 4)

Applicants who advise that they are not eligible to enrol are sent this letter confirming that their enrolment application will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL5: Insufficient Evidence** (Appendix 5)

Applicants who provide insufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL6: Confirmation of Eligibility** (Appendix 6)

Applicants who provide sufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment form has been processed and will be confirmed in due course.

This correspondence type was disestablished in December 2022 in favour of the existing confirmation of enrolment correspondence.

#### **UVL7: Confirmation of Eligibility - New Form Required** (Appendix 7)

This letter acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to be on the roll, however, as their enrolment form was dated prior to them obtaining residency, the applicant is asked to re-submit a new enrolment form.

## 8 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, a total of 386 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	386
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled (sent UVL6)	7
<b>Total Enrolments Challenged</b>	<b>393</b>

## 9 Costings for period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Enrolment Officer Processing (hours)	39	\$38.42	\$1498.38
Stationery (including postage)			\$1013.11
<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$2511.49</b>

## 10 Records Imported as 30 June 2023

The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as 30 June 2023.

Permit Type	Unique Client IDs
Limited Purpose Visas	9832
Overstayers	28401
Student Permits	43906
Visitors	81983
Work Permits	135712
<b>Total</b>	<b>299834</b>

## Appendix 1

### UVL1 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were eligible

3 July 2023

<electorate code>  
  
<Name>  
<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

Electoral Commission  
PO Box 190  
Wellington 6140  
  
0800 36 76 56  
enrol@vote.nz  
vote.nz

Tēnā koe

#### We need proof of your immigration status before you can enrol to vote

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol on the phone. As we mentioned, we matched your details with information from Immigration New Zealand. The information from Immigration New Zealand told us that you are not a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

To enrol you must be a New Zealand citizen, or be legally living in New Zealand with no requirement to leave within a specific time. As a citizen or resident, you must have lived in New Zealand continuously for at least 12 months at some time.

#### Please give us proof of your eligibility within 10 working days

We understand from our conversation that you believe you are eligible. Please send us the following documents within 10 working days of this letter.

1. A signed statement explaining why you're eligible to enrol
2. Relevant evidence proving you're eligible to enrol. Examples of evidence include:
  - Current Residence Permit
  - Current Returning Residence Visa
  - Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
  - New Zealand Passport
  - Australian Passport
  - Naturalisation Certificate
  - Official Statement of Citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs
  - A Birth Certificate from New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau

#### Send us your information

- Scan or photograph it and email it to [enrol@vote.nz](mailto:enrol@vote.nz)
- Post your documentation back in the envelope provided.

#### Need help?

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UVL1 - C <correspondence ID>

### UVL2 - Datamatch Immigration – Letter where applicant could not be contacted by phone

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
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Tēnā koe

#### We need proof of your immigration status before you can enrol to vote

We matched your enrolment details with information from Immigration New Zealand. The information from Immigration New Zealand told us that you are not a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

To enrol you must be a New Zealand citizen, or be legally living in New Zealand with no requirement to leave within a specific time. Also, you must have lived in New Zealand continuously for at least 12 months at some time.

#### Please give us proof of your eligibility within 10 working days

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## Appendix 3

### UVL3 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector NOT responding to UVL1 or UVL2

3 July 2023

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#### We still need proof before you can enrol to vote

We recently wrote to you requesting details of your eligibility to enrol. We needed information confirming that you're a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

#### Contact us within 5 working days to continue your application

We're waiting for you to send supporting documentation regarding your application. If we don't hear from you within 5 working days, we will stop processing your enrolment.

#### The proof we need from you

Please send us the following two documents.

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**UVL3 - C** <correspondence ID>

**UVL4 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were NOT eligible**

3 July 2023

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**You aren't eligible to enrol to vote**

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol on the phone. As we mentioned, while we were processing your application to enrol, your details matched those that Immigration New Zealand has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

I also understand from our conversation that you believe you are not eligible to enrol. We have stopped processing your application.

Please get in touch if your immigration status changes future.

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UVL4 - C<correspondence ID>

UVL5 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter where evidence supplied was insufficient to accept enrolment

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**The evidence you provided wasn't enough to enrol you**

Thank you for sending us your information. Unfortunately, the evidence you provided was not enough to prove your eligibility to enrol. This means we cannot enrol you at this time.

**Please contact us when you become eligible**

If your circumstances change and you become eligible to enrol, please fill in a new enrolment form.

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UVL5 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 6

### UVL6 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible (disestablished in December 2022)

Letter\_Date

<electorate\_code>

<mailing\_name>

<mailing\_address\_1>

<mailing\_address\_2>

<mailing\_address\_3>

<mailing\_address\_4>

<mailing\_address\_5>

Registrar of Electors

ELT\_NAME Electorate

Address\_1

Address\_2

Address\_3

City post\_code

Telephone:

Facsimile:

[www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for providing documentation regarding your New Zealand Immigration status.

