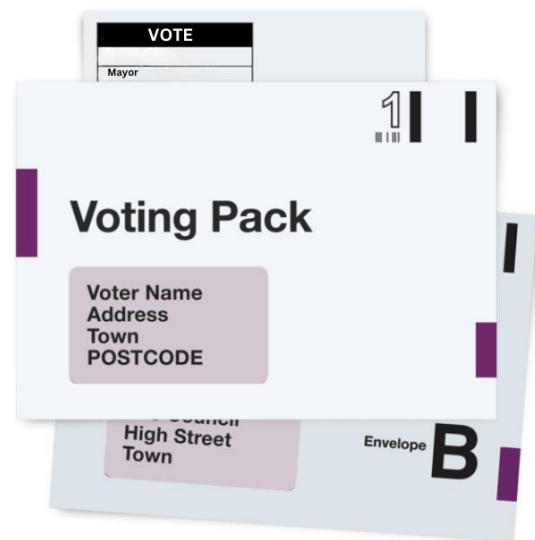




Information about the Auckland Council election



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What this document is about



This document is from Auckland **Council**.



Council means the people who make choices about how to run a town / city.



There is going to be a **local election** in 2025.



A **local election** is when people can vote for who is on the council.



This Easy Read document has information about how to:

- **enrol to vote**
- vote in the local election.



When you **enrol to vote** you put your name on the list of people who can vote in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Everyone who wants to vote in Aotearoa New Zealand has to enrol.

What Auckland Council does



Auckland Council is bigger than any other council in:

- Aotearoa New Zealand
- Australia.



Auckland Council is in charge of a lot of things people need like:



- water
- public transport like buses



- rubbish collection.



Auckland Council is in charge of a lot of places people use like:

- libraries
- parks
- playgrounds
- swimming pools.



Auckland Council works to keep people safe by doing things like:

- checking buildings are built properly
- building cycle lanes.





Auckland Council also works to take care of the **environment**.

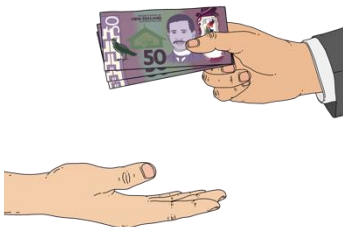


The **environment** is everything around us like:

- land
- air
- water
- plants
- animals.



Auckland Council gets money from people paying **rates**.



Rates means money **property owners** pay to the council.



Here **property owner** means someone who owns:

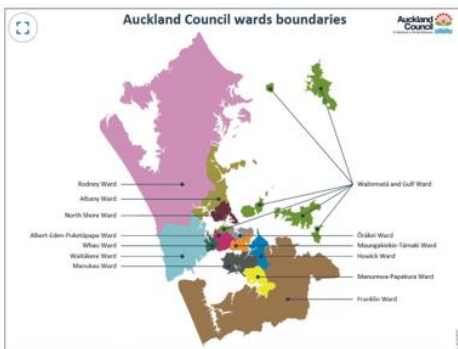
- land
- a house
- a business
- another sort of building.

Who is on Auckland Council



Auckland Council is made up of:

- the Governing Body
- local boards.



The Governing Body makes choices for the whole of Auckland.

It is made up of:

- the **mayor**
- **20 councillors.**



The **mayor** leads the council.



Councillors are the people on the council.

Councillors speak for their **ward**.



A **ward** is a part of a town / city.



Local boards make choices about how to run things in their part of a town / city.



There are 21 local boards in Auckland Council.



This **website** has information about your:

- local board
- ward.

<https://tinyurl.com/2dnrd8af>

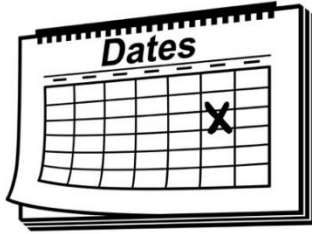


You will have to type your address into a box on the website.



The website is not in Easy Read.

About local elections



Local elections happen every 3 years.

In the Auckland Council local election you can vote for the:



- mayor
- councillor / councillors for your ward
- members of your local board.



You can vote in the local election if you:

- are at least 18 years old

and

- are an Aotearoa New Zealand:

- citizen**

or

- permanent resident**

and

- live in Aotearoa New Zealand

and

- have lived in Aotearoa New Zealand for at least 12 months in a row.



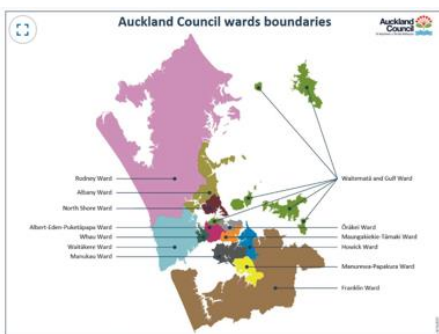


A **New Zealand citizen** is someone who can get a New Zealand passport.



A **New Zealand permanent resident** is someone who:

- was not born in New Zealand
- has been told by the Government they can live in New Zealand all the time.



To vote in the Auckland Council local election you also need to:

- live in the Auckland region

or

- be a property owner in the Auckland region.





You can enrol to vote at the Electoral Commission **website**.

