

## 2010 TRIENNIAL DHB ELECTION

Elections for seven members of the Southern District Health Board (four from Otago and three from Southland) will be held with the triennial local authority elections. The next election will be held by postal vote on **Saturday, 9 October 2010**.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and the New Zealand Health and Disability Act, 2000.

City or district councils conduct the District Health Board (DHB) elections on behalf of DHBs.

### Electoral System

The Board area is divided into two constituencies (Otago and Southland). Voting is constituency-wide.

Southern District Health Board			
Constituency	Area Covered	Members	Population
Otago	Dunedin City, Central Otago District, Clutha District, Waitaki District, and the Wanaka Ward of Queenstown Lakes District	4	188,700
Southland	Gore District, Invercargill City, Southland District, and the Arrowtown and Queenstown Wakatipu Wards of Queenstown Lakes District	3	111,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>300,400</b>

The Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system will be used for all District Health Board elections and for the Dunedin City Council. For the other city and district council elections however, the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system will be used. For further information on STV click on [www.stv.govt.nz](http://www.stv.govt.nz)

### Nominations

Nominations open on **Friday, 23 July 2010**, and close at **12 noon** on **Friday, 20 August 2010**.

Information and nomination forms can be obtained from council electoral officers, who are running the election process for the DHB, specifically:

- the Electoral Office (Dunedin City Council, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin)
- Local city and district council offices
- [www.dunedin.govt.nz/elections](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/elections)
- or by telephoning (03) 477 4000 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 Public Health & Disability Act 2000 and Crown Entities Act 2004, a candidate cannot be:

- A candidate for more than one constituency or more than one district health board;

- A person who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- A person who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, or the Securities Act 1978, or the Securities Markets Act 1988, or the Takeovers Act 1993;
- A person who is subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988;
- A person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that reflects adversely on the person's –
  - (i) Competence to manage his or her own affairs in relation to his or her property; or
  - (ii) Capacity to make or to communicate decisions relating to any particular aspect or aspects of his or her personal care and welfare;
- A person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of two years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person;
- A person who has been removed as a DHB board member since the last DHB elections for any reason specified in clause 9(c) or 9(e) of Schedule 3 to the NZ Public Health and Disability Act 2000;
- A person who has failed to declare a material conflict of interest before accepting nomination as a candidate at the last DHB election.

A candidate must provide:

- A completed nomination form
- \$200 deposit
- A conflict of interest statement

Candidates may also provide:

- A candidate profile statement
- A recent passport size photo

## Electoral Rolls

People eligible to vote in 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 or district councils and will be available for public inspection (at council offices, libraries and post shops) within the Board district from **Friday, 23 July 2010 to Friday, 20 August 2010**.

Resident Roll. 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 in July 2010.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (eg change of address 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](http://www.elections.org.nz)

## Voting Period

Voting documents (including the District Health Board issue) will be sent to all eligible electors by the relevant city or district councils by post, from **Friday, 17 September 2010**.



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The voting period is three weeks (**Friday, 17 September 2010 to noon Saturday, 9 October 2010**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the relevant city or district council electoral officer using a pre-paid envelope sent with the voting documents. Polling places for issuing special voting documents and receiving completed voting documents will be available from Friday, 17 September 2010 to 12 noon on Saturday, 9 October 2010, at the relevant city/district council offices.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the relevant city or district council electoral officer by **12 noon on Saturday, 9 October 2010**.

Preliminary results will be available as soon as practicable following the close of voting on **Saturday, 9 October 2010**. They will be posted on the Dunedin City Council website [www.dunedin.govt.nz/elections](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/elections)

**Further Information:**

Further information is available on the Ministry of Health website [www.moh.govt.nz/electionsdhb](http://www.moh.govt.nz/electionsdhb) or by contacting the DHB Board Secretary: email [Board@southerndhb.govt.nz](mailto:Board@southerndhb.govt.nz), telephone DDI (03) 470 9707.

Information regarding these elections can also be obtained by contacting the Electoral Officer:

Telephone: (03) 477 4000  
Fax: (03) 474 3594  
Email: [pjordan@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:pjordan@dcc.govt.nz)

Write to: The Electoral Officer  
Southern District Health Board  
C/- Dunedin City Council  
PO Box 5045  
Dunedin 9058

Pam Jordan  
Electoral Officer

Attachment: DHB Election Timetable

## 2010 TRIENNIAL DHB ELECTION TIMETABLE

The following are key dates for the 2010 DHB elections:

July	Enrolment update packs sent to all registered electors for them to check/update details
21 July	Public notice of election
23 July	Candidate nominations open Territorial authority electoral rolls open for inspection
20 August	Candidate nominations close (at 12 noon) Territorial authority electoral rolls close
17-22 September	Delivery of voting documents – start of voting period, special votes are issued and early processing of votes begins
9 October	Election Day – 12 noon close of voting – announcement of preliminary results (as soon as practicable after the close of voting)
From 9 October	Special votes counted and official results declared (as soon as practicable after all valid votes have been counted)
6 December	Newly elected DHB board members take office
Mid December	Return of election expenses and donations form