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**Need Help to Vote?**



# Need help to vote?

You can get help to vote in the 2020 General Election and referendums if you need it. Options may include voting with help from a support person or the telephone dictation service.

Please call us on 0800 36 76 56 if you would like to talk over your options.

## Voting with help from a support person

If you need help to read or mark your voting papers, a friend, family member or electoral official can be your support person. Your support person can:

- go behind the voting screen with you
- read out the words and information on your voting papers
- mark the voting papers for you if you ask them to.

Your support person can't tell you who you should vote for in the general election, or how you should vote in the referendums.

## Voting with the telephone dictation service

If you're blind, partially blind or have a physical disability that means you can't mark your voting papers without help, you can vote using the telephone dictation service.

You need to register to use this service in the 2020 General Election and referendums, even if you've used it at previous elections.

If you're registered to vote by telephone dictation, you can vote from Wednesday 30 September by calling 0800 028 028 and selecting option 2 to vote.

You can call weekdays from 9am to 5pm until Friday 9 October. From Monday 12 October you can call from 9am to 7pm. Your last chance to vote is on election day, Saturday 17 October from 9am to 7pm.

## **Voting when you can't get to a voting place**

If getting to a voting place is difficult or not possible because of poor health or mobility, several options are available to make sure you can still vote. This could include requesting a postal vote or asking a family member or friend to pick up and deliver voting papers on your behalf.

Find out more at [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz) or call us on 0800 36 75 56.

If you know someone this information would help, please tell them about it.