

# Electoral Visitor Team Member (Mobile Polling Team Member)

People in these roles are employed under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act, 1918* (Electoral Officer EO3). Pay, terms and conditions can be found in the <u>Collective Determination</u>.

## Purpose of the role

Electoral Visitor Team Members work with the Electoral Visitor in Charge to deliver a mobile polling service during the early voting period (up to 2 weeks before voting day). Mobile polling is a unique and important voting service which enables voters who are unable to attend or have difficulties in attending a polling place to vote with AEC staff.

Mobile polling is conducted within a location that is operated by a service provider, for example a residential aged care facility, residential mental health facility, homeless shelter or