

Template Party Membership Form

Guidance notes

- The template form can be used by a party seeking registration under Part 4 of the Electoral Act 1993 to provide evidence that it has at least 500 current financial members who are eligible to enrol as electors. Please refer to the Party Registration Handbook for more information about these requirements.
- The template contains the **minimum requirements** for the Electoral Commission's registration purposes **in bold**. A party may seek or include further information on the form for its own purposes.
- Branding of the form, including the party logo, is recommended to ensure party members have a strong recall of joining the party, rather than supporting a specific cause.
- A person can check their own enrolment details online at elections.org.nz. The party can check their members' enrolment details against the printed rolls available for public inspection at offices of the Electoral Commission.
- A common problem for parties applying to be registered is that some of their members are not eligible to enrol as New Zealand parliamentary electors. This occurs even though members have confirmed that they are eligible to enrol. To assist parties and the Electoral Commission ascertain whether members are eligible to enrol some supplementary information is suggested. For more information about who is eligible to enrol see Part 2 of the Party Registration Handbook.
- It is compulsory for a person to register as an elector in New Zealand if he or she is eligible to enrol. Only registered electors are eligible to vote in parliamentary elections. Members who are not enrolled can enrol online (with a verified RealMe account) or download an enrolment form at www.elections.govt.nz, pick up an enrolment form at the nearest PostShop, Freetext 3676 with their name and address or ring 0800 36 76 56 to request an enrolment form.
- Where multiple members are included on one form (i.e. joint or family memberships) it must be clear how much is paid on behalf of each member and each individual member must sign the form.
- A party may also have other types of membership, e.g. members under 18 years old (who are not eligible to enrol), or life members (who do not pay fees), but these cannot count towards the 500 for registration.

Application form to join the *KiaKoe*

Member's details

Full name	
Residential street address Suburb, town, city or locality [not a PO Box address]	
Date of birth	
Telephone number/s	
Email address	

Enrolment details

I am a registered elector enrolled in _____ electorate	YES/NO
<i>Complete if you are not a registered elector</i>	
I am not a registered elector but I am eligible to enrol You are eligible to enrol if you are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, 18 years old or older and have resided in New Zealand continuously for one year or more and are not disqualified from enrolling. Contact the Electoral Commission if you are unsure whether you are eligible to enrol.	YES/NO
I am eligible to enrol as a New Zealand parliamentary elector as I am a (select one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand citizen <input type="checkbox"/> permanent resident of New Zealand <input type="checkbox"/> other – please specify: _____	
and I have lived continuously in New Zealand for _____ years _____ months.	
If you live overseas provide the date last in New Zealand ____/____/____	

Membership details

I enclose/have paid my membership fee of \$____.____ or a [1/2/3 year] membership with this application.
I authorise KiaKoe to record my name as a financial member of KiaKoe.
I authorise the secretary of KiaKoe to release this application form and subsequent financial membership details to the Electoral Commission for the purposes of KiaKoe registration under the Electoral Act 1993.

Signed _____

Date _____