



FACT SHEET

2007 TRIENNIAL ELECTION

GENERAL

Triennial elections for elected members of all local bodies throughout New Zealand, including district health boards, are to be conducted, by postal vote, on **Saturday 13 October 2007**.

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 Bay of Plenty District Health Board will be required for 7 positions, elected 'at large' from the Board area which comprises the areas of Tauranga City, Western Bay of Plenty District, Whakatane District, Opotiki District and Kawerau 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 27 July** and close at **12 noon, Friday 24 August 2007**.

Nomination forms will be available during this period from:

- the Electoral Office (Independent Election Services Ltd, Ground Floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland);
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board (Board Secretary, Main Building Reception, Tauranga Hospital, Cameron Road, Tauranga);
- or by telephoning 0800 922822 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 Health & Disability Act, 2000, a candidate cannot be:

- a candidate for more than one district health board;
- a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of 2 years or more, and who has not obtained a pardon, or served the sentence or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed;
- a person who is subject to a sentence of imprisonment for an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment of less than 2 years;
- a person who is subject to an order made under any of sections 10, 11, 12 and 30 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, or whose property is managed by a trustee corporation under section 32 of the Act;
- a person who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- a person who has, since the date on which members of boards elected at the immediately preceding triennial general election came into office, been removed as a member of a board for any reason;

- a person who has failed to declare a material conflict of interest before accepting nomination as candidate for an election of a district health board held in conjunction with the immediately preceding triennial general election.

Detailed Candidate Information Booklets will be available from the Electoral Office (phone 0800 922822) from June 2007.

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 relevant city/district councils and will be available for public inspection (at council offices, libraries and post shops) within the Board district from **Friday 27 July 2007 to Friday 24 August 2007**.

All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the local government Resident Electoral Roll, at the address where they live. A confirmation card will be issued to all parliamentary electors during July/August 2007.

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 367656)
- 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 issue) will be sent to all eligible electors, by the relevant city/district council, by post, from **Friday 21 September 2007**.

The voting period is 3 weeks (**Friday 21 September 2007 to 12 noon Saturday 13 October 2007**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the relevant city/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 21 September 2007 to 12 noon Saturday 13 October 2007 at the relevant city/district council offices.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the relevant city/district council electoral officer by **12 noon Saturday 13 October 2007**.

Preliminary results will be known as soon as practicable following the close of voting (expected about 9pm) on **Saturday 13 October 2007**. These will be accessible on the Bay of Plenty District Health Board's website (www.bopdhb.govt.nz).

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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