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TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI MĀORI

Kōwhiria te rārangi pōti e whai hua ana ki a koe me tō whānau.

He aha te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori?

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori he kōwhiringa motuhake mō Ngāi Māori o Aotearoa. Ka tukuna māu tonu e kōwhiri ki tēhea rārangi koe noho ai: Rārangi Māori, rārangi noa rānei.

Ko te rārangi e whakatau ana:

- ki tēhea rohe koe pōti ai
- ko wai ngā kaitono hei kōwhiringa māu.

E āhei ana hoki tō kōwhiringa rārangi te whakaawe i te nui o ngā tūru Māori, tūru noa hoki ki Pāremata.

Kāhore tō kōwhiringa e pā ki tō pōti pāti. Ka pōti koe ki te rārangi pāti kotahi ahakoa kei tēhea rārangi koe.

Te pānga o tō kōwhiringa

Ko te rārangi ka kōwhiria e koe ka whakatau i te rohe e noho ai koe. Hei tauira, me koe kei Rotorua e noho ana ka kōwhiri ai i te rārangi Māori, ka pōti koe ki te rohe o Waiariki. Te tangata ka whiwhi i te nuinga o ngā pōti o Waiariki ka noho ko ia te MP o tō rohe.

Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi noa, ka pōti koe ki te rohe pōti o Rotorua. Te tangata ka whiwhi i te nuinga o ngā pōti o te rohe pōti o Rotorua ko ia ka noho hei MP mō tō rohe.



Me pēhea te kuhu

Kua rēhita kē? Tirohia tō momo rārangi me te whakahou ki vote.nz waea rānei ki 0800 36 76 56. Kei a mātou rānei tō imera me tō nama waea tika e pai ai te whakapā ki a koe.

Kāhore i te rēhita? Rēhita ināiane me te kōwhiri i tō rārangi.

E āhei ana koe te:

- rēhita ā-ipurangi ki vote.nz mā tō raihana Aotearoa, puka uruwhenua Aotearoa, RealMe rānei
- waea kore utu mai 0800 36 76 56 ka pātai mō te puka rēhita kia imeratia, kia pōhia rānei ki a koe. Kia oti i a koe te whakakī, waitohutia, tuhia te rā, whakahokia mai ki a mātou.

Kia rēhita koe mō te wā tuatahi, ka whakawhiti rānei ki rārangi kē, ka tuku reta, imera rānei ki a koe kia tirohia e koe o taipitopito me tō kōwhiringa rārangi. Pātai? Waea mai, mā mātou koe e āwhina.

Āhea koe kōwhiri ai

Ki te hiahia koe ki te tīni i te rārangi e noho nei koe i mua i te pōtitanga, me mahi koe i mua i te pouputanga o te pō, **Taite 6 o Akuhata 2026**. Te Pōtitanga Whānui 2026 ka tū ā te Rāhoroi 7 o Nōema. Kāhore e whakaaetia tō whakawhiti rārangi pōti i ngā marama e toru i mua i te pōtitanga.

Ki te mahue i a koe te rā aukati, ka noho tonu koe ki tō rārangi pōti o te wā nei puta ki tua o te pōtitanga.

He aha e hihira nei tō kōwhiringa

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori he wāhanga motuhake o te manapori. I ngā tau e 50 kua hipa, he manomano Māori kua kōwhiri i waenga i te rārangi Māori me te rārangi noa. Nā tēnā, nā te pōti ki ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe, ā-motu, kua whakaawetia te ahunga o Aotearoa.

I tēnei tau, e wātea tonu ana aua kōwhiringa ki a koe. Mā tō kōwhiringa ka mihi te tīni Māori kua pāhemo ki te pō. He huarahi whai mana hoki ki te mihi ki te uri Māori kāhore anō kia whānau.

He ko atu i te mahi tari. He whakakanohitanga tēnei mōu, mō tō whānau, mō tō hapori.

Tukuna tō kōwhiringa i te rā nei

Mena koe e rēhita ana, ā, kāhore e kōwhiri i mua i te **Taite 6 o Akuhata**, ka noho tonu koe ki tō rārangi puta ki tua o pōtitanga. Mena e tau ana koe ki te rārangi e noho nei koe horekau he mahi māu.

