

APPLYING FOR A

special

VOTE

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**This leaflet is for
people who wish to
cast a Special Vote either:**

- before polling day, or
- on polling day but
not at a polling booth



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL VOTE?

To be eligible for a Special Vote you must:

- (a) be qualified to vote; and
- (b) meet one of the grounds under which a Special Vote may be claimed.

A You are qualified to vote at an election if you are qualified to register in your district and:

your name appears on the current printed roll for the district; or
although not now registered as an elector of your district, you were registered at the last election as an elector of your district; or

although not now registered as an elector of your district, you were registered at the last election as an elector of another district in respect of a place of residence which, due to boundary changes, is now within your current district; or

you have registered as an elector of your district as a result of having applied for registration as an elector of your district since the last preceding election and before polling day (even if your registration has not been confirmed); or

you have registered as an elector of your district as a result of having applied for registration as an elector of another district in respect of a place of residence which, due to boundary changes, is now within your current district and your application was made since the last preceding election and before polling day (even if your registration has not been confirmed).

B The grounds under which a Special Vote may be claimed are as follows:

- your name does not appear on any of the printed rolls for the district or has been wrongly deleted; or
- you are or intend to be absent from the district on polling day; or
- you intend to be outside New Zealand on polling day; or
- you are unable to attend to vote at any polling place in the district because of illness, infirmity pregnancy, or recent childbirth; or

- you have a religious objection to attending to vote on the day of the week on which polling day falls; or
- you have satisfied the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer on any other ground that attendance at a polling place in the district would cause hardship or serious inconvenience to you. (Note: If you are claiming a Special Vote on this ground you must satisfy the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer of the hardship or serious inconvenience you will incur before the special voting papers can be issued. You can do this in person or in writing.)

HOW TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL VOTING PAPER

A Before polling day

You may apply for a special voting paper either:

- in person; or
- by using the attached application form; or
- by making a written application in some other way.

If none of these methods suit you, please ring your local Returning Officer.

You should try to ensure you apply to the Returning Officer for the electorate in which you live. If you cannot apply to your local Returning Officer, you may apply for a special voting paper from any Returning Officer. Contact details for Returning Officers will appear in local newspapers before polling day.

B On polling day

You may apply for a special voting paper between 9 am and 7 pm at any polling place on polling day. If you cannot apply in person, you may send someone, as your agent, to pick up the paper for you. Details of polling place locations will be advertised either in local newspapers during the week before polling day or in a voters guide distributed to each household in the week leading up to polling day.

Special voting papers are usually available about three weeks before polling day and up until the close of the poll at 7 pm on polling day.

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL VOTING PAPER

Details of elector and electorate

My surname of family name is:

My full given of first names are:

My occupation is:

My contact telephone number is:

The electorate for which I am qualified to vote in is:

Note: This must be the electorate in which you last resided continuously for of least one month.

My residential address in that electorate is of was:

Flat/House No.

Street/Road

Town, city or locality

Grounds for Special Vote

Please indicate the ground or grounds under which you are applying for a Special Vote. Place a tick in the circle of the ground or grounds that apply to you.

Not on a printed roll: My name does not appear on any of the printed rolls for the district or has been wrongly deleted from a printed roll for the district.

Outside electorate: I am or intend to be absent from the district on polling day.

Overseas: I intend to be outside New Zealand on polling day.

Illness, infirmity, pregnancy, or recent childbirth: My illness, infirmity, Pregnancy, or recent childbirth prevents or will prevent me from attending at any polling place in the district.

Religious objection: I have a religious objection to attending to vote on the day of the week on which Polling day falls.

Hardship or serious inconvenience For the reason set out below, it is not practicable for me to vote at a polling place in the electorate on polling day without incurring hardship or serious inconvenience.

(Give reason here).
Use a separate page if required

I wish the special voting paper to be:

* (a) Sent to me at
(insert address)

or * (b) Handed to
(insert name, address)

as my agent, for delivery to me.
(*Strike out *whichever does not apply*)

Signature of Applicant*

/ /
Date

Application by Agent

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

Signature of Agent*

/ /
Date

* Note: Your signature is essential to the validity of this application.

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Application approved/declined (delete that *which* does not apply)

Application declined due to (tick *appropriate* circle or circles)

- ☒ Absence of valid signature/signatures
- ☐ Failure to satisfy Returning Officer of hardship or serious inconvenience

Date of issue of special voting papers

/ /
Day/Month/Year

Consecutive number printed
on declaration form

Number

HOW TO CAST A SPECIAL VOTE

Before you cast a Special Vote, you will be required to complete a declaration to establish your entitlement to a Special Vote.

Your declaration must show the grounds on which you are claiming a Special Vote and you must sign it in the presence of a witness. Your witness must also sign the declaration.

Your witness must be one of the following:

- a solicitor, Justice of the Peace or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration; or

- a person authorised in writing by a candidate (and approved by the Returning Officer) to witness special voting declarations; or

- a relative; or

- a member of your household; or

- a registered New Zealand elector.

More detailed instructions are given in the brochure Instructions for Special Voting (which will be sent out with your voting papers)

Your special voting papers must be in the hands of a polling official by 7 pm on polling day. Any special voting papers received after that time will not be counted.