

## Women in Pacific Parliaments, electoral systems and gender special measures | as of November 2008

Country	Electoral system	Last Election (m y)	Nat/Fed Legislature			Affirmative Action for disadvantaged groups including women
			No. of Seats	Female Members		
				No.	As % of all Members	
American Samoa (USA)	First past the post	11 2004	21	0	0	
Cook Islands	First past the post	9 2006	24	2	8	
Federated States of Micronesia	First past the post	3 2005	14	0	0	
Fiji	Alternative Vote	5 2006	71	8	11	Human Rights commission Act 1999 provides for affirmative action on any prohibited ground in the constitution
French Polynesia(France)	Party List/Plurality Seat Bonus	5 2004	57	24	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Law on parity</li> <li>▪ Use of list proportional representation system</li> </ul>
Guam (USA)	Block Vote	11 2006	15	3	20	
Kiribati	Two Round System one	8 2007	46	2	4	
Marshall Islands	First past the post/block vote	11 2007	33	1	3	
Nauru	Modified Borda count	4 2008	18	0	0	
New Caledonia (France)	Party List	5 2004	54	24	44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Law on parity</li> <li>▪ Use of list proportional representation system</li> </ul>
Niue	First past the post/block vote	4 2005	20	4	20	
Northern Mariana Islands	First past the post	11 2005	18	0	0	
Palau	First past the post	11 2004	16	0	0	
PNG	Limited preferential vote system	6 2007	109	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bougainville - constitutionally reserved seats for women.</li> </ul>



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Samoa	First past the post/block vote	3 2006	49	4	8	Legislation allowed for the establishment of a body to monitor the implementation of non-discriminatory law and policy for the advancement of women. Ministry of women's affairs Act 1990
Solomon Islands	First past the post	4 2006	50	0	0	Provisions for affirmative action for women in its new constitutions being considered
Tonga	First past the post/block vote	4 2008	30	1	3	
Tuvalu	First past the post/block vote	8 2006	15	0	0	The 1997 Falekaupule Act reserving one position for women in local government body
Vanuatu	Single Non-transferable vote	9 2008	52	2	4	
Wallis and Futuna (France)	Party List	4 2007	20	3	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>732</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>11%</b>	
<b>Total excluding French &amp; US territories</b>			<b>565</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4%</b>	

Sources: IPU (2008) <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>; Various websites; Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (2006) *A Women's Place is in the House – The House of Parliament*. Pp.9-12, p.59, p.63.