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Enrolling from overseas is easy and means you can take part in New Zealand's 2020 General Election and referendums.

## Check your eligibility

You can enrol and vote from overseas if all the following statements are true:

- you are 18 years or older
- you've lived in New Zealand for more than 12 months continuously at some time in your life
- you are one of the following:
  - a New Zealand citizen who's visited New Zealand within the last 3 years
  - a New Zealand permanent resident who's visited New Zealand within the last 12 months.

Enrolling from overseas is not compulsory — it's your choice whether you enrol.

## Are you a permanent resident?

For electoral purposes, you are a permanent resident if you're in New Zealand legally and not required to leave within a specific time.

If you're Australian, Niuean, Tokelauan, or a Cook Islander you can enrol and vote if you've lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more.

## **Are you a public servant or member of the New Zealand Defence Force?**

You're eligible to enrol and vote no matter how long you've been outside New Zealand if you're in one of the following groups:

- public servants working overseas and their families
- New Zealand diplomats or trade representatives and their families
- members of the New Zealand Defence Force and their families.

## **Find out which electorate you'll enrol in**

You'll enrol in the New Zealand electorate where you last lived for 1 month or more. Find your electorate using your address on our website [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz)

## **Are you of Māori descent and enrolling for the first time?**

If you're of Māori descent and enrolling for the first time, you have an important choice to make. You need to decide which electoral roll you want to be on: the general roll or the Māori roll. The roll you choose decides which electorate you vote in.

# **Keep your enrolment details up to date**

If you're already enrolled, make sure your details are up to date. Check or update your enrolment details on our website [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz) or call from overseas on +64 9 909 4182 to have an enrolment form sent to you in the mail.

## **Get help with enrolling from overseas**

You can ask someone you know to help you enrol or to enrol on your behalf.

### **A support person can help you complete your form**

You can ask a support person, such as a friend or family member, to help you complete your enrolment form, or to complete your form for you.

You need to sign the form.

### **Asking someone to enrol on your behalf**

If you're overseas you can ask someone to enrol on your behalf, as long as that person is enrolled to vote. You could ask a family member, friend or someone who holds a power of attorney for you.

If you get a family member or a friend to enrol for you, they must write "Elector overseas — signed by their direction" next to their signature on the enrolment form.

If you get someone who holds a power of attorney to enrol for you, they must write "Elector overseas — Power of attorney" next to their signature on the enrolment form.

## **Contact us for help**

If you need help with enrolling get in touch.

If you're overseas call us on +64 9 909 4182