

# Kei a tātou te mana

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**Kōwhiria te rārangi pōti e hāngai ana ki a koutou ko tōhou whānau.**

## He aha rā te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori?

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori tētahi kōwhiri motuhake o te Māori i Aotearoa nei. Koinei te kōwhiringa ko tēhea te rārangi pōti ka noho ai koe: ko te rārangi Māori rānei, ko te rārangi whānui rānei.

### Mā tāhau kōwhiringa rārangi e whakatau:

- ko tēhea te rohe pōti hai reira koe pōti ai
- ko wai mā ngā kaitono hai kōwhiringa māhau.

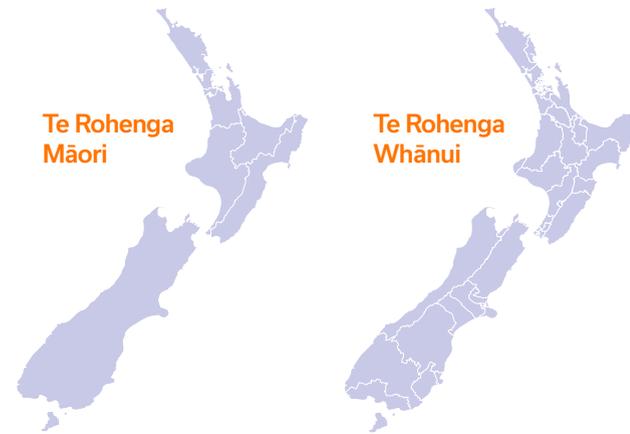
He pānga hoki pea tō tāhau kōwhiringa rārangi ki te nui o ngā tūru Māori me ngā tūru whānui i te whare Pāremata.

Kāhore tēnei kōwhiringa e pā atu ki tāhau pōti ā-rōpū. Ahakoa te rārangi e noho nā koe, kotahi anake te rārangi rōpū tōrangapū ka wātea ki a koe.

## Te pānga o tāhau kōwhiringa

Ka tohu tāhau kōwhiringa pōti i te rohe pōti hai reira koe pōti ai. Hai tauira, mehemea koe e noho ana i Rotorua, ā, ka kōwhiri koe i te rārangi Māori, ka pōti koe i te rohe pōti o Waiariki. Ka noho hai MP mō tōhou rohe te tangata he nui katoa ngā pōti ka riro i a ia i roto i te rohe pōti Māori o Waiariki.

Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi whānui, ka pōti koe i te rohe pōti o Rotorua. Ka noho hai MP mō tōhou rohe te tangata he nui katoa ngā pōti ka riro i a ia i roto i te rohe pōti whānui o Rotorua.



## Me pēhea te kōwhiri

**Kua rēhita kē koe?** Tirohia tōhou momo rārangi pōti, whakahoungia hoki ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz), waea rānei ki 0800 36 76 56. Me mātua whakaaro mehemea kai a mātau tāhau wāhitau imēra me tāhau tau waea kia pai ai tā mātau whakamōhio atu ki a koe.

**Kāhore anō kia rēhita?** Rēhita mai ināianei, kōwhiria hoki tōhou rārangi pōti i tēnei wā tou.

### Ka taea e koe te:

- rēhita tuihono ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz), ki tāhau raihana hautū waka o Aotearoa, ki tāhau uruwhenua o Aotearoa, ki tāhau tuakiri whaimana RealMe rānei
- waea utukore mai ki 0800 36 76 56 ki te tonono kia tukua atu tētahi puka rēhita ki a koe, mā te imēra rānei, mā te pōhi rānei. Kia oti rā anō te puka te whakakī, me waitohu, me tuhi te rā, ā, whakahokia ki a mātau.

Hai te wā tuatahi ka rēhita koe, hai te wā rānei ka whakawhiti rārangi pōti e noho ai koe, ka tukua atu e mātau tētahi reta rānei, tētahi imēra rānei hai whakaū i ōhou taipitopito me tāhau kōwhiri rārangi. He pātai āhau? Waea mai, mā mātau koe e āwhina.

