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Unable to get to a voting place?

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Transcriber's Note: The logo at the top of the page is Electoral Commission — Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri.

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Vote in the 2026 General Election

To vote in the 2026 General Election, you need to be enrolled by **midnight, Sunday 25 October**.

You can vote in the 2026 General Election from **Monday 26 October** to 7pm on election day, **Saturday 7 November**.

Check vote.nz for the opening times and locations of voting places before you go.

If you're unable to get to a voting place, you can still vote if you are enrolled by **midnight, Sunday 25 October**.

More information about where and when to vote is available from:

- Visit vote.nz
- Call **0800 36 76 56**

You can vote from **Monday 26 October** to 7pm on election day, **Saturday 7 November** at voting places.

The days and times when advance voting places are open vary.

Check the voting times at vote.nz before you go.

Voting places are open on election day, **Saturday 7 November**, from 9am to 7pm.

Working on election day?

You're legally allowed to have time away from work to go and vote on election day.

You can also vote early at any voting place from **Monday 26 October**.

You can still vote if you are in a care home

If you are in a care home, you don't need to contact us.

Your local Electorate Manager will contact your care home to arrange voting services.

You can still vote if you are in hospital

If you can't get to a voting place because you are in hospital, from **Monday 26 October** a friend or whānau member can bring you your voting papers.

If you're scheduled to go into hospital prior to election day, it's best to vote in advance if you can, from **Monday 26 October**.

Call us on **0800 36 76 56** for more information.

Your options if you are unable to get to a voting place

We provide voting services for people who can't get to a voting place.

If you are unable to vote in person, for example, because of illness or a disability, you can ask someone to bring you your voting papers or apply for voting papers to be sent to you.

Ask someone to collect your voting papers

If you are unable to go to a voting place, complete and sign the form at the end of this document and ask someone to take it to a voting place for you.

They will then bring you back your voting papers to complete.

If you're not able to complete the form, you can write this information by hand instead:

- your first and last name
- your contact phone number
- the address where you're enrolled to vote
- the electoral roll (general or Māori) you believe you are enrolled on

- a statement authorising the person to collect voting papers on your behalf
- your signature.

If there's no one who can collect your voting papers on your behalf, we may be able to deliver them to you.

Get in touch with your local Electorate Manager to enquire further.

You can find their contact information on [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz) or call us on **0800 36 76 56**.

How to return your voting papers

You can:

Ask someone to drop your completed voting papers back to a voting place before 7pm, **Saturday 7 November**.

If you have a return courier pack, follow the instructions on the pack to arrange a courier pickup, otherwise call us on **0800 36 76 56** if you need help.



AUTHORISATON FORM

**Complete this form to authorise
someone to collect voting papers on
your behalf.**

Voter's details. Please print clearly.

My first name(s) are:

My last name is:

My contact phone number is:

Address where I am enrolled to vote:

Tick the electoral roll you believe you are enrolled on:

☐ **General roll**

☐ **Māori roll**

Give my voting papers to the person I have authorised

**The name of the person I have authorised to collect
and deliver my voting papers to me is:**

☐ **I have been authorised to collect and deliver voting
papers to the voter named on this form.**

**Signature of the authorised person and date of
signature:**

Signature of the voter and date of signature:

Note: this application must be signed for it to be valid.

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