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11 May 2022 - 11 December 2022

Under the Orange traffic light setting, public facilities are open. Face masks continue to be required in most public venues. Vaccine passes are no longer required for people accessing our services. More information on our services can be found on our

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Key dates

Our next local election day is on Saturday 8 October 2022.

Now is the right time to [consider being a candidate in the local elections\(external link\)](#).

If you are enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll, you can expect to get your voting papers sometime between 16–21 September 2022. If you don't receive your papers, or you're not already enrolled, [find out how to enrol\(external link\)](#).

Voting will be open from Friday 16 September 2022 and closes at 12 noon on Saturday 8 October 2022. See 'Information for voters' for more information about voting.

Timeline

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- Consider being a candidate
October 2021 – 15 July 2022
- Candidate nominations open
15 July 2022
- Candidate nominations close
12 August 2022
- Candidates announced
17 August 2022
- Final electoral roll certified by Electoral Officer
12 September 2022
- Voting papers sent to enrolled voters
16 September – 21 September 2022
- Voting opens
16 September – 8 October 2022
- Voting closes at 12 noon
8 October 2022
- Final results announced
14 October – 19 October 2022

How to become a candidate in the 2022 local elections

Candidate nominations open on 15 July and close at 12 noon on 12 August 2022.

Who can be a candidate?

To be a candidate for an elected member position, you must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- over 18 years old
- enrolled on the electoral roll.

You don't need any special qualifications. Elected members come from all backgrounds and walks of life.

To be effective you will need to bring a broad range of skills to the role, including:

- Decision making and strategic thinking
- Communication and community engagement
- Relationship building and collaboration.

What to do

- Collect a nomination form from the Council office and complete it before 12 August 2022.
- Get two people to nominate you - they must be over 18 and enrolled to vote in the area you wish to be a candidate for.
- Pay a nomination deposit of \$200 - you may get a refund, depending on how many votes you receive.
- For further questions visit the [Taituarā website\(external link\)](#).

How to vote

Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote you must:

- be 18 years old or older
- currently live in New Zealand
- be a New Zealand resident, permanent resident, or citizen
- have been living in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more.

How to enrol

Call [0800 36 76 56](tel:0800367656) or visit the [Electoral Commission website\(external link\)](#) if you are:

- not on the parliamentary electoral roll for the Chatham Islands region and want to enrol online
- not sure if you're enrolled and want to check.

To enrol you must verify your identity and will need one of the following documents:

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- New Zealand driver licence
- New Zealand passport
- Your RealMe verified identity.

If you are not able to enrol online, there are other ways to enrol or to update your details. Go to [other ways to enrol\(external link\)](#) for more information.

Am I enrolled?

Resident ratepayer electoral roll

You are automatically enrolled to vote in the 2022 local body elections if you're a Chatham Islands resident and are already on the parliamentary electoral roll for the general election.

If you have moved house be sure to inform the Electoral Commission so they have your current address.

When voting papers are returned as undelivered to the Electoral Commission, they have no option but to remove you from the electoral roll if you haven't updated your address.

You can check and update your details online or by calling [0800 36 76 56](tel:0800367656).

Non-resident ratepayer electoral roll or ratepayer elector

If you pay rates on a property in a different area to where you live, you may be eligible to enrol on the non-resident ratepayer electoral roll.

A company or society that pays property rates can also qualify as a ratepayer elector.

To enquire in either of these instances call the Electoral Office on [0800 922 822](tel:0800922822).

New ratepayer enrolments can be submitted online at [www.electionz.com/ratepayers\(external link\)](http://www.electionz.com/ratepayers(external link)). Alternatively, download the pdf below.

[Download the Ratepayer Enrolment Form](#)

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