I can confirm that, from the documentation provided, you are eligible to enrol as an elector and I have completed processing your application which will be confirmed in a separate letter to you shortly.

So this will not happen in future, I encourage you to advise the New Zealand Immigration Service of your updated status, by calling them on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand but outside Auckland), or 914 4100 (from within Auckland).

Yours faithfully

ROE NAME

Location

## Appendix 7

### **UVL7 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible but new enrolment form needed**

3 July 2023

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Tēnā koe

#### **You're eligible, we just need one more thing**

Thank you for sending us evidence confirming your New Zealand immigration status.

Unfortunately, your enrolment form was dated before you received your residency. We need you to fill in, sign, date and return a new form before we can enrol you.

#### **Enrol online**

Enrol online using your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport, or verified RealMe® identity.

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#### **Need help?**

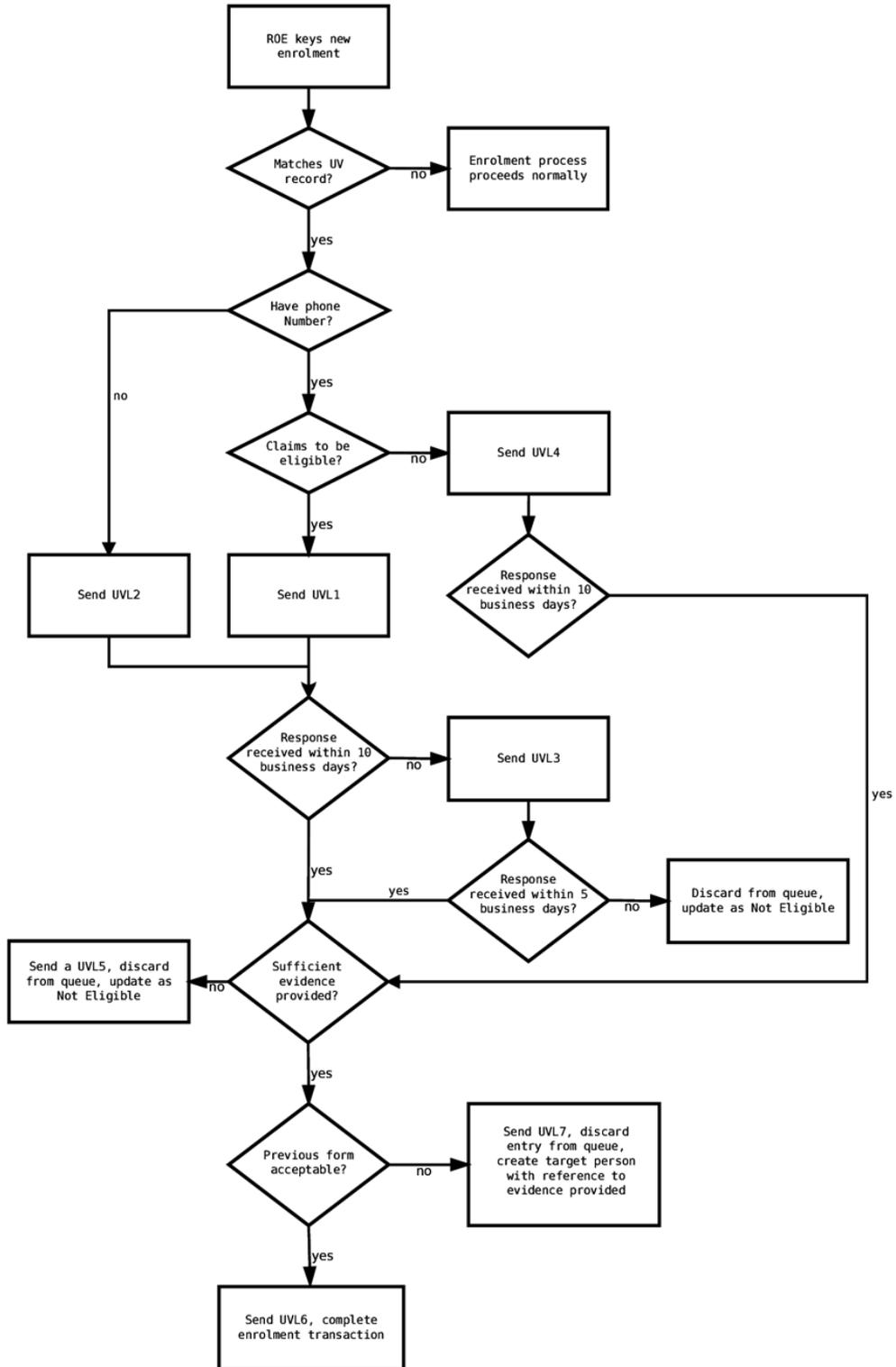
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UV Process





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26th July 2024

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e-mail: [ian.██████████@elections.govt.nz](mailto:ian.██████████@elections.govt.nz)

Dear ██████████,

**2023/2024 Unqualified Voters Match**

As required under Sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act, I have enclosed the 2023/2024 Unqualified Voters Match report.

