

# FACT SHEET

## Triennial election

Northland District Health Board

12 OCTOBER 2019

### GENERAL

Triennial elections for elected members of local authorities throughout New Zealand are to be conducted, by postal vote, on Saturday 12 October 2019.

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

City/district councils are legally required to conduct the district health board elections on behalf of the district health board.

### POSITIONS

Elections for the Northland District Health Board will be required for seven positions, elected 'at large' from the Board area which comprises the areas of the respective district councils (Far North District Council, Kaipara District Council and Whangarei District Council).

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

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations open on **Friday 19 July 2019** and close at **noon on Friday 16 August 2019**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- the electoral office (Election Services, Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland);
- Northland District Health Board (Board Secretary, Tohora House, Whangarei Hospital, Maunu Road, Whangarei);
- by telephoning 0800 922 822;
- by accessing [www.northlanddhb.org.nz](http://www.northlanddhb.org.nz)

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

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

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 her personal care and welfare;
- 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 handbooks will be available from the electoral office from May 2019.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote in this election are all resident electors whose names appear on the electoral rolls when they close on Friday 16 August 2019. The preliminary electoral roll will be compiled by each respective district council and will be available for public inspection at respective district council offices and libraries from **Friday 19 July 2019** to **Friday 16 August 2019**.

All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll, are automatically enrolled on the local government resident electoral roll, at the address where they live.

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

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)



## ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the Northland District Health Board and the Kaipara District Council elections. For the Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council and the Northland Regional Council elections, the first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used.

## VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from **Friday 20 September 2019**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the respective electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document. Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from each respective district council office from Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the respective district council electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Saturday 12 October 2019**.

Preliminary results for this STV election will be known as soon as all votes have been received and counted following the close of voting. A preliminary result is expected early on Sunday morning 13 October 2019. These will be accessible on the Northland District Health Board's website: [www.northlanddhb.org.nz](http://www.northlanddhb.org.nz).

## CONTACT US

For further information regarding this election, please contact the electoral office:



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