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ELECTION

*How to register for
international
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to register
includes application
forms for overseas
and voting paper*





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If you are out of the country during a general election, by-election or any other poll, you may still be able to vote by casting an Overseas Special Vote. This booklet will tell you whether you are eligible to vote and how you may become eligible. It will also tell you how to go about casting your vote.

ELIGIBILITY

Are you eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote if:

- you are qualified to register in an electorate (“registration” means your name appears on a current electoral roll)

and you have either registered, or applied to register, or were registered at the last general election. There is more information about registration on page 2.

QUALIFICATION

Are you qualified to enrol?

You may, unless subject to a disqualification, be qualified to enrol if:

- you are 18 years old, or older, and,
- you are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand, and,
- you have lived in New Zealand for more than one year continuously at some time.

Are you disqualified from enrolling?

For overseas voters, this is an important restriction. You are disqualified from enrolling if:

- you are a New Zealand citizen who has not been in New Zealand within the last 3 years
- or
- you are a permanent resident of New Zealand who has not been in New Zealand in the last 12 months.

But those two restrictions do not apply to:

- New Zealand public servants or service personnel
- a head of mission or head of post within the meaning of the External Relations Act 1988
- officers or employees of the New Zealand Trade Development Board
- people who are accompanying any of the above and are the spouse*, child or child of the spouse of that person.

* Spouse applies only to a person to whom you are legally married

REGISTRATION

Which electorate do you enrol for?

The electorate you are eligible to enrol for is:

- the one in which you last continuously resided for at least one month
- or** it' you have not lived for at least a month in any one electorate. the electorate in which you last resided.

If you are in New Zealand, you can check which electorate your last residence was in by phoning the Electoral Freephone. on 0800 800 610 between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday. If you are outside New Zealand, any of the agencies listed in this booklet will be able to help you.

If you believe you are qualified to enrol, to be eligible to vote you must also either:

- **be registered: If your** name appears on a current printed roll for your electorate. you are registered. If you are unsure if your name is on a roll. you should apply to be registered. If you are still in New Zealand. you can check the roll at any Post Shop within your electorate.
- or have applied to register: You** must have sent in a completed "Application for registration as a Parliamentary elector". You can obtain an application form from any of the agencies listed in the back of this booklet. or, if you are still in New Zealand. from any Post Shop or by phoning the Electoral Freephone. on 0800 800 6 10 between 9 am and 4 pm. Monday to Friday.
The completed application can be either:
 - handed in at any Post Shop: or
 - handed in or posted to the agency from which you obtained the form: or
 - posted directly to the Chief Registrar of Electors at PO Box 190, Wellington, New Zealand. The form must reach the Chief Registrar of Electors before polling day (if overseas, contact an agency to find out which day it is) so you must allow time for the agency to forward it.
- or have been registered at the last election:** Details of registered electors for the last election are not held overseas. If you are still in New Zealand. you can check the old roll at the appropriate Registrar of Electors' Office. If you are out of New Zealand and in doubt about whether you were registered or not, apply for registration-if there is time--and cast your vote anyway. The vote will be checked. and if you are in fact eligible. your vote will be allowed.

TO VOTE

At a general election you vote on a ballot paper for the party vote and the electorate vote. If there are other issues to vote on, such as a Local Restoration Poll or a Referendum, you vote on voting papers. In this booklet, the term voting paper is used to mean both ballot paper and voting papers.

The party vote decides the share of seats each of the parties will have in Parliament.

Your electorate vote decides the candidate who will be elected Member of Parliament for the electorate.

How to get voting papers

Voting papers are usually available three weeks before polling day, and up to 4 pm (local time) on the day before polling day. You may apply for the papers in person, or by sending in one of the applications in this booklet.

- **If you are still in New Zealand...**

but intend to be overseas on polling day you may receive Special voting papers- but not Overseas Special voting papers-while still in New Zealand, by using the form in this booklet. Put the date you intend to leave New Zealand and the address where you would like the voting papers sent on the form.

- **If you are overseas..**

and eligible to vote, you can get Overseas Special voting papers from an Overseas Returning Officer at any of the agencies listed in this booklet.

You do not have to be in the same country as the agency to have the voting paper sent to you. If there is no agency in the country you are in, send your application to the agency nearest to your location. Send in your application well in advance, as you must allow time for the papers to be sent to you and for you to return them in time to be counted.