The daily matches were carried out by the Electoral Commission as provided for in the Agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ), and there has been no change to the process or matching rules in the 2023/24 period.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the report.

Yours sincerely

 ██████████

Ian ██████████  
IT Applications Manager



# Report for Privacy Commissioner

## 2023/2024 Unqualified Voters Match

(1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)

Between

**Immigration New Zealand (INZ)**

and

**The Electoral Commission (EC)**

Signed off: Ian [REDACTED] – IT Application Manager (Information Technology)  
Electoral Commission  
Wellington

Version: Draft V2

26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Overview

Section 263A of the Electoral Act 1993 authorises the disclosure of information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ (INZ)) to the Electoral Commission for the purpose of enabling the Electoral Commission to check whether any person who is, or has applied to be, registered as an elector of that electoral district is not qualified from being so registered because of the person's immigration status.

The purpose of the information matching programme is to enable the Electoral Commission to maintain and enhance confidence in the integrity of the electoral roll by providing a systematic and comprehensive mechanism for identifying individuals who may not be entitled to enrol because of their immigration status.

This information is being provided as required under sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act.

## **1 Transfer of Information**

As per the Information Matching Agreement between Immigration New Zealand (INZ) and the Electoral Commission (EC) the following files were provided to the Electoral Commission (EC) on a daily basis:

- Visitors
- Overstayers
- Students
- Work Permit Holders
- Limited Purpose Visas

## **2 Security**

The files were received and stored securely as per the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **3 The Files**

Each file, which was received daily, was a complete dataset of current information that was held by INZ at that point in time. Three days of files were kept for disaster recovery purposes (grandfather versions).

The grandfather versions were also used as part of daily reporting to compare the latest file with the previous file to highlight any invalid/corrupt files.

Obsolete versions of the files were securely destroyed daily whenever a new version was received.

## **4 Format of Information**

The format of data information received was as detailed in the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **5 EC Processing**

When an applicant is attempting to enrol, their details are checked against the files received from INZ. If a match is detected, the processing of the enrolment is suspended/cancelled while the Registrar undertakes inquiries to determine the applicant's immigration status.

Due to the real-time aspect of the procedure, the match results are not referred to INZ for verification.

The matching procedure involves the use of an individual's:

- Date of birth
- Surname
- Given name(s) and/or
- Address information held/supplied on an applicant

A match is defined as follows:

- Exact match of date of birth
- Exact (case insensitive) match of the first name (if no first names are provided by INZ, then only records on the electoral roll with no first names are matched)
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- Exact (case insensitive) match of surname

## **6 Process and Correspondence Sent**

### **Attempt to Contact Applicant**

When an Enrolment Officer is entering a person's details into the Electoral Enrolment computer system and the system highlights that a match with Immigration NZ data has occurred, the Enrolment Officer attempts to contact the applicant by phone. (A flowchart of the process is shown as Appendix 8).

The purpose of the phone call is to ascertain if the applicant is eligible to be on the roll.

Following the phone call to the elector, one of the following letters is sent to the applicant.

#### **UVL1: Applicant Confirmed They Were Eligible** (Appendix 1)

This letter is sent to applicants who believe that they are eligible to enrol. This letter acknowledges there was a phone conversation, and requests proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL2: Applicant Could Not Be Contacted** (Appendix 2)

Applicants who are not contactable by phone are sent a letter requesting proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL3: Reminder Letter** (Appendix 3)

This is a reminder letter sent to applicants who do not respond to the UVL1 or UVL2 within 10 working days. If no response is received following the sending of the UVL3 letter after 5 working days, the applicant's enrolment form is discarded and no further action taken.

#### **UVL4: Applicant Advises They Are Not Eligible** (Appendix 4)

Applicants who advise that they are not eligible to enrol are sent this letter confirming that their enrolment application will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL5: Insufficient Evidence** (Appendix 5)

Applicants who provide insufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL7: Confirmation of Eligibility - New Form Required** (Appendix 7)

This letter acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to be on the roll, however, as their enrolment form was dated prior to them obtaining residency, the applicant is asked to re-submit a new enrolment form.

## 7 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, a total of 790 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	790
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled	11
<b>Total Enrolments Challenged</b>	<b>801</b>

## 8 Costings for period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Enrolment Officer Processing (hours)	80	\$38.42	\$3073.60
Stationery (including postage)			\$2059.97
<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$5133.57</b>

## 9 Records Imported as 30 June 2024

The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as 30 June 2024.

Permit Type	Unique Client IDs
Limited Purpose Visas	9539
Overstayers	17602
Student Permits	68125
Visitors	87849
Work Permits	177418
<b>Total</b>	<b>360533</b>

## Appendix 1

### UVL1 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were eligible

3 July 2023

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#### We need proof of your immigration status before you can enrol to vote

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol on the phone. As we mentioned, we matched your details with information from Immigration New Zealand. The information from Immigration New Zealand told us that you are not a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

To enrol you must be a New Zealand citizen, or be legally living in New Zealand with no requirement to leave within a specific time. As a citizen or resident, you must have lived in New Zealand continuously for at least 12 months at some time.

