Step 1
All the votes are counted and sorted by the voters' first preferences.

Step 2
The minimum number of votes required to win a seat is determined. This number depends on how many valid votes are cast and how many MLA seats are available to be filled.

Step 3
Does any candidate have enough votes to win a seat? If no, go to Step 4.
If yes, go to Step 5.

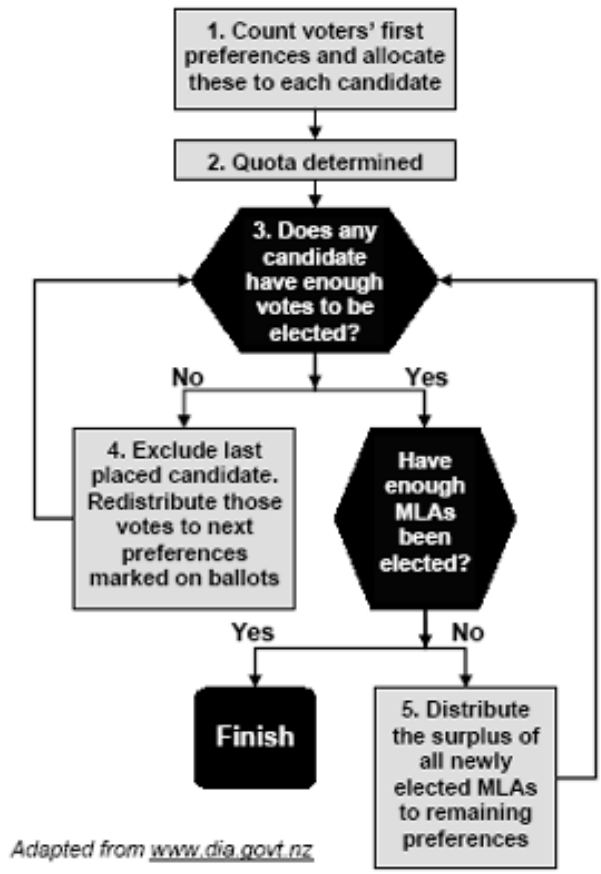
Step 4
Exclude the candidate with the fewest votes. Redistribute these votes – at full value – to the next preference shown on each ballot.

Add up new vote totals and return to Step 3.

Step 5
If the successful candidate has more votes than needed to win a seat, these *surplus* votes are redistributed to the remaining candidates – at a calculated transfer value – based on the next preference listed on each ballot.

Add up new vote totals and return to Step 3.

Counting Continues…
Repeat Steps 3 to 5 until all seats are filled.



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