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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 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 Opportunity – who will undo the progress New Zealand has made over the last three years, leaving you to pay for it through at least nine new taxes costing households \$2,263 each year.

By sticking to National's plan, we will deliver a better future for parents and their children. A future where parents don't have to pick between working and looking after their children. A future where your household's finances are better off, so you can treat your family to that holiday you've been saving for.

When you are raising a family, you want a government that supports you through the journey, and National shares your aspirations for a future where you get to spend more of your hard-earned money and your children prosper.

Labour will undo the progress we've made in the economy, spend recklessly, and burden your family with more taxes and more borrowing, leaving you to pay off our debt.



What we've delivered to date

- **Tax relief:** National reduced personal income tax which increased the take home pay of hard-working Kiwis.
- **Family Boost:** Increased the amount families receive toward their early childhood care from \$25 to \$40 a week, enabling around 98,000 families to claim a rebate of up to \$120 a week.
- **More consistent school reports:** Parents are now receiving nationally consistent information on reading, writing and maths, with twice yearly progress check-ins.

National wants every young New Zealander to grow up with the knowledge, experience and savings they need to make good financial decisions and get ahead.

We have also announced major changes to KiwiSaver. Automatic enrolment at birth and our \$1,500 Baby Boost will give children a savings head start with decades for that money to grow. We will also make KiwiSaver contributions compulsory, progressively lift combined default contribution rates to 12 per cent by 2032, and support parents' KiwiSaver while they are on paid parental leave.

A re-elected National government will:

- Ensure **financial literacy** is part of the school curriculum and supporting teachers with practical resources to help children develop good money habits and skills for life.
- **Make opening a child's bank account more streamlined** and easier for parents by progressing amendments to the Anti Money Laundering legislation.



Our 2026 election policies for parents

- Continue to roll out **three-day postnatal care** for new mums.
- Extend **paid parental leave** to 30 weeks so parents can spend more time with their newborns.
- **Compulsory KiwiSaver:** So you can build a nest egg for your retirement, have greater financial security and more choices.
- **KiwiSaver parental leave top up:** National will make Government KiwiSaver contributions continue for eligible parents while receiving paid parental leave.
- **More grocery competition:** Groceries are too expensive and National has proposed separation of New World and PAK'nSAVE to strengthen competition.
- **Home energy fund:** Low interest loans so you can install solar, insulation, heat pumps and home batteries – to save you money now on your electricity bills.
- **Rates caps:** Keep council rates affordable and refocus councils on core services.
- **More medicines:** Improve access to medicines and care for people with cancer and other serious illnesses.
- **No new taxes:** To give workers, households and businesses greater certainty.

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