#### Please give us proof of your eligibility within 10 working days

We understand from our conversation that you believe you are eligible. Please send us the following documents within 10 working days of this letter.

1. A signed statement explaining why you're eligible to enrol
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UVL1 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 2

### UVL2 - Datamatch Immigration – Letter where applicant could not be contacted by phone

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## Appendix 3

### UVL3 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector NOT responding to UVL1 or UVL2

3 July 2023

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#### Contact us within 5 working days to continue your application

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## Appendix 4

### UVL4 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were NOT eligible

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#### You aren't eligible to enrol to vote

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## Appendix 5

### UVL5 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter where evidence supplied was insufficient to accept enrolment

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## Appendix 6

### ***UVL7 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible but new enrolment form needed***

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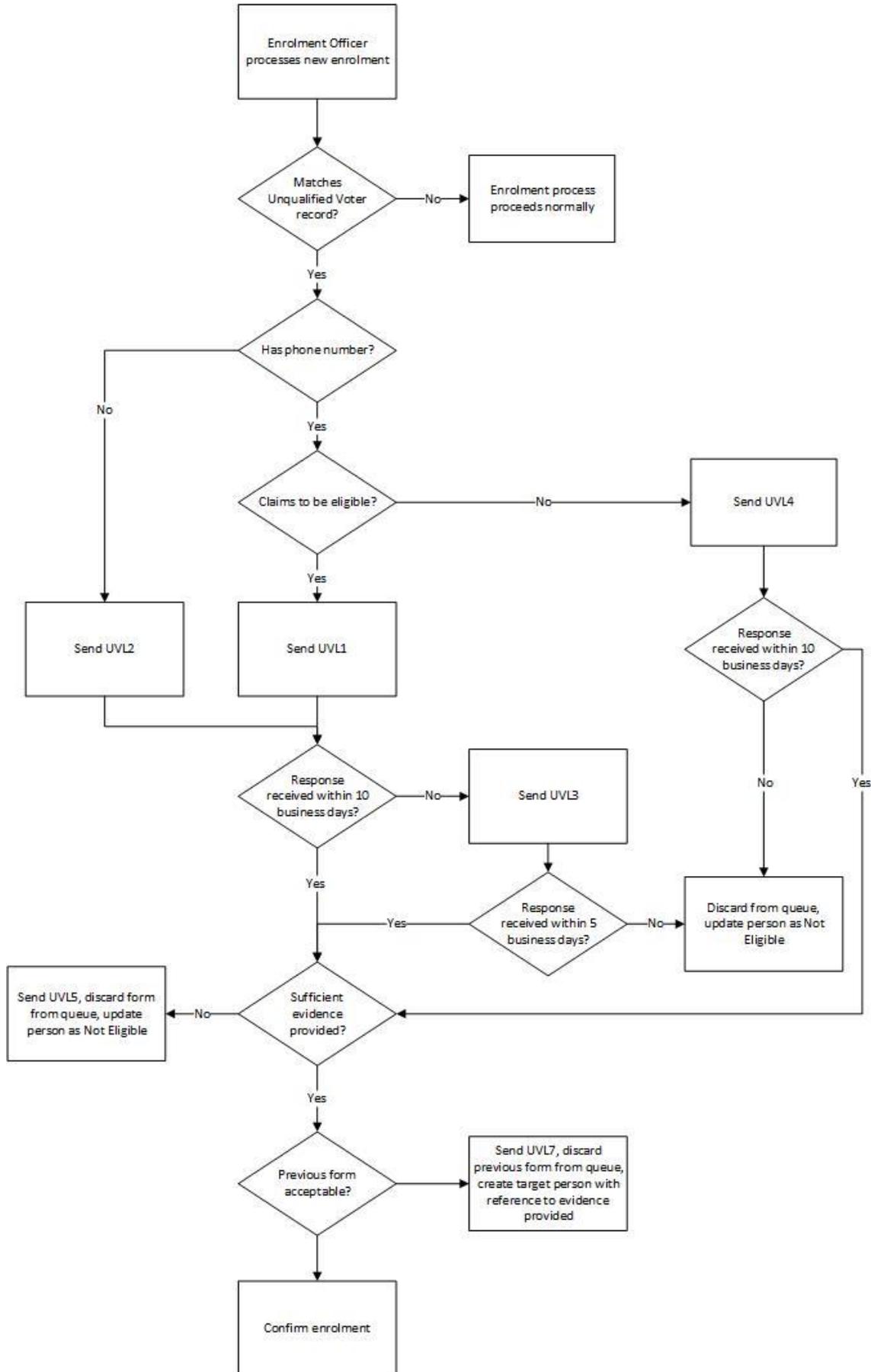
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Dear ████████,

**2024/2025 Unqualified Voters Match**

As required under Sections 104 and 105 of the Privacy Act, I have enclosed the 2024/2025 Unqualified Voters Match report.

