

Voting from overseas in the Hamilton West by-election.



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You can vote from overseas in the Hamilton West by-election from Wednesday 23 November until 7pm, Saturday 10 December (NZ time).



Who can vote from overseas?

You can vote from overseas if you are enrolled in the Hamilton West general electorate and:

- you are a New Zealand citizen who has been in New Zealand in the last 3 years, or
- a New Zealand permanent resident who has been in New Zealand in the last 12 months.

If you're a New Zealand citizen and have not been in New Zealand in the last 3 years, or a permanent resident and have not been in New Zealand in the last 12 months, you are no longer eligible to enrol to vote.

If this applies to you, please contact us at overseas@vote.nz to let us know that you're no longer eligible.

If you are blind, partially blind, or unable to mark your voting papers unaided, you may be eligible to use the dictation voting service. Please contact us at overseas@vote.nz



Vote before you go

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If you'll be in New Zealand when advance voting opens on Monday 28 November, it will be easier to vote before you go overseas.

Information about where and when to vote will be available at vote.nz or call **0800 36 76 56**.



Keep your enrolment details up to date

It's important to keep your enrolment details up to date so that you can take part in the by-election.

It's easy to enrol or update your details online at vote.nz using your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity.



How to return your voting papers

Completed voting papers can be scanned or photographed and uploaded at vote.nz, or hand delivered or posted to an overseas voting place.

You cannot return your voting papers by email or fax.

Full information on how to return your completed voting papers will be included with your voting papers.



How to vote from overseas

You can vote from overseas from Wednesday 23 November

Your voting papers are not automatically sent to you overseas. The easiest and quickest way to vote from overseas is to download and print your voting papers for the Hamilton West by-election at vote.nz. You can download your voting papers from Wednesday 23 November. They need to be returned by 7pm (NZ time), Saturday 10 December.

You need to be correctly enrolled before you can download your voting papers.

You may be able to vote in person or request a postal vote through an overseas voting place, located in Sydney and London.

If you're on the unpublished roll you won't be able to download your voting papers, so please contact us to find out how to get your voting papers.

If you're not able to download your voting papers or get them from an overseas voting place, email overseas@vote.nz or call **+64 9 909 4182** (from overseas – international call rates may apply) for further assistance.



How to use your voting papers

In the by-election you have one vote for your electorate member of Parliament (MP). There is no party vote.

On your voting paper, place a tick next to the name of the person you would most like to represent the Hamilton West general electorate.



For more information:

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