Kaua e roa. Rēhita, titiro rānei kei tēhea rārangi koe i te rā nei ki vote.nz waea rānei ki 0800 36 76 56.

He mea nui tō reo. Whakatauhia tō kōwhiringa i te rā nei, mōu, mō tō whānau, mō tō hapori.

Āwhinatia tō whānau kia rēhita ki te pōti

Mena kāhore anō tētahi o tō whānau, hoa rānei kia whiwhi reta mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, āwhinatia kia rēhita e taea ai he pōtitanga.

He whakamōhio anō:

Mō ētahi atu whakamōhio tangata mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, mō te rēhita tangata rānei ki te pōti:

Whakapā ki vote.nz | Waea rānei ki **0800 36 76 56**

E āhei ana hoki te imera ki SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz ki te tono i tētahi o te Kōmihana Kōwhiringa kia haere ki te kōrero ki a koe me tō hapori.

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MĀORI ELECTORAL OPTION

Choose the roll that works best for you and your whānau.

What is the Māori Electoral Option?

The Māori Electoral Option is a unique choice for Māori in Aotearoa. It lets you choose which electoral roll you're on: Māori roll or general roll.

Your roll choice decides:

- which electorate you vote in
- the candidates you can choose from.

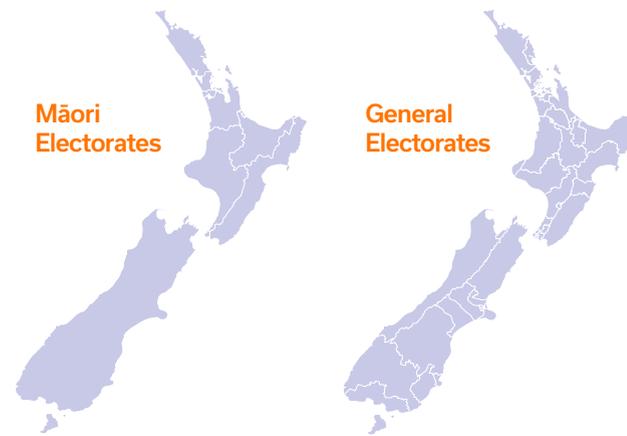
Your roll choice can also influence the number of Māori and general seats in Parliament.

This choice does not affect your party vote. You vote for the same list of political parties whichever roll you're on.

The impact of your choice

The roll you choose decides which electorate you vote in. For example, if you live in Rotorua and choose the Māori roll, you will vote in the Waiariki electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the Māori electorate of Waiariki will become your local MP.

If you choose the general roll, you will vote in the Rotorua electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the general electorate of Rotorua will become your local MP.



How to participate

Already enrolled? Check your roll type and update it at vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56. Make sure we have your email address and your mobile number so we can keep you up to date.

Not enrolled? Enrol now and choose your roll at the same time.

You can:

- enrol online at vote.nz using your NZ driver licence, NZ passport, or RealMe verified identity
- call us free on 0800 36 76 56 and ask for an enrolment form to be emailed or posted to you. Once completed, sign, date and return the form to us.

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 roll choice are correct. Questions? Give us a call and we'll help you out.

When to make a choice

If you would like to change the roll you are on before the election, you need to do it by midnight, **Thursday 6 August 2026**. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November. You cannot change rolls in the 3 months before the election.

If you miss the deadline, you'll stay on your current roll until after the election.

Why your choice is important

The Māori Electoral Option is a distinct part of our democracy.

Over the past 50 years, thousands of Māori have made the choice between Māori roll and general roll. In doing so, and by voting in local and general elections, they've helped to shape our country.

This year, you too have the same choice. Making your choice is a way you can mihi to the many Māori who have gone before you. It's also a powerful way to acknowledge the Māori who are yet to come.

It's more than admin. This is about representation for you, your whānau, and your community.

Make a choice today

If you're already enrolled and don't make a choice by **Thursday, 6 August**, you'll stay on your current roll until after the election. If you're happy with the roll you're on you don't need to do anything.

Don't delay. Enrol or check your roll today at vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

Your voice matters. Make a choice today for you, your whānau, and your community.

Help your whānau get enrolled to vote

If any of your whānau or friends didn't get a letter about the Māori Electoral Option, help them get enrolled so they can make a choice too.

More information:

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

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

You can also email SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz to request someone from the Electoral Commission to come and talk with you and your community.