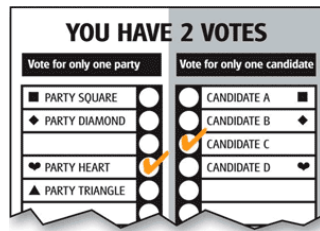


Elections 2008

How to enrol



Visit www.elections.org.nz for more information.

Information is available in 20 languages.

The **electoral roll** is a list of people enrolled to vote. The law says that every citizen and permanent resident 18 years old or over must enrol on the **electoral roll**.

You don't have to vote but you might have to pay a fine if you are not enrolled.

Go to your local PostShop to check if your name is on the **electoral roll**. If your name isn't on the **electoral roll**, you can get an enrolment form to fill in. Take it back to the PostShop or post it for free. You can also check if your name is in the **electoral roll** on the website <https://secure.elections.org.nz/app/enrol/> and enrol online if you want to.



Answer the true /false questions.

1. Enrolling on the electoral roll is required by law. true / false
2. Everyone in New Zealand must enrol. true / false
3. Enrolling on the electoral roll gives you the opportunity to vote. true / false
4. You may be fined if you aren't enrolled on the electoral roll. true / false
5. You must vote in the election. true / false

Check your enrolment:

<https://secure.elections.org.nz/app/enrol/>

Enrol or check your enrolment details

[Scroll down for help information](#)

Enrol or check your enrolment details

Please enter your name and date of birth.

Surname e.g. Smith
Forenames e.g. Jane Heather
Date of Birth e.g. 26/11/1972

All fields are required, although you may leave the 'Forenames' field blank if you do not have forenames.

Legal Notice

This service is provided to allow you to check **your own** enrolment details.

Use of this service for any other purpose **is an offence** under the Electoral Act.

For more details, see [Privacy and Terms of Use](#).

Enrol or check your enrolment details

Residential Address Details

Enter details of the address where you currently reside (which may be overseas).

Flat/house Number e.g. 10a or 2-36
Street e.g. Oxford Street
Suburb, Town, City or Locality e.g. Panmure
Country

All fields are required, although you may leave the 'Flat/house Number' field blank if your house does not have a number.

Here are the first two pages you need to check your enrolment on the internet. Practise filling them in before you go on-line. If your details are not correct you can change them on-line.

How to vote



1. On election day you go to a **polling booth** near your house.



2. You wait in line to get your **voting paper**.



3. An **official** checks your name on the electoral roll.



4. The official gives you the **voting paper**.



5. You take the paper behind a **screen**. You vote in **secret**.

6. You have 2 votes. One for the **person (candidate)** you choose to represent your electorate.

One for the political **party** you choose to be the government.

YOU HAVE 2 VOTES	
Vote for only one party	Vote for only one candidate
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTY SQUARE	<input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE A
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTY DIAMOND	<input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARTY HEART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE C
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTY TRIANGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE D



7. You fold your voting paper and put it in the **ballot box**.



8. You can watch the election **result** on TV at night.

Draw a line from the word in A to its meaning in B.

A

a polling booth
an official
a voting paper
a ballot box
a screen
secret
the result

B

The final answer about who wins the election.
A small wall that makes a private space.
The box where you put your voting paper.
A place where you go to vote.
The paper form that you vote on.
It's known only to you.
A person who works at the polling booth.

Political parties



Read the text and then answer the questions.

Political parties are groups of people with similar ideas on how they would like to govern New Zealand.

There are a number of different **political parties** to vote for. The biggest parties are *ACT, Green Party, Labour Party, Maori Party, National Party, New Zealand First, Progressive Party and United Future.*

A person who is elected is called a **Member of Parliament** (MP). An MP has a **seat** in parliament.

Different parties can join their seats together to make a majority. This is called a **coalition**. The **coalition** will make the government.

The party which has the second highest number of MPs is called **the Opposition**.



Choose words in **bold** from the text above that match the meanings.

1. The party which has the second highest number of seats. _____
2. More than one party joined together to make the majority. _____
3. A person who is elected. _____
4. Groups of people who would like to govern. _____
5. What the Member of Parliament wins. _____

Political Parties—unscramble the words.

etilneoc	e _____	ostniipopo	o _____
icoolatin	c _____	omvegnnert	g _____
nartaipeml	p _____	clitlpioa	p _____

NZ elections

Finish the text. Choose words in **bold** from the box to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

- to **elect**: To choose a person to represent you.
- an **election**: The process of people voting.
- to **vote**: To tick (✓) an official form to choose a person or party on election day.
- an **electorate**: New Zealand is divided into areas. Each area has one elected person to represent it. The areas are called 'electorates'.
- a **parliament**: The group of 120 elected people who represent and govern us.



New Zealand has an _____ every three years to choose the government.

This year (2008) is an election year. There are several people to choose from in each _____.

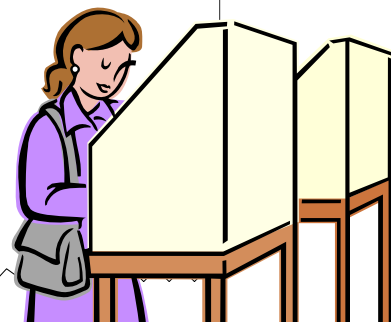
We are going to _____ people to represent us in parliament.

I don't know yet who I am going to _____ for.

The secret ballot (vote)



New Zealand is a democratic country. Members of Parliament are chosen in free and fair elections. All citizens and permanent residents aged 18 years and over may vote. A secret ballot method of voting is used.



Read this with your tutor. Sophie explains to Lee what a secret ballot is.

Lee: Hi Sophie. Who are you going to vote for in the elections?

Sophie: I don't usually tell people. It's a secret vote you know.

Lee: Well, my husband said I have to vote for the same party and person he votes for.

Sophie: No Lee. You don't have to do that. You can vote for whoever you like. That's why it's called a secret ballot.