<https://tinyurl.com/3sevkt38>



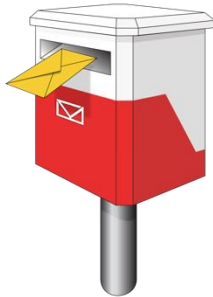
If you are already enrolled to vote you can use the website to check they have the right address for you.



If you have moved house you may need to give your new address.

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How to vote

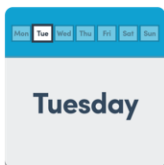


Local elections are run by postal voting.



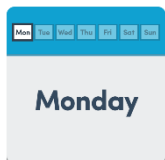
If you are enrolled to vote you will get your voting pack in the post.

You should get your voting pack sometime between:



- Tuesday 9 September 2025

and



- Monday 22 September 2025.



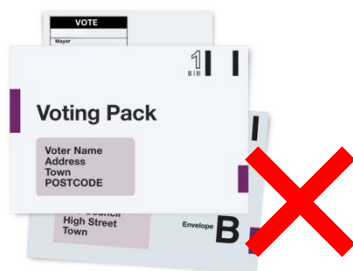
Your voting pack will have:

- your voting forms
- information about how to fill out the voting forms
- information about the **candidates**
- an envelope to post your voting forms back in.



Candidates are the people you can vote for in an election.

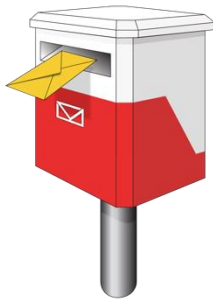
If your voting pack does not arrive in time you can make a **special vote**.



A **special vote** is for when you cannot vote the usual way.



There will be information about making a special vote when it is closer to the election.

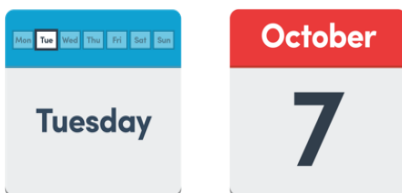


There are 2 ways to send your forms back after you have voted.

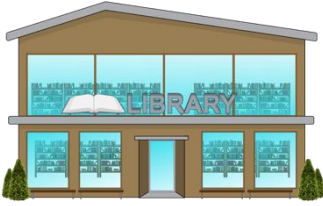
You can post your voting forms in any NZ Post box.



It does not cost money to post your voting forms.



You must post your voting forms before Tuesday 7 October 2025.



There will also be places to drop off your forms in:

- libraries
- some supermarkets
- some other places.



You must drop off your forms before 12 midday on Saturday 11 October 2025.



There will be more information about places to drop off your voting forms when it is closer to the election.



If you cannot fill out your voting forms you will be able to vote over the phone.

Important dates



You can check if you are enrolled to vote from:

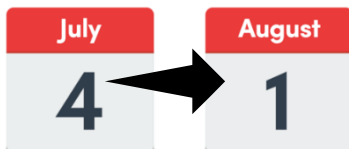
- now

to



- Friday 1 August 2025.

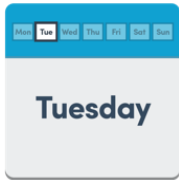
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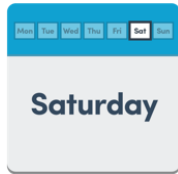
- open on Friday 4 July 2025
- close on Friday 1 August 2025.



Nominations are when people say they want to be a candidate in an election.



Voting starts on Tuesday 9 September 2025.



Voting ends on Saturday 11 October 2025 at 12 noon.

You will find out the **results** of the election sometime between:

- Monday 13 October 2025

and

- Friday 17 October 2025.



Here the **results** means who will be on Auckland Council.

More information



There is more information about Auckland Council local elections on the Vote Auckland **website** at:

www.voteauckland.co.nz



The Vote Auckland website is not in Easy Read.



If you have questions about the Auckland Council local election you can **phone**:

09 973 5212



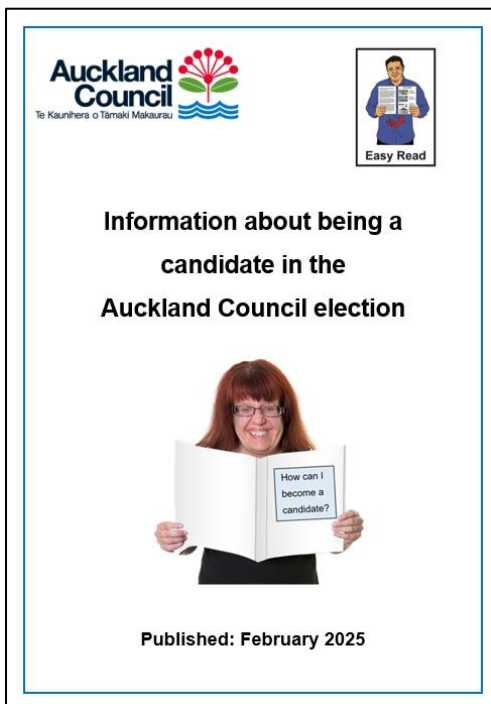
You can also **email**:

info@electionservices.co.nz



You can find more information about voting in Aotearoa New Zealand on this **website**:

<https://www.vote.nz>



There is an Easy Read document about being a candidate called **Information about being a candidate in the Auckland Council election.**

You can find this document at:

www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/elections



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