

# KA AKAUTUNGAIA KOE ME KARE KOE E RETITA



Electoral Office of the Cook Islands

## ELECTOR GUIDE

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### Ka Akapeea Au me Retita?

Te akataka mai nei te Ture Nui ou o te Ikianga 2004 e ka anoanoia koe kia retita okotai ake taime.

Inara, ka anoanoia koe kia akakite ki te Retita o te au Tangata Iki i te tuatahi e -

- Akatuke ei koe i toou ngai nooanga;
- Ka akatuke koe i toou ingoa na roto i te akaipoipo me kore te ture.

Ka anoanoia teia akakiteanga kia raveia i roto ake i te okotai marama i tona tupuanga.

#### Pirianga o te Akapapaanga Ingoa?

Na te Retita Maata o te au Tangata Iki e akataka mai i te ra e piri ei te akapapaanga ingoa mua e pera te akapapaanga ingoa maata.

***Ka anoanoia koe kia retita me tae te tuatahi e kua tau koe no te rave i te reira.***

#### Ka akapeea me Retita?

Te akataka mai nei te Ture Nui o te Ikianga i te tu e tau ei tetai tangata kia retitaia. Ka tau tetai uatu tangata kia retitaia no tetai tuanga ikianga i roto nei i te Kuki Airani mei te mea e -

- Kua tae toou mataiti ki te 18;

- e tangata aia no roto mai i te au Nu Tireni, me kore e tangata noo tinamou aia ki roto i te Kuki Airani;
- kua noo ana ki roto nei i te Kuki Airani no tetai tuatua tere atu i te 12 marama ma te kore i akaruke atu;
- kua noo tinamou ana ki roto i te Kuki Airani e 3 marama i mua uake i tona retitaangaia;
- kare aia i akautungaia na no tetai utunga rave angaanga kino, me kore tetai utunga no te mate me kore tetai utunga are auri no tetai mataiti okotai me kore maata atu (*mari ua e kua pou te reira utunga*);
- E maki manako.

Ka riro toou ngai nooanga i te marama i mua ake i te retitaanga i te akataka mai e ka retitaia koe ki runga i teea akapapaanga ingoa.

Elections for the Parliament of the Cook Islands must be held at the end of each term of Parliament.

By voting for the candidate of your choice you are having your say in the way that your country should be governed.

Before you are able to vote in a Parliamentary election you must be registered on the electoral roll.

Enrolment is compulsory for all qualified persons.

# Its Easy

## How to Register

Registration is easy.

If you qualify to be registered then you only have to go to the office of the nearest Registrar of Electors where you will be asked a number of questions.

You will then have to complete a simple form which will register you for Parliamentary elections.

Changes to the Electoral Act mean that it will not be necessary for you to register again unless special circumstances arise.

## Change of Address

The new Electoral Act (2004) provides that you will only have to register once.

However, it is necessary that you notify the Registrar of Electors if:-

- you change your address
- you change your name by marriage or deed poll.

This notification must be made within one month of you making any change.

## Close of Rolls

The date for the closing of the main and supplementary roll is determined by the Chief Registrar of Electors.

The date that registration for an election closes will be announced when the date of the election is known.

## You may be fined if you do not register

*You should register as soon as you are eligible.*

### Qualifications

The Electoral Act sets out the qualifications for a person to be registered. A person is qualified as an elector for a constituency in the Cook Islands if that person –

- Is 18 years of age or over,
- Is a Cook Islander, or a permanent resident of the Cook Islands, or a New Zealand citizen
- Has actually lived in the Cook Islands for a continuous period of 12 months or more at some time in their life,
- Has lived in the Cook Islands for the 3 months prior to the person's registration,
- Has not been convicted of corrupt practice, offences punishable by death or imprisonment for 1 year or more (*unless they have served the sentence*),
- Is not of unsound mind.

The roll you will be placed on will depend on where you reside during the 3 months prior to registration.

Ka anoanoia te ikianga o te Paramani o te Kuki Airani kia raveia ki te openga o te tuatau o te Paramani.

Na roto i toou ikianga i taau tangata ka inangaro, te piri ra koe i reira ki te akanooanga i te tu o te akateretereanga i toou basileia i taau i inangaro.

I mua ake ka tikaia'i koe kia iki ki roto i tetai ikianga Paramani ka anoanoia koe kia retitaia ki runga i tetai akapapaanga ingoa.

Ka anoanoia te au tangata katoatoa tei tau ki retitaia.

## E MĀMĀ UA RAI

### Ka akapeea me Retita?

Me kua tau koe kia retitaia ka rauka i reira ia koe kia aere atu ki te Opati o te Retita o te au Tangata Iki i te pae mai ia koe e ka uiia mai tetai au uiana kia koe.

Ka anoanoia koe i reira kia akaki i tetai pepa te ka riro i te retita ia koe no te ikianga o te Paramani e pera te ikianga i te Kavamani Enea.

Kua riro te akatukeanga i te Ture Nui o te Ikianga i te akakite mai e kare koe e anoanoia kia retita akaou mari ua e ka tupu tetai au angaanga takake.

### Akatukeanga i te Ngai Nooanga

**Remember – Registration is Compulsory**