

32. Overseas Elections

Occasionally a mission or post may need to hold foreign elections in New Zealand for its citizens residing in New Zealand. The mission or post should send a Third Person Note to Protocol Division requesting permission to hold elections in New Zealand at least one month in advance of the election. The mission or post should advise the dates, times and location of the voting booths.

Protocol Division will respond with a Third Person Note giving approval for elections to be held. Protocol Division will advise the Chief Electoral Office and the Dignitary Protection Services for their information.

Diplomatic visas are not issued to visitors who are supporting/delivering foreign elections in New Zealand. Visitors would need to make an application with Immigration New Zealand for an appropriate visa.

