

Electorate candidates using the individual nomination process **MUST** complete this form. Please read the notes overleaf before completing this form. Type or write clearly and use BLOCK LETTERS and blue or black ink. **The completed form needs to be printed before it is signed and dated by the candidate and nominators.**

PART 1 To be completed by the person being nominated as a candidate

Electorate being contested:

First name(s) to appear on ballot paper:

Surname or family name to appear on ballot paper:

Party name or independent:

A candidate must be a New Zealand citizen, and currently enrolled as an elector

I consent to the nomination, and confirm that I am qualified to be a candidate, and to be elected a member of Parliament because —

I am a New Zealand citizen
 I am enrolled as an elector for the electorate
 I am not disqualified from being enrolled

Date of birth: Gender (Optional, collected for statistical purposes):
 Day Month Year Male Female Another gender

My country of birth (if born overseas attach evidence of New Zealand citizenship):

First full name(s) (used for the official results):

Surname or family name (if different from above):

Residential street address (do not complete if you are on the unpublished roll):

Telephone:

Email address:

Your phone and email address may be shared with media and others for your candidacy unless you advise otherwise.

Signature of candidate: Date:

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Receipt of nomination - I have received your nomination Date:

Signature of Returning Officer or Delegated Electoral Official

PART 2

To be completed by 2 nominators who must be enrolled in the electorate being contested

1 First nominator

I nominate:

My first names:

My surname or family name:

My residential street address:

Signature of nominator 1:

Date:

2 Second nominator

I nominate:

My first names:

My surname or family name:

My residential street address:

Signature of nominator 2:

Date:

Complete this form if you are using the individual nomination process to be an electorate candidate at the 2026 General Election.

If you are a list candidate or you are an electorate candidate for a registered party using the bulk nomination process you need to complete a consent to nomination form available from your party secretary.

You can send us your completed nomination from **Monday 7 September 2026** to nominations@elections.govt.nz. We cannot formally accept your nomination until the writ for the election is issued on Sunday 4 October 2026. The deadline to lodge a nomination is **noon on Thursday 8 October**. **You are advised not to leave your nomination until the last day to ensure any problems with the nomination can be dealt with.**

A candidate must —

- Be a New Zealand citizen.
- Be a registered elector (but does not need to be an elector for the electorate in which the candidate wishes to stand).
- Not be disqualified from registering as an elector –

The main ground for disqualifying a New Zealand citizen is not having been in New Zealand within the last three years. There are exceptions to this rule. For example, public servants or members of the Defence Force who are on duty outside New Zealand, as well members of their families.

Most people who are in prison serving a sentence of imprisonment are also disqualified.

There are other grounds for disqualification that affect a very small number of people. For further details, see section 80 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Bankruptcy is not a ground for disqualification.

- If born outside New Zealand attach evidence of New Zealand citizenship (for example, certificate of citizenship, or extract from New Zealand passport). A copy is sufficient. A certified copy is **NOT** required. If born in New Zealand after 1 January 2006, we may have to contact you to confirm your citizenship. A candidate unsure of their citizenship status should check with the Citizenship Office, Department of Internal Affairs.

Nominators must —

- Be registered electors for the electorate in which they are nominating the candidate.
- Not nominate more than one candidate.

Filling in the form —

Name of electorate being contested and Part 1 — must be completed in full and signed by the candidate.

The name on the ballot paper must not be more than 30 characters long including spaces. Titles and honorifics are not allowed. Candidates are listed alphabetically by surname (which is capitalised) on the ballot paper. If you want your surname to include any lowercase letters make this clear when you print your name on the form i.e. Mc, Mac, Van.

Party name or independent — the candidate should write the name of the party he or she is representing or, if the candidate is not representing a party, the word “Independent”. You should be prepared to provide evidence (such as a party constitution) that an unregistered party you claim to represent exists, and evidence of eligibility to represent that party (such as a letter from the party secretary).

Part 2 — must be completed in full and signed by the nominators.

Logo on the ballot paper —

If you are representing a registered party the party’s registered logo will appear by your name on the ballot paper. Unregistered parties cannot have a logo on the ballot paper.

Deposit —

A deposit of \$300 is required with the nomination. Payment by online banking should be made into:

Electoral Commission Trust Account, BNZ, 02 0506 0077208 00
(include the electorate and your name as the particulars and reference)

We recommend you pay the deposit before nomination day. Include evidence of the time and date you made the deposit with your nomination form such as a copy of your receipt from the bank or a screenshot of your online transaction confirmation. If you are unable to pay your deposit by online banking you can pay the deposit by cash to the Returning Officer.

Submitting your candidate nomination —

Send your completed nomination form, deposit evidence and citizenship evidence (if born overseas) to nominations@elections.govt.nz. Please ensure you are available at the contact details provided in case we need to contact you about your nomination prior to the deadline. Alternatively, if you wish to lodge your nomination form and deposit in person, please contact the Returning Officer to make an appointment.

Candidate nominations and deposits **MUST** be lodged by **NOON ON NOMINATION DAY**. Late nominations or deposits cannot be accepted.

Release of candidate details —

If you are on the unpublished roll, you do not have to complete the residential address section on the form.

We only publish candidate and party names (or independent) on vote.nz following close of nominations. We do not publish any other candidate information.

We may release candidate telephone and email details after the close of nominations on request from media or anyone else for the purposes of your candidacy, unless you advise otherwise.

For further information on the nomination process or being a candidate refer to the becoming a candidate information in the Candidate Hub and the Candidate Handbook – 2026 General Election available at www.elections.nz.