Where the Chief Electoral Officer is satisfied that a special voter overseas during the period between nomination day and polling day has, by reason of their remote location, no access at any time during that period to special voting facilities they may make arrangements to vote by facsimile. Applications should be made by facsimile to: **Chief Electoral Officer 64-4-495-0031.**

How to vote

An Overseas Special Vote consists of a Declaration and voting paper (or papers). These are put into a voting envelope.

If you intend to vote at one of the agencies listed in this booklet, an official will instruct you on what to do.

If your voting papers are sent to you, an instruction sheet will be included.

Overseas service personnel may either cast an Overseas Special Vote, or a "Member of Defence Force Special Vote". Talk to your commanding officer about voting using this type of voting paper.

The Declaration

Your vote will not be counted unless the Declaration accompanying it is properly completed. The Declaration will show to the Returning Officer whether you are eligible to vote, You must sign the Declaration in the presence of a witness and your witness must also sign the Declaration. Your witness must be:

- the Issuing Officer (ie. the person issuing you with voting papers)
- or a** Cotnmonwealth Representative (eg, a diplotnat or consular official at an overseas post)
- or a** person authorised to take a statutory declaration in New Zealand (eg, a New Zealand solicitor or JP)
- or a** person authorised to administer an oath for a judicial proceeding in the country in which you are making your declaration
- or a** relative
- or a** member of your household
- or a** business colleague or associate.

How to return your Overseas Special Vote

You can either:

- post the voting papers to the Returning Officer of your electorate in New Zealand. You must post it in time to reach him or hrr by 7 pm on polling day. Votes received by New Zealand Returning Officers after this time will not be counted.
- or** post or hand it to an Overseas Returning Officer at one of the agencies listed in this booklet, to arrive by 4 pm (local time) **on the day before** polling day in New Zealand. The Overseas Returning Officer will then forward the votes to New Zealand. The Jaw permits such votes sent by Overseas Returning Officers to be accepted in New Zealand up to 10 days after the close of poll in New Zealand, from Overseas Returning Officers.

REMEMBER

The earlier you vote and send in your voting papers, the more confident you can be your vote will reach New Zealand in time to be counted.

> If you are travelling and not living at a fixed address you should delay sending your application form until the polling date is announced so that you can determine where you will be when voting papers become available (usually three weeks before polling day).

Send the forms to one of the overseas agencies listed in this booklet.

**APPLICATION FOR
SPECIAL VOTING PAPERS**



I apply for Special voting papers to be issued to me-

1. My surname is:
2. My full given names are:
3. My occupation is:
4. My date of birth is*:
5. If your name has changed since you enrolled, please complete the following statement*.

My former name was:

***You do not have to give this information but you will help with the checking of your enrolment if you do so.**

I am qualified to vote because.. *put a tick in the appropriate box* ✓

6. I am a New Zealand citizen who is outside New Zealand but has been in New Zealand within the last 3 years.
7. I am a permanent resident of New Zealand (but not a New Zealand citizen) who is outside New Zealand but who has been in New Zealand within the last 12 months.
8. I am outside New Zealand in the course of my duties as-
 - (a) a public servant; or
 - (b) a member of the Defence Force; or
 - (c) a head of mission or head of post within the meaning of the External Relations Act 1988; or
 - (d) an officer or employee of the New Zealand Trade Development Board established by the New Zealand Trade Development Board Act 1988.
9. I am a person-
 - (a) who is accompanying a person described in paragraph 8 above; and
 - (b) who is the spouse or the child, or the child of the spouse of that person.
10. The last address in New Zealand at which I resided continuously for at least one month is or was:

*Flat/House
No:*

*Street/Road:
New Zealand town,
city, or locality:*

11. The electorate for which I am qualified to be registered is:
(This must be the electorate in which you last resided continuously for at least one month.)

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Ground for Special Vote

12. I intend to be outside New Zealand on polling day **YES NO**
(Please circle which applies)

If you have not yet left New Zealand

I am leaving
New Zealand on

Telephone number ()
in New Zealand

13. I wish the Special voting papers to be (*strike out whichever does not apply)

(a) sent to me at this
New Zealand/
overseas address

Telephone number overseas

or

(b) handed to (name)
at this address as
my agent for delivery
to me

Note: If your application shows a New Zealand address you will be sent Special voting papers for use in New Zealand before you go overseas. If your application shows an overseas address you will be sent Special Overseas voting papers for use while overseas.

signature of elector

date

Application by Agent

I submit the signed authority of the above named elector and, on behalf of the elector, apply for Overseas Special voting papers to be handed to me for delivery to the elector.

signature of agent

date

If your travel arrangements change once you have made an application please advise the agency or Returning Officer you sent your application to, so alternative voting arrangements can be made.

