



# *Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs*

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## **Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs says 'Get on a Roll'**

The Electoral Enrolment Centre, with advice from the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, is making a concerted effort to ensure that Pacific communities are more aware of the electoral process and the need for all eligible Pacific voters to be registered on the electoral roll.

An electoral update campaign is now being run as the Centre gears up for this year's General Election.

New research from the Electoral Enrolment Centre shows 55 per cent of Pacific people's don't know its election year.

Pacific Island Affairs Chief Executive, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, is encouraging all Pacific peoples to ensure they are on the electoral roll.

"If you've moved house recently or changed your details and you didn't get a personalised enrolment update pack by last Thursday (8 May) then you will be one of these people who need to get in touch with the Electoral Enrolment Centre to be on the Roll", says Dr Tukuitonga.

"It is crucial that Pacific people are enrolled. The Electoral Enrolment Centre is making it as easy as possible for people to get an enrolment form, or to update their information if they're already enrolled – you won't have a vote if you're not on the Roll," added Dr Tukuitonga.

Dr Tukuitonga reminds Pacific people who have received their enrolment update pack to open it, check their details are right and if they're not to let the Electoral Enrolment Centre know by updating the details and returning the form. If you've received a pack for someone no longer living at the address it should be forwarded on to them, or returned so that person's details can be removed from the Roll.

People who have not received an enrolment update pack in the mail by now will need to enrol.

Enrolment forms are available by calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56), freetexting your name and address to 3676, visiting any PostShop, or going online to [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz). You can also check and update your details online at the website.

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