Voting on Election Day is Easy

1. Election Day is Saturday 26 November. You will be voting in the general election to choose who leads New Zealand for the next three years. You will also be voting in a referendum on the system we use to elect our governments.

2. You need to be enrolled to vote. To enrol, fill in an enrolment form. You must do this before election day.

3. Before election day, find out about who to vote for. Listen to the radio, watch TV, or talk to friends and family. Choose the party and person you think has good ideas and will do the best job. Choose the voting system you think will be best for New Zealand.

4. Before you go to vote, get your EasyVote card. Take your EasyVote card and go to a polling place near you. You can still vote if you do not have an EasyVote card. You can take friends or family with you too.

5. This sign means that you can vote here.

6. The polling place is open from 9 in the morning until 7 at night. There will be people there to help. If you need help, let them know.

7. Give your EasyVote card to the person giving out the voting papers. If you don’t have your EasyVote card, tell the person your name and where you live.

8. The person will give you your two voting papers. The orange one is for the general election. The purple one is for the referendum.

9. Take your voting papers and go behind the white voting screen.

10. On the orange election paper, you have two votes. Use the pen and mark in the circle on your voting paper next to the party you want to run the country. Mark in the circle on your voting paper next to the person you want to represent your local area.

11. On the purple referendum paper, you will be asked two questions. The first question asks if you want to keep the voting system we use now or change to another voting system. Tick the box next to the answer you choose. The second question asks which of four other voting systems you would choose if most people decide to change the system. Tick the box next to the answer you choose. If you don’t know what to choose in the second question, that’s ok. Your first vote will still count.

12. Fold your voting papers to keep your choices secret. Put your orange paper in the orange ballot box. Put your purple paper in the purple ballot box.

You’ve Voted! That was Easy!

1. You can vote before Election Day at an advance voting place or you may be able to get your voting papers brought to you at home. For more info: 0800 36 76 56 or elections.org.nz or contact your local Returning Officer.

2. Electoral Commission

3. P.O. Box 3220, Wellington