

When will I get my bowel screening test?



National
Bowel
Screening
Programme

The National Bowel Screening Programme is free for men and women aged 60 to 74. The programme saves lives through finding bowel cancer early, when it is easier to treat.

People living in the South Canterbury district who are eligible for publicly funded healthcare will be automatically enrolled in the programme. Invitations to take part will be sent through the mail. During the first two years of the programme, when you receive your invitation will depend on your age and birthdate.

Your age	When will you get your invitation?
59	Around your 60 th birthday, regardless of your birthdate.
60 to 73	<p>Around your birthday. If you have an even birthdate (e.g. 2nd, 14th, 26th of the month) you will receive an invitation in year 1 (between October 2020 and October 2021).</p> <p>If you have an odd birthdate (e.g. 3rd, 15th, 27th of the month) you will receive an invitation in year 2 (between October 2021 and October 2022).</p>
74	Shortly before your 75 th birthday (if you have not already been invited to screen).

After people have had their initial screen, those eligible will be invited to screen again every two years until they reach 75 years of age.

For more information go to timetoscreen.nz or freephone 0800 924 432.



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