

He aha te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori?

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori te ara e kōwhiri ai te Māori i te rārangi pōti e hiahia ana ia: ko te rārangi Māori, ko te rārangi whānui rānei.

Āhea koe āhei ai ki te kōwhiri rārangi pōti?

Mehemea he Māori koe, ā, koinei tō rēhitatanga tuatahi ki te pōti, ka kōwhiri koe i te rārangi pōti e hiahia nā koe.

Mehemea kua rēhita kē koe, ka āhei koe ki te whakawhiti ki rārangi kē ahakoa te wā, engari kaua:

- I roto i te 3 marama i mua i tētahi pōtitanga ā-motu, i tētahi pōtitanga ā-rohe rānei.
- I mua i tētahi pōtitanga whakakapi ā-pāremata, mehemea nā tō whakawhitinga, ka nekehia koe ki te rohe pōti e tū ai taua pōtitanga whakakapi.

He aha te pānga o tō kōwhiringa ki a koe?

Ka tohu tō kōwhiringa rārangi i tō rohe pōti, me ngā kōwhiringa kaitono hei pōti māu i roto i ngā pōtitanga pāremata me ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe.

Ka pā pea tō kōwhiringa rārangi ki te maha o ngā rohe pōti Māori me ngā rohe pōti whānui i ngā pōtitanga pāremata.

Ka tohu pea te maha o ngā Māori kua rēhita ki te rārangi Māori i te pikinga, te hekenga rānei o te maha o ngā rohe pōti Māori, mēnā rānei ka noho ōrite tonu.

Ka pā atu hoki tō kōwhiringa ki te whakataunga o ngā rohenga o ngā rohe pōti Māori me ngā rohe pōti whānui ina arotakengia aua rohe, i mua i te pōtitanga ā-motu e heke mai nei. I te Pōtitanga ā-Motu 2023, e 7 ngā rohe pōti Māori, ā, e 65 ngā rohe pōti whānui.

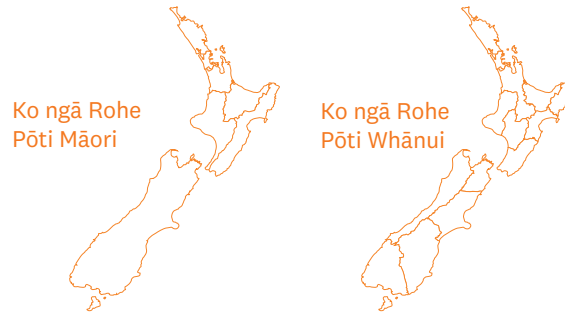
He aha te rohe pōti?

Kua whakarohengia a Aotearoa ki ngā takiwā pōti e kīia ana he rohe pōti. I tō rēhitatanga ki te pōti, ka rēhitatia koe ki roto i te rohe pōti e noho nā koe.

E rua ngā momo rohe pōti: he rohe pōti Māori, he rohe pōti whānui. I ngā pōtitanga pāremata, ka pōtihia tētahi mema Pāremata (MP) hei māngai mō ngā tāngata o ia rohe pōti.

Kei tēnā wāhi, kei tēnā wāhi o Aotearoa tētahi rohe pōti Māori me tētahi rohe pōti whānui.

Ahakoa kāore i te ōrite te rahi o ngā rohe pōti katoa, he āhua ōrite te maha o ngā tāngata o ia rohe.



Te pōti i ngā pōtitanga pāremata me ngā pōtitanga whakakapi

Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi Māori, ka pōti koe i tētahi kaitono i te rohe pōti Māori e noho nā koe. Hei tauira, mehemea e noho ana koe ki Heretaunga, ka pōti koe i roto i te rohe pōti o Ikaroa-Rāwhiti. Ko te tangata ka riro i a ia te maha o ngā pōti i te rohe pōti Māori o Ikaroa-Rawhiti ka tū hei MP mō tō rohe.

Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi whānui, ka pōti koe i tētahi kaitono i te rohe pōti whānui e noho nā koe. Hei tauira, mehemea e noho ana koe ki Heretaunga, ka pōti koe i roto i te rohe pōti o Tukituki. Ko te tangata ka riro i a ia te maha o ngā pōti i te rohe pōti whānui o Tukituki ka tū hei MP mō tō rohe.

Kotahi anake te rārangi o ngā rōpū tōrangapū hei pōti māu i te pōtitanga ā-motu, ahakoa te rārangi ka kōwhiria e koe.

Te pōti i ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe

Ka pā atu pea tō kōwhiringa rārangi ki ngā kōwhiringa kaitono hei pōti māu i roto i ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe.

Mehemea ka kōwhiri koe i te rārangi Māori, ā, he wāri Māori, he rohe pōti Māori rānei tō te kaunihera, ka pōti koe i ngā kaitono i roto i taua wāri Māori, rohe pōti Māori rānei. Mehemea ka kōwhiri koe i te rārangi whānui, ka pōti koe i ngā kaitono i roto i te wāri whānui, te rohe pōti whānui rānei.

He aha te wāri pōti, te rohe pōti ā-kaunihera rānei?

Ko te wāri, te rohe pōti rānei he takiwā pōti ā-kaunihera, pērā i ngā rohe pōti pāremata. He wāri tō ngā kaunihera ā-tāone me ngā kaunihera ā-rohe, ā, he rohe pōti tō ngā kaunihera ā-takiwā.