## Hai āhea kōwhiri ai

Ki te hiahia koe ki te whakawhiti rārangi pōti i mua i te pōtitanga, me whakawhiti koe i mua rawa i te weheruatanga pō o **Tāite te rā 6 o Ākuhata**. Ka tū te Pōtitanga Whānui 2026 ā te rā Hātarei te 7 o Nōema. E kore e taea e koe te whakawhiti rārangi pōti i roto i te 3 marama i mua i te pōtitanga.

Ki te kore koe e kōwhiri i mua i taua rā whakamutunga, ka noho tou koe ki te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe i tēnei wā tae atu ki muri mai o te pōtitanga.

## He aha e hirahira nei tāhau kōwhiri

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori tētahi āhuatanga motuhake o tō tātau manapori. I roto i ngā tau e 50 kua pahure ake, he mano ngā Māori i kōwhiri ai i te rārangi pōti Māori rānei, i te rārangi pōti whānui rānei. Nā tērā mahi, nā te tuku pōti hoki i ngā pōti whānui me ngā pōti ā-rohe, kua āwhina rātau ki te tārai i tēnei whenua.

I tēnei tau, kai a koe anō taua mana. Mā te whakatau i tāhau kōwhiringa ka mihia e koe te tokomaha o ngā Māori i mahi ai i mua i a koe. He mihi nui hoki ki ngā Māori ka whai atu i a koe hai ngā tau e heke mai nei. He nui ake tēnei i te mahi whakahaere noa iho. He kaupapa kē tēnei e pā ana ki te kōwhiri māngai mōhou, mō tōhou whānau, mō tōhou hapori anō.

## Kōwhiria tētahi rārangi i tēnei rā

Mehemea kua rēhita kē koe, ā, kāhore koe e kōwhiri rārangi i mua tou i te rā **Tāite te 6 o Ākuhata**, ka noho tou koe ki te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe tae atu ki muri mai o te pōtitanga. Mehemea koe e pai ana ki te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe, kāhore he mahi māhau, kua pai noa.

**Kauraka e takaroa.** Rēhita mai i tēnei rā, tirohia rānei tōhou rārangi pōti ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz), waea mai rānei ki 0800 36 76 56.

**He mana nui tō tōhou reo.** Kōwhiria tētahi rārangi pōti i tēnei rā, mōhou, mō tōhou whānau, mō tōhou hapori.

## Āwhinatia tōhou whānau ki te rēhita ki te pōti

Mehemea kāhore i tae atu ki tōhou whānau rānei, ki ōhou hoa rānei tētahi reta mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, māhau anō rātau e āwhina ki te rēhita, kia taea touhia e rātau te kōwhiri i tētahi rārangi.

### He mōhiohio anō:

Ki te hiahia koe ki ētahi atu whakamāramatanga mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, mō te rēhingatanga rānei ki te pōti:

Toro mai ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) | Waea mai ki **0800 36 76 56**

Ka āhei hoki koe ki te imēra atu ki [SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz](mailto:SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz) hai tonono i tētahi kaimahi nō te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri ki te haere atu ki te kōrero ki a koutou ko tōhou hapori.

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**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.

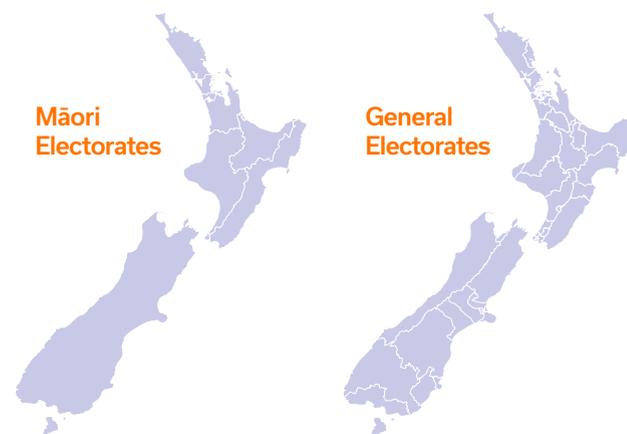
Your roll choice can also influence the number of Māori and general seats in Parliament.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://vote.nz) | Call **0800 36 76 56**

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