# Online Voting Option: 2022 RNZFB Board Elections

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Dear Member

For your information, the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind (RNZFB) Board also offers **Online Voting** as well as **Telephone Dictation Voting** as additional methods of voting in this year's Board elections. These methods allow you to cast your vote easily and privately.

## How does Online Voting work?

If you are interested in using this method to vote in this year's Board elections, you will need to have a valid email address registered with Blind Low Vision NZ, so you can be emailed the instructions and link to the website.

Before you commit yourself to voting online, if you haven't used it previously, a test site will be available for you to try out online voting. Please ring the Contact Centre on **0800 24 33 33** to learn how to access the test site.

After trying it out on the test site, if you would like to **vote** using this method you will need to phone the Contact Centre on **0800 24 33 33**. Let the operator know that you would like to register for online voting for this year's election and

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they will update your voting preference. Following this call, a username and six-digit password will be provided to you by email before the voting period formally opens in October as well as the url link to the online voting website.

You will be provided with full instructions on how to vote online. It will also be possible to access all information on this year's candidates standing in the election via the online voting website. This will include the candidates' 300-word profiles, 60-word snapshot of capabilities as well as the mp3 file recordings of the candidates' interviews. If you would prefer to access the candidate information **online** rather than receive the same information in your own preferred format, please phone the **Contact Centre** on **0800 24 33 33** to ask them to change your preferred format for **elections information** to online. Alternatively, you can visit the website at [rnzfbelections.org.nz](http://rnzfbelections.org.nz) and complete the update preferred format details form.

## How does Telephone Dictation Voting work?

If you would like to vote using this method, you will need to phone the **Contact Centre** on **0800 24 33 33** and let the operator know that you would like to register for telephone dictation voting for this year's elections and they will update your voting preference.

Following this call, a unique number will be provided to you by text, email or phone. You will be asked to state your preference for receiving your unique number. The voting

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information will be sent to you in your preferred format during the first week of October. You will also be provided with full instructions on how to vote using Telephone Dictation Voting.

## Changes to Preferred Formats

**Please note the closing date for changes to preferred voting formats is Friday 16 September 2022.**

We hope many of you will take up one of these options this year.

Yours sincerely

**Returning Officer**

Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind

End of Online Voting option