The daily matches were carried out by the Electoral Commission as provided for in the Agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration NZ), and there has been no change to the process or matching rules in the 2024/25 period.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the report.

Yours Sincerely,



**IT Applications Manager**





# Report for Privacy Commissioner

## 2024/2025 Unqualified Voters Match

(1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025)

Between

**Immigration New Zealand (INZ)**

and

**The Electoral Commission (EC)**

Signed off: Chris [REDACTED] – IT Applications Manager (Information Technology)  
Electoral Commission  
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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## Overview

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As per the Information Matching Agreement between Immigration New Zealand (INZ) and the Electoral Commission (EC) the following files were provided to the Electoral Commission (EC) on a daily basis:

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## **2 Security**

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## **3 The Files**

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## **4 Format of Information**

The format of data information received was as detailed in the Information Matching Agreement between INZ and the Commission.

## **5 EC Processing**

When an applicant is attempting to enrol, their details are checked against the files received from INZ. If a match is detected, the processing of the enrolment is suspended/cancelled while the Registrar undertakes inquiries to determine the applicant's immigration status.

Due to the real-time aspect of the procedure, the match results are not referred to INZ for verification.

The matching procedure involves the use of an individual's:

- Date of birth
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A match is defined as follows:

- Exact match of date of birth
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## **6 Process and Correspondence Sent**

### **Attempt to Contact Applicant**

When an Enrolment Officer is entering a person's details into the Electoral Enrolment computer system and the system highlights that a match with Immigration NZ data has occurred, the Enrolment Officer attempts to contact the applicant by phone. (A flowchart of the process is shown as Appendix 8).

The purpose of the phone call is to ascertain if the applicant is eligible to be on the roll.

Following the phone call to the elector, one of the following letters is sent to the applicant.

#### **UVL1: Applicant Confirmed They Were Eligible** (Appendix 1)

This letter is sent to applicants who believe that they are eligible to enrol. This letter acknowledges there was a phone conversation, and requests proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL2: Applicant Could Not Be Contacted** (Appendix 2)

Applicants who are not contactable by phone are sent a letter requesting proof of their eligibility to enrol. The letter also states that they need to respond within 10 working days.

#### **UVL3: Reminder Letter** (Appendix 3)

This is a reminder letter sent to applicants who do not respond to the UVL1 or UVL2 within 10 working days. If no response is received following the sending of the UVL3 letter after 5 working days, the applicant's enrolment form is discarded and no further action taken.

#### **UVL4: Applicant Advises They Are Not Eligible** (Appendix 4)

Applicants who advise that they are not eligible to enrol are sent this letter confirming that their enrolment application will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL5: Insufficient Evidence** (Appendix 5)

Applicants who provide insufficient evidence to prove their eligibility to enrol are sent this letter advising that their enrolment will not be progressed any further.

#### **UVL7: Confirmation of Eligibility - New Form Required** (Appendix 6)

This letter acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to be on the roll, however, as their enrolment form was dated prior to them obtaining residency, the applicant is asked to re-submit a new enrolment form.

## 7 Correspondence Sent and Action Taken

In the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, a total of 761 people were deemed ineligible and their application for enrolment rejected.

Applicants identified and challenged (Subsequently sent UVL1 or UVL2. (UVL3 sent if no response received	761
Applicant provided evidence and enrolled	6
<b>Total Enrolments Challenged</b>	<b>767</b>

## 8 Costings for period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

The following costings applied for the above period:

Item	Quantity	Charge	Total
Enrolment Officer Processing (hours)			\$2946.81
Stationery (including postage)			\$2056.30
<b>Cost</b>			<b>\$5003.11</b>

## 9 Records Imported as 30 June 2025

The figures in the table below are representative of the files received. They provide a snapshot of INZ's database by permit type as 30 June 2025.

Permit Type	Unique Client IDs
Limited Purpose Visas	9652
Overstayers	17602
Student Permits	75720
Visitors	75114
Work Permits	131630
<b>Total</b>	<b>309718</b>

## Appendix 1

### UVL1 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were eligible

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

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PO Box 190  
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enrol@vote.nz  
vote.nz

Tēnā koe

#### We need proof of your immigration status before you can enrol to vote

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol on the phone. As we mentioned, we matched your details with information from Immigration New Zealand. The information from Immigration New Zealand told us that you are not a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

To enrol you must be a New Zealand citizen, or be legally living in New Zealand with no requirement to leave within a specific time. As a citizen or resident, you must have lived in New Zealand continuously for at least 12 months at some time.

#### Please give us proof of your eligibility within 10 working days

We understand from our conversation that you believe you are eligible. Please send us the following documents within 10 working days of this letter.