He rohe pōti Māori, he rohe whānui anō hoki tō ētahi o ngā kaunihera. I ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe, ka pōtihia ngā kaikaunihera hei māngai mō ngā tāngata o ia takiwā pōti.

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Me pēhea te kōwhiri

Mehemea e hiahia ana koe ki te whakawhiti rārangi, ka āhei koe ki te:

- Whakawhiti ā-ipurangi i [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz). Me whai koe i tō raihana hautū waka o Aotearoa, tō uruwhenua o Aotearoa, tō tuakiri RealMe kua hāponotia rānei.
- Whakakī i tētahi puka rēhita ā-pepa. Waea mai ki 0800 36 76 56 ki te tono kia tukua atu he puka rēhita ki a koe mā te mēra.

Mehemea kei runga tō ingoa i te rārangi muna, kāore koe e āhei ki te whakarerekē i ō taipitopito rēhita mā te ipurangi. Me whakakī koe i tētahi puka rēhita ā-pepa.

Mēnā ko tō rēhitatanga tuatahi, kei te whakawhiti rārangi rānei koe, ka tukua atu mātau i tētahi reta, imēra rānei ki a koe hei whakaū i ō taipitopito me tō kōwhiringa rārangi.

Mēnā kei te hē o taipitopito, whakapā mai ki a mātau kia whakahoutia.

Āwhinatia tō hapori ki te rēhita ki te pōti

Tukua ēnei pārongo ki ō whanaunga, ki ō hoa hoki kāore anō kia rēhita, kia taea ai e rātau te kōwhiri.

He kōrero anō

Ki te hiahia koe ki ētahi atu kōrero e pā ana ki te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, ki te rēhitatanga rānei ki te pōti:

- **Haere ki [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz)**
- **Waea mai ki 0800 36 76 56**

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What is the Māori Electoral Option?

The Māori Electoral Option is where Māori choose which electoral roll they want to be on: the Māori roll or the general roll.

When can you choose rolls?

If you are Māori and enrolling for the first time, you choose which electoral roll you want to be on.

If you're already enrolled, you can change the roll you're on anytime, except:

- In the 3 months before a general election or local election
- Before a parliamentary by-election if the change would move you into the electorate where the by-election is being held.

What does your choice mean for you?

Your roll choice affects which electorate you can vote in and who you can vote for in parliamentary elections and local elections.

The roll you choose may influence the number of Māori and general electorates for parliamentary elections.

The number of Māori enrolled on the Māori roll could mean the number of Māori electorates increases, decreases, or stays the same.

Your choice will also help determine the boundaries of Māori and general electorates when they are reviewed before the next general election. For the 2023 General Election there were 7 Māori electorates and 65 general electorates.

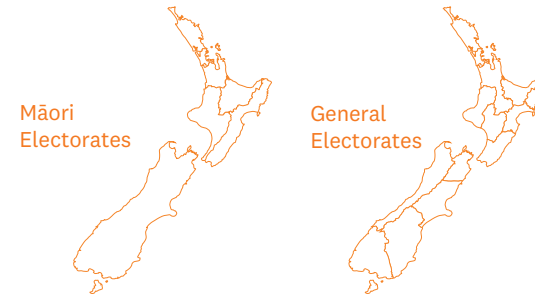
What is an electorate?

New Zealand is divided into voting areas called electorates. When you enrol to vote, you're enrolled in the electorate where you live.

New Zealand has two types of electorates: Māori and general. At a parliamentary election, a member of Parliament (MP) is elected to represent the people in each electorate.

Everywhere in New Zealand is covered by both a Māori electorate and a general electorate.

While electorates are not always the same size, they each have roughly the same number of people in them.



Voting in parliamentary elections and by-elections

If you choose the Māori roll, you will vote for a candidate in the Māori electorate you live in. For example, if you live in Hastings you will vote in the Ikaroa-Rāwhiti electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the Māori electorate of Ikaroa-Rāwhiti will become your local MP.

If you choose the general roll, you will vote for a candidate in the general electorate you live in. For example, if you live in Hastings you will vote in the Tukituki electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the general electorate of Tukituki will become your local MP.

You can vote for the same list of political parties in a general election, whichever roll you choose to be on.

Voting in local elections

The roll you choose may affect who you can vote for at local elections.

If you choose the Māori roll, and your local council has a Māori ward or constituency, you will vote for candidates in the Māori ward or constituency. If you choose the general roll, you will vote for candidates in the general ward or constituency.

What is a local council ward or constituency?

A ward or constituency is a council voting area, like a parliamentary electorate. City and district councils have wards, and regional councils have constituencies.

Some councils have both Māori and general wards or constituencies. At the local elections, councillors are elected to represent the people in each ward and constituency.

While each ward or constituency is not always the same size, they each have roughly the same number of people in them.

How to make your choice

If you want to change the roll you're on you can:

- Do it online at vote.nz. You'll either need a New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity.
- Fill in a paper enrolment form. Call 0800 36 76 56 and ask for an enrolment form to be sent to you in the mail.

If you are on the unpublished roll you won't be able to change your enrolment details online. Instead, you'll need to fill in a paper enrolment form.

When you enrol for the first time or change the roll you're on, we'll send you a letter or email to check your details and that you're enrolled on the roll of your choice.

If your details aren't correct, contact us to update them.

Help your community get enrolled to vote

Pass this information on to any of your whānau or friends who aren't enrolled so they can make their choice too.

More information:

For more information about the Māori Electoral Option or enrolling to vote:

- Visit vote.nz
- Call 0800 36 76 56

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