

Local Authority Elections on 11 October 2025

Local authority elections will be held on **Saturday, 11 October** this year. This notice tells you how to enrol, and who can enrol as a ratepayer elector, so you can vote in the elections.

The Electoral Roll closes on **Friday 1 August 2025**. If you enrol after this date, you will need to cast a 'special vote' at the election.

You can vote by post. Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll to receive your postal voting document.

You can only enrol once

You can only enrol, or be nominated to enrol, once in a council district, no matter how many properties you own in that council district.

What 'Council District' means in this Notice

'Council district' includes:

- city, district and regional council areas
- a community board area, if established
- the area of Auckland Council and the local boards.

Residential Electors

If you are registered to vote in Parliamentary elections (a Parliamentary elector), you are automatically enrolled as a residential elector to vote in local authority elections. The address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector must be in the council district for the local authority elections.

Ratepayer Electors

You may be eligible to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector in a council district if both of these apply:

- you are on the district valuation roll and pay rates in the council district
- the address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector is **outside** that council district.

Your eligibility to enrol or be nominated as a ratepayer may also depend on your individual circumstances as determined by criteria in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and its regulations.

An organisation can nominate one of its members or officers to vote on its behalf

Any organisation, firm, company, trust, corporation or society or association that pays rates on one or more properties in a council district may nominate one of its members or officers to be the ratepayer elector.

The person nominated must consent to the nomination and not be enrolled or nominated as a ratepayer elector for any other property. The person nominating **and** the nominated person must be registered as Parliamentary electors at addresses **outside** the council district where the property is located.

If more than one person pays rates on the same property

If partners, joint tenants and tenants in common collectively pay rates on a property in a council district, **one of the group** may be nominated to go on the Electoral Roll. The person nominating **and** the nominated person must be registered as Parliamentary electors at addresses **outside** the council district where the property is located.

Existing Ratepayer Electors should have received an enrolment confirmation form

New Electoral Rolls are compiled every three years for the local authority elections.

You should already have an enrolment confirmation form or other advice on your ratepayer elector status if:

- you were enrolled as a ratepayer elector for the 2022 local authority elections, or since then
- you enrolled or were nominated as a ratepayer elector.

Do not have your enrolment confirmation form?

Contact the local council you pay rates to if:

- you are still waiting to receive your Enrolment Confirmation Form or other advice about your non-resident ratepayer status
- you have misplaced your Enrolment Confirmation Form.

New Ratepayer Electors who wish to enrol or nominate a Ratepayer Elector

If you think you may be eligible to enrol or to nominate someone as a ratepayer elector:

- go to www.ratepayer.co.nz to check your eligibility
- get an Enrolment Form for Ratepayer Electors from the local council where you pay your rates
- get this form early so you can get answers to any questions you have about the form or being on the Electoral Roll before the roll closes on Friday 1 August 2025.

Your local council's Electoral Officer will be able to help you with your application:

- phone (09) 973 5212
- email info@electionservices.co.nz

This public notice is issued pursuant to section 39(1)(a), Local Electoral Act 2001.

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Electoral Officer