FOR ISSUING OFFICER'S USE ONLY										
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Consecutive number printed on Declaration form					No.					

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FOR ISSUING OFFICER'S USE ONLY

Date of issue of voting papers

/ /

Consecutive number printed on
Declaration form

No.				
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*Dear Elector,
Please complete the section below and either
enclose this page with the application for Overseas
Special voting papers or hand this page in at one of
the agencies listed in this booklet.*

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Words/instructions that required further explanation

Most information needed was included YES NO
information needed but not included was

Information not needed but included was

It was easy to obtain the booklet YES NO

I obtained the booklet overseas YES NO

I obtained the booklet in New Zealand from

My suggestions for future editions of the booklet are

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

These addresses are correct as at 23/5/96.

OVERSEAS AGENCIES

AUSTRALIA

Brisbane

New Zealand Consulate-General
Watkins Place Building
288 Edward Street, Brisbane
Queensland 4001
Tel: (7) 3221 9933
Fax: (7) 3229 7495

Canberra

New Zealand High Commission
Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra
Australian Capital Territories 2600
Tel: (6) 270 42 11
Fax: (6) 273 3194

Melbourne

New Zealand Consulate-General
60 Albert Road, South Melbourne
Victoria 3205
Tel: (3) Y 696 0501
Fax: (3) Y 696 0391

Perth

Western Australian Electoral Commission
4th Floor, W.A. Fire Brigade Building
480 Hay Street
Perth W.A. 6001
Tel: (09) 221 4454
Fax: (09) 221 3205

Sydney

New Zealand Consulate-General
Level 14, Gold Fields Building
1 Alfred Street, Circular Quay
Sydney NSW 2000
Tel: (2) 247 1999
Fax: (2) 247 1754

BELGIUM

Brussels

New Zealand Embassy
Boulevard du Regent 47-38
1000 Brussels
Tel: (2) 512 1040
Fax: (2) 513 4856

London

New Zealand High Commission
New Zealand House, Haymarket
London SW 1 Y 4TQ
Tel: (171) 930 8422
Fax: (171) 839 4580

CANADA

Ottawa

New Zealand High Commission
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Y9 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1 P6G3
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Fax: (613) 238 5707

Vancouver*

New Zealand Consulate
Suite 1 200-888 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver B.C.
V6C 384
Tel: (604) 684 7388
Fax: (604) 684 7333

Santiago

New Zealand Embassy
Avenida Isidora Goyenechea 35 16
Las Condes, Santiago
Tel: (2) 231 4204
Fax: (2) 231 9040

Beijing

New Zealand Embassy
Ritan Dongerjie No. 1
Chaoyang District, Beijing, P.R.C.
Tel: (1) 6532 2731/2/3/4
Fax: (1) 6532 4317

Shanghai

New Zealand Consulate-General
Qi Hua Tower, 15A
1375 Huoi Hai Road (c)
Shanghai 20003 1
Tel: (21)471 1108
Fax: (21) 43 1 0226

COOK ISLANDS

Rarotonga

New Zealand High Commission
1st Floor, Philatelic Bureau Building
Takuvaive Road, Avarua
Rarotonga
Tel: 22 201
Fax: 21 241

Suva

New Zealand Embassy
Reserve Bank of Fiji Building
Pratt Street, Suva
Tel: 31 1 422
Fax: 300 X42

Paris

New Zealand Embassy
7 ter. rue Leonard de Vinci
75 1 16 Paris
Tel: (1) 4500 241 1
Fax: (1) 4501 2639

Bonn

New Zealand Embassy
Bundeskanzlerplatz 2-10
53113 Bonn
Tel: (22X) 228 070
Fax: (228) 221 687

HONG KONG**Hong Kong**

New Zealand Consulate-General
3416 Jardine House
Connaught Road
Hong Kong
Tel: 2525 5044
Fax: 2845 291.5

INDIA**New Delhi**

New Zealand High Commission
SON Nyaya Marg
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110 021
Tel: (11) 688 3170
Fax: (11) 687 2317

INDONESIA**Jakarta**

New Zealand Embassy
Jalan Diponegoro No. 4 1, Menteng
Jakarta
Tel: (21) 330 680
Fax: (21) 315 3686

IRAN**Tehran**

New Zealand Embassy
Avenue Mirza-ye-Shirazi. Shahid
Ah-ye-Mirza, Hassani Street
No. 29 Tehran
Tel: (21) 871 SO61 and (21) 871 SO83
Fax: (21) 886 1715

