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Triennial elections for elected members of all local authorities throughout New Zealand, including district health boards, are to be conducted, by postal vote, on **Saturday 9 October 2010**.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and the New Zealand Health & Disability Act, 2000.

City/district councils conduct the district health board elections on behalf of the district health boards.

POSITIONS

Elections for the Northland District Health Board will be required for 7 positions, elected 'at large' from the Board area which comprises the areas of Far North District, Kaipara District and Whangarei District.

In addition, following the election, the Minister of Health appoints a further 4 members - making a total of 11 members per board.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations open on **Friday 23 July 2010** and close at **12 noon, Friday 20 August 2010**.

Nomination forms will be available during this period from:

- the Electoral Office (Independent Election Services Ltd, Ground Floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland);
- Northland District Health Board (Board Secretary, Maunu House, Maunu Road, Whangarei);
- or by telephoning 0800 922 822 where one will be posted out.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); and
- a New Zealand Citizen

In addition, under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, as amended by the Crown Entities Act 2004, a candidate cannot be:

- a candidate for more than one district health board;
- a person who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- a person who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, or the Securities Act 1978, or the Securities Markets Act 1988, or the Takeovers Act 1993;
- a person who is subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988;
- a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that reflects adversely on the person's:
 - competence to manage his or her own affairs in relation to his or her property, or
 - capacity to make or communicate decisions relating to any particular aspect or aspects of his or per personal care and welfare;
- a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person;

- a person who has been removed as a DHB board member since the last DHB elections, under clause 9(c) or 9(e) of Schedule 3 to the NZ Public Health and Disability Act 2000;
- a person who has failed to declare a material conflict of interest before accepting nomination as candidate at the last DHB election

Detailed Candidate Information Booklets will be available from the Electoral Office (phone 0800 922 822) from June 2010.

ELECTORAL ROLLS

Those eligible to vote at district health board elections are all resident electors whose names appear on the electoral rolls when they close. The preliminary electoral rolls are compiled by the constituent district councils and will be available for public inspection (at council offices, libraries and post shops) within the Board district from **Friday 23 July 2010 to Friday 20 August 2010**.

Resident Roll. All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the local authority resident electoral roll, at the address where they live. A confirmation card will be issued to all parliamentary electors in July 2010.

Any alterations to the resident roll (eg change of addresses details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- telephoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Enrolment Centre website on www.elections.org.nz

ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system will be used for all district health board elections. For many city/district council elections however, the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system is used.

VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents (including the district health board election) will be sent to all eligible electors, by the constituent district council, by post, from **Friday 17 September 2010 to Monday 20 September 2010**.

The voting period is 3 weeks (**Friday 17 September 2010 to 12 noon Saturday 9 October 2010**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the constituent district council electoral officer using a pre-paid envelope sent with the voting document. Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 17 September 2010 to 12 noon Saturday 9 October 2010 at each constituent district council offices.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of each constituent district council electoral officer or electoral official by **12 noon Saturday 9 October 2010**.

Preliminary results will be known as soon as practicable following the close of voting (expected about 9pm) on **Saturday 9 October 2010**. These will be accessible on the Northland District Health Board's website (www.northlanddhb.org.nz).

CONTACT DETAILS

For further information regarding these elections, please contact the Electoral Office:

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