



Wherever you
PAY RATES
it pays to
VOTE



**Do you live in one area and pay rates on a property in another?
Then you may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections this October.**

LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS 2019

Local authority elections will be held on 12 October this year. To be able to vote please ensure that you are on the Electoral Roll which is currently being compiled. If you reside in one council district, you may qualify to vote as a non-resident ratepayer elector in another council district. The Ratepayer Electoral Roll closes on 16 August 2019. After this date you can still enrol and will need to cast a 'special vote'.

Are you a residential elector, a non-resident ratepayer elector, or both?

You are automatically enrolled to vote in the area you live in if you are registered on the electoral roll. In local elections, this is known as a residential elector. To enrol, check or update your details go to www.elections.org.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

To qualify as a non-resident ratepayer elector for a council district you must be a ratepayer in that district. You do not qualify as a ratepayer elector in that district if you reside in that district (you are already qualified as a residential elector). You must be a ratepayer for an address that is outside the council district in which you live.

You may pay rates on a residential property, such as a holiday home or a rental property in another district, in which case you may qualify as a non-resident ratepayer elector. Or, you may pay rates in respect of a property owned by your firm, company, trust, corporation or society. If so, the organisation may nominate any member or officer of the firm, company, trust, corporation or society as the ratepayer elector as long as that person is registered as a Parliamentary elector at an address outside that council district. Also, the person who is nominating a nominee must be registered as a Parliamentary elector at an address outside that council district area.

Where persons such as partners or multiple tenants are the ratepayers in respect of a property then those persons may nominate one of the members or partners, as their non-resident elector.

CONFUSED?

You can only be enrolled within a council district once as a residential elector. But you can qualify to enrol in another council district if:

- (a) you pay rates on a residential/business/farm property within that district; or
- (b) you have been nominated to vote in relation to a property in that district.

RESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

To enrol, check or update your enrolment details go to www.elections.org.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

RATEPAYER ELECTORS

If you are an **existing non-resident ratepayer elector** you should already have received an enrolment confirmation form or other advice on your non-resident ratepayer status. If you have not received this form or have misplaced it, please contact the local council to which you pay your rates.

If you think you may be eligible to enrol as a new non-resident ratepayer elector, then you need to obtain an Enrolment Form for Ratepayer Electors from the local council to which you pay your rates.

If you have any more questions or would like more information, contact the Electoral Officer at your local council.

Please note: the term 'council district' includes a city, district and regional council area and where established, a community board area. The term also includes the area of Auckland Council and the local boards.

→→ **Brought to you by New Zealand Local Authority Electoral Officers.**

For more information phone toll free

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(from 15 April 2019 to 30 August 2019)

Remember - if you are not enrolled your vote will not count.