Rome

New Zealand Embassy
Via Zara 28
Rome 00198
Tel: (6) 440 2928/30/81
Fax: (6) 440 2984

JAPAN**Osaka**

New Zealand Consulate-General
28th Floor. Twin 2 1, MID Tower
2- I-6 1 Shiromi. Chuo-ku
Osaka 540
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20-40 Kamiyama-cho Shibuya-ku
Tokyo 150
Tel: (3) 3367 2271/5
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New Zealand High Commission
P O Box 53, Tarawa
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KORE**Seoul**

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Rooms 1 802- 1805 Kyobo Building
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New Zealand High Commission
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Fax: (5) 281 5212
Tradenz Fax: (5) 281 5209

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The Hague
New Zealand Embassy
Carnegielaan 10
2517 KH
The Hague
Tel: (70) 346 9324
Fax: (70) 363 2983

NEW CALEDONIA

Noumea
New Zealand Consulate-General
4 Boulevard Vauban (BP 22 19)
Noumea
New Caledonia
Tel: 272 543
Fax: 271 740

NIUE

Niue
New Zealand High Commission
Tapeu, Alofi
Niue
Tel: 4022
Fax: 4173

NORFOLK ISLAND

Kingston
Administration Offices
The Government Offices of Norfolk Island
Kingston
Norfolk Island 2899
Tel: 6723 72001
Fax: 6723 23177

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Port Moresby
New Zealand High Commission
Waigani, Port Moresby
Tel: 325 9444
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New Zealand Embassy
44 Ulitsa Povarskaya
Moscow 12 1069
Tel: (095) 956 3579
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Riyadh 11693
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391 A Orchard Road
15-06/10, Ngee Ann City, Tower A
Singapore 238873
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Fax: 733 9924

SOLOMON ISLANDS

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New Zealand High Commission
City Centre Building
Mendana Avenue
Honiara
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SPAIN

Madrid
New Zealand Embassy
3rd Floor, Plaza de la Lealtad 2
28014 Madrid
Tel: (1) 523 0226
Fax: (1) 523 0171

SWITZERLAND

Geneva
New Zealand Consulate-General
28A Chemin du Petit-Saconnex
CH 1209 Geneva
Tel: (22) 734 9.530
Fax: (22) 734 3062

TAIWAN

Taipei
New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office
Suite 2501, 25th Floor
International Trade Building
333 Keelung Road Section 1
Taipei 110
Tel: (X86) 2 757 6725
Fax: (886) 2 757 6973

THAILAND

Bangkok
New Zealand Embassy
93 Wireless Road
Bangkok 5
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Fax: (2) 253 9045

THE PHILIPPINES**Manila**

New Zealand Embassy
3rd Floor, Gammon Centre
126 Alfaro Street
Salcedo Village, Makati MC
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New Zealand High Commission
Corner Taufa'ahau and Salote Roads
Nuku' Alofa
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New Zealand Embassy
Level Four
Iran Caddesi No. 13
Kavaklidere 06700
Ankara
Tel: (3 12) 467 9054
Fax: (312) 467 9013

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New Zealand Embassy
37 Observatory Circle NW
Washington D.C.
20008
Tel: (202) 32X 4848
Fax: (202) 667 5227

Los Angeles

New Zealand Consulate-General
Suite 1150
12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles CA 90025
Tel: (310) 307 1605
Fax: (3 IO) 207 3605

New York *

New Zealand Consulate-General
Suite 1904, 780 Third Avenue
New York 10017-2024
Tel: (212) 832 4038
Fax: (212) 832 7602

VANUATU**Port Vila**

New Zealand High Commission
Prouds Building, Kumul Highway
Port Vila
Tel: 22 933, 23 467
Fax: 22 518

VIETNAM**Ha Noi**

New Zealand Embassy
32 Hang Bai Street
Ha Noi
Tel: (4) 8241 481/2/3
Fax: (4) 8241 480

Ho Chi Minh City*

New Zealand Consulate-General
Level 5
41 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street
District 1
Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: (8) 226 907
Fax: (8) 226 905

WESTERN SAMOA**Apia**

New Zealand High Commission
Beach Road
Apia
Tel: 21 71 1/714
Fax: 20 086

ZIMBABWE**Harare**

New Zealand High Commission
6th Floor, Batanai Gardens
57 Jason Moyo Avenue
Harare
Tel: (4) 759 221
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