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From Monday 26 October, Kiwis will be able to vote on New Zealand's future.

National has a plan to help you secure your future, whether you're a Kiwi kid, a young person starting out, a parent raising your family, or in your retirement.

This election, there is a clear choice between sticking with National's plan for a more secure future, no matter the stage of your life, with a growing economy, less debt, more jobs and higher wages.

Or going back to Labour – propped up by the Greens, Te Pati Māori and TOP – who will undo the progress New Zealand has made over the past three years, leaving you to pay for it through at least nine new taxes costing households \$2,263 each year.

Under our plan for young adults, we'll deliver a future where you have the best opportunity to get ahead in life without having to move abroad. A future with a stronger economy, meaning more jobs and higher wages. A future where it is easier to pay off a student loan and buy your first home. A future where you get the services you rely on – all with no new taxes.

Labour will undo the progress we've made in the economy and spend recklessly, meaning more taxes and more borrowing, leaving young Kiwis to pay off our debt. That will raise inflation, which in turn leads to higher unemployment and higher interest rates on your mortgage.



What we've delivered to date

Tax relief: National introduced personal income tax cuts in July 2024, which increased the take home pay of hard-working Kiwis.

Support for young jobseekers: National introduced community job coaches for up to 10,000 young people looking for work. This helps our young people with career planning, barriers to work and pathways to employment.

Driver licence assistance: National is helping jobseekers obtain licences, which is an important employment requirement in many industries. More than 21,000 young people have already benefitted.

The results so far

National believes a strong economy is the foundation for a successful life for young people.

We have made a lot of progress. New Zealand is growing faster than the US, the UK, Canada, and Australia. Exports are up \$20 billion, inflation is down from a 32-year high, and 220,000 new jobs are expected with wages growing faster than prices.

More Kiwis are returning home, with a 14 per cent increase in Kiwis moving back to New Zealand from Australia last year.

We have made it easier to buy a first home with 5 per cent deposits and first home buyers were at a record 26 per cent of the property market in 2026 – that is 24,800 young Kiwis into their first homes in the past year. And for tenants, rent increases are at a 25-year low, whereas under Labour, rents went up \$180 per week.

Our 2026 election policies for Young Adults

- **Lower student loan repayments:** National will reduce the student loan repayment rate for Kiwis living in the country, leaving graduates with more take-home pay. This gives young people more income for rent, savings, a first home deposit or starting a business.
- **Wider access to 5 per cent home loan deposits:** National will expand access to the First Home Loan Scheme so more eligible buyers can purchase with a 5 per cent deposit, rather than the conventional 20 per cent.
- **Paid Parental Leave extension:** National is extending paid parental leave from 26-30 weeks to give parents more time with their newborn.
- **Stronger KiwiSaver and \$1500 Baby Boost:** KiwiSaver will become compulsory, contribution settings will be higher, and a \$1500 Baby Boost contribution will be made for each eligible newborn.
- **A welfare system focused on work:** Provide more intensive employment support for long-term jobseekers, alongside stronger expectations.
- **No new taxes:** Give workers, households and businesses greater certainty.

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