1. A signed statement explaining why you're eligible to enrol
2. Relevant evidence proving you're eligible to enrol. Examples of evidence include:
  - Current Residence Permit
  - Current Returning Residence Visa
  - Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
  - New Zealand Passport
  - Australian Passport
  - Naturalisation Certificate
  - Official Statement of Citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs
  - A Birth Certificate from New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau

#### Send us your information

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- Post your documentation back in the envelope provided.

#### Need help?

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UVL1 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 2

### UVL2 - Datamatch Immigration – Letter where applicant could not be contacted by phone

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

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Tēnā koe

#### We need proof of your immigration status before you can enrol to vote

We matched your enrolment details with information from Immigration New Zealand. The information from Immigration New Zealand told us that you are not a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

To enrol you must be a New Zealand citizen, or be legally living in New Zealand with no requirement to leave within a specific time. Also, you must have lived in New Zealand continuously for at least 12 months at some time.

#### Please give us proof of your eligibility within 10 working days

Please send us the following documents within 10 working days of this letter.

1. A signed statement explaining why you're eligible to enrol
2. Relevant evidence proving you're eligible to enrol. Examples of evidence include:
  - Current Residence Permit
  - Current Returning Residence Visa
  - Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
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UVL2 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 3

### UVL3 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector NOT responding to UVL1 or UVL2

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

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Tēnā koe

#### We still need proof before you can enrol to vote

We recently wrote to you requesting details of your eligibility to enrol. We needed information confirming that you're a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.

#### Contact us within 5 working days to continue your application

We're waiting for you to send supporting documentation regarding your application. If we don't hear from you within 5 working days, we will stop processing your enrolment.

#### The proof we need from you

Please send us the following two documents.

1. A signed statement explaining why you're eligible to enrol
2. Relevant evidence proving you're eligible to enrol. Examples of evidence include:
  - Current Residence Permit
  - Current Returning Residence Visa
  - Confirmation of Resident Status from the New Zealand Immigration Service
  - New Zealand Passport
  - Australian Passport
  - Naturalisation Certificate
  - Official Statement of Citizenship from the Department of Internal Affairs
  - A Birth Certificate from New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau

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UVL3 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 4

### UVL4 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter from phone call where applicant confirmed they were NOT eligible

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

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vote.nz

Tēnā koe

#### You aren't eligible to enrol to vote

Thank you for recently discussing your eligibility to enrol on the phone. As we mentioned, while we were processing your application to enrol, your details matched those that Immigration New Zealand has provided as someone who is not a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand.

I also understand from our conversation that you believe you are not eligible to enrol. We have stopped processing your application.

Please get in touch if your immigration status changes future.

#### Need help?

If you have any questions, please contact us. We're here to help.

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UVL4 - C<correspondence ID>

## Appendix 5

### UVL5 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter where evidence supplied was insufficient to accept enrolment

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>  
<Address>

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vote.nz

Tēnā koe

#### The evidence you provided wasn't enough to enrol you

Thank you for sending us your information. Unfortunately, the evidence you provided was not enough to prove your eligibility to enrol. This means we cannot enrol you at this time.

#### Please contact us when you become eligible

If your circumstances change and you become eligible to enrol, please fill in a new enrolment form.

You can enrol online or contact us to get the form. To enrol online, go to **vote.nz**

#### Need help?

If you have any questions, please contact us. We're here to help.

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UVL5 - C <correspondence ID>

## Appendix 6

### ***UVL7 - Datamatch Immigration – Follow-up letter as result of elector providing sufficient evidence confirming they are eligible but new enrolment form needed***

3 July 2023

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<Address>  
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Tēnā koe

#### **You're eligible, we just need one more thing**

Thank you for sending us evidence confirming your New Zealand immigration status.

Unfortunately, your enrolment form was dated before you received your residency. We need you to fill in, sign, date and return a new form before we can enrol you.

#### **Enrol online**

Enrol online using your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport, or verified RealMe® identity.

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#### **Need help?**

If you have any questions, please contact us. We're here to help.

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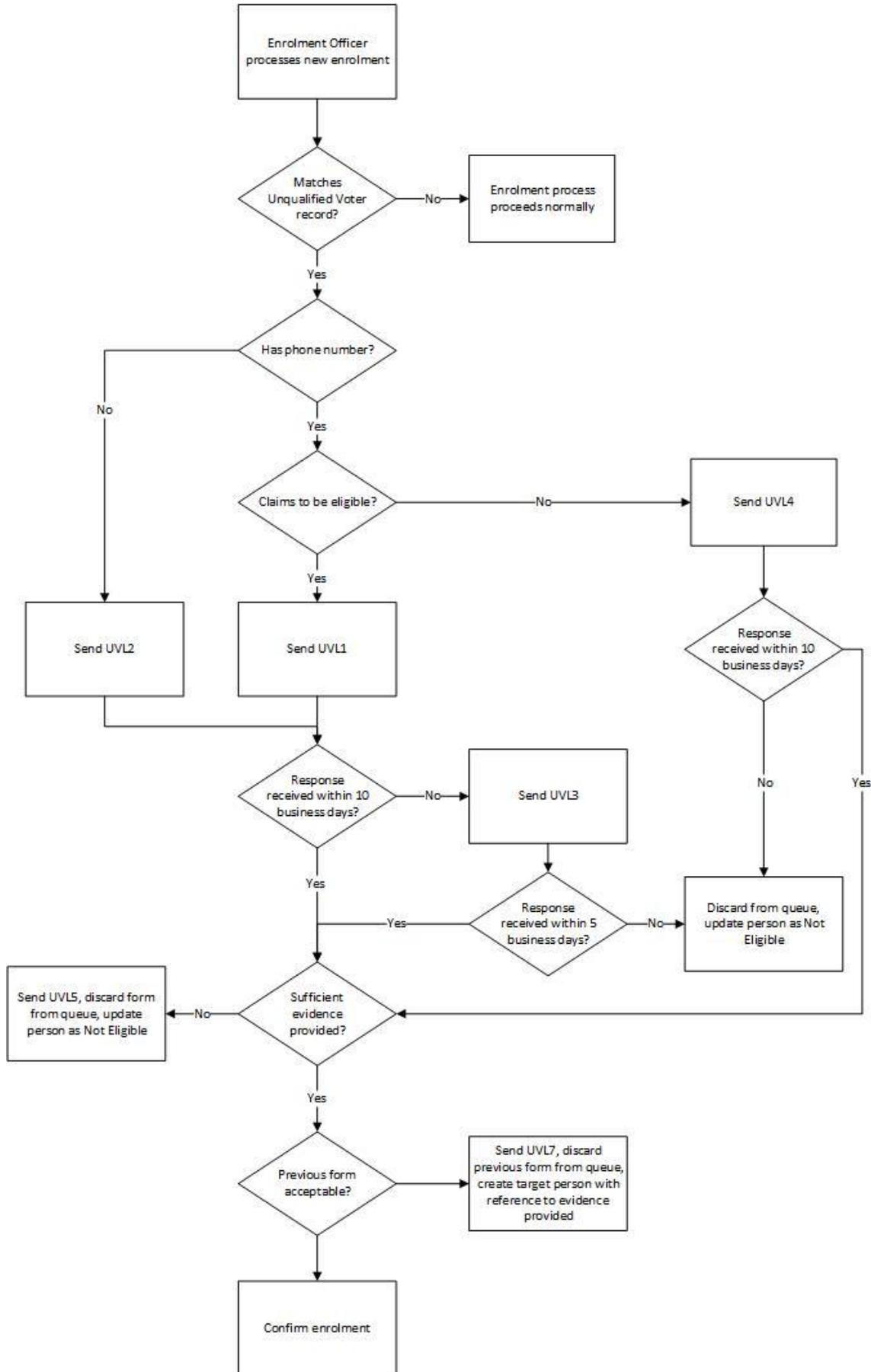
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**UVL7 - C** <correspondence ID>

**Appendix 7**



08 July 2025

██████████  
**Senior Compliance Officer**  
Office of the Privacy Commissioner  
██████████ [@privacy.org.nz](mailto:██████████@privacy.org.nz)

Tēnā koe ██████████

Thank you for your letter dated 03 June 2025, advising the Electoral Commission (the Commission) of its obligations to report on its information matching programmes. Please find the following in response to the questions you asked in the same letter.

### **Information matching annual reporting for 2024-2025**

In response to your first question, about the information matching programmes that were undertaken in the 2024-2025 reporting period, I can confirm that the Commission enacted the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match (under section 263A of the Electoral Act 1993). For clarity, I can confirm that the Commission continued not to partake in the following, currently inactive information matching programmes:

- DIA (Citizenship)/EC Unenrolled Voters
- DIA (Passports)/EC Unenrolled voters
- MSD/EC Unenrolled Voters
- NZTA/EC – Driver Licence Unenrolled Voters
- NZTA/EC – Vehicle Registration Unenrolled Voters.

To answer the questions in point 2 of your letter, I have attached a report that has been prepared for the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match, and an accompanying letter of assurance. In direct response to your questions about our information matching programmes, I can confirm that for the reporting year ending 30 June 2025:

- there have been no changes to the operation of the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match, and therefore none that would require updating the Technical Standards Report. The other five information matching programmes remained inactive and unchanged over the reporting year;
- there have been no revisions or variations to the information matching programmes, for either the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match, or the other inactive matching programmes;
- on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2025, the Commission [updated information in its online privacy notice](#), to fix broken hyperlinks, and better explain the reasons for our information matching programmes (a copy of the changes made is attached with this letter);
- there were no difficulties experienced in performing the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match, and no others were performed;
- no audits of the matching programmes were carried out in the reporting year;
- electronic transfer of information used in the INZ/EC Unqualified Voters match is via direct, secure file transfer as per the standing technical standards; and



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- measures are in place to ensure software and systems involved are up-to-date, access to information is restricted to only those that need access, and copies of the files (received daily) are kept for no longer than three days, as explained in the accompanying information matching report.

I hope this response and the accompanying attachments answer the questions you have asked, and provide the assurance sought about the information matching programmes the Commission utilises.

If you have any questions, please contact me using the details in this letter.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Hoare'.

Campbell [REDACTED]

**Senior Advisor Privacy**

Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)

Encl: 2025 Unqualified voters match report, 2025 Unqualified voters match assurance letter, updates to online privacy notice.

Ella [REDACTED]

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**From:** Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 July 2025 10:11 am  
**To:** [REDACTED]@privacy.org.nz  
**Subject:** RE: 2024-2025 Reporting- Information Matching Programme  
**Attachments:** Information matching reporting for OPC\_2024-2025.pdf; 2025 Unqualified voters match report.pdf; 2025 Unqualified voters match assurance letter.pdf; Updates to online privacy notice.pdf

Ata mārie [REDACTED],

In response to your correspondence of 3 June, I have attached a letter and appendices to answer your questions about the Commission's information matching for the reporting year to 30 June 2025.

Please reach out if you have any questions or require any further information.

Ngā mihi nui,

Campbell [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Advisor Privacy | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri  
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington | [REDACTED] | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)

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**From:** Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 June 2025 1:06 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@privacy.org.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: 2024-2025 Reporting- Information Matching Programme

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Thank you – I can confirm I have received the letter, and the Commission will respond as soon as practicable, and no later than 29 August 2025.

Ngā mihi maioha,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@privacy.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 June 2025 12:22 pm  
**To:** Campbell [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: 2024-2025 Reporting- Information Matching Programme

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Kia ora Campbell

Thank you for confirming that you are the point of contact.

Please find the attached letter regarding the annual reporting for the Information Matching Programmes. We would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch, and I will be happy to discuss.

Warm regards,

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Senior Compliance Officer

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**From:** Campbell ██████████ <██████████@elections.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, 29 May 2025 3:32 pm

**To:** ██████████ <██████████@privacy.org.nz>

**Subject:** RE: 2024-24 Reporting- Information Matching Programme

Tēnā koe ██████████,

Thank you for your email, which Kristina has forwarded on to me to acknowledge and respond to. I started a couple of months ago as Senior Advisor Privacy, and I have also taken up the role of Privacy Officer at the Commission. If you are able to please send the reminder letter for the 2024-25 Annual Reporting to me, that would be great.

Our IT department has the ability to extract the reporting, and yes, ██████████ was the previous manager within IT who used to organise retrieving this for us. There has been some change within this team, and I will reach out to them to organise who our subject matter experts are for overseeing the reporting aspects of our information matching.

I will let you know who an alternative contact can be for this purpose once I organise this with IT, if for whatever reason anything urgent is needed and I am not available. For now, though, I am happy to be the intermediary as the Commission's Privacy Officer.

Ngā mihi maioha,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@privacy.org.nz>  
Sent: Thursday, 29 May 2025 3:10 pm  
To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>  
Subject: 2024-24 Reporting- Information Matching Programme

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Tēnā koe Kristina,

I'm writing to you from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner regarding the Electoral Commission's Information Matching programmes. I have been given this email by my manager [REDACTED].

Could you please let me know the best person or the Privacy Officer at your agency to send the reminder letter for the 2024-25 Annual Reporting? I've just emailed [REDACTED], but we're unsure if that email address is still current.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui,

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**Previous version:**

## **We can match information to invite people to enrol and update their details**

We can match information about people on the electoral rolls with information that other government agencies hold. We can match information to identify people who:

- are qualified to vote but haven't enrolled, so we can invite them to enrol
- we can invite to update their address on the electoral roll.

The Privacy Commissioner oversees information matching and writes a yearly report on each programme.

We take part in five information matching programmes:

[New Zealand Transport Agency \(driver licence\) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme](#)

[New Zealand Transport Agency \(vehicle registration\) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme](#)

[Ministry of Social Development \(beneficiary and student databases\) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme](#)

[Department of Internal Affairs \(passports\) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme](#)

[Department of Internal Affairs \(citizenship\) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme](#)

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## **Current version:**

### **We can match information to keep the electoral rolls accurate and up-to-date**

We can match information we hold with information that other government agencies hold to identify people:

- who have applied to enrol but do not appear to meet eligibility requirements for being included on the roll (not qualified to vote), so we can follow up with them
- that are qualified to vote but haven't enrolled, so we can invite them to enrol
- who we can invite to update their address on the electoral roll.

The Privacy Commissioner oversees information matching and writes a yearly report on each programme.

The Electoral Act 1993 allows the Commission to take part in information matching programmes with the following agencies:

- Immigration New Zealand and Electoral Commission Unqualified Votes Programme
- Department of Internal Affairs (Citizenship) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme
- Department of Internal Affairs (Passports) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme
- Ministry of Social Development and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme
- New Zealand Transport Authority (Driver Licence) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme
- New Zealand Transport Authority (Vehicle Registration) and Electoral Commission Unenrolled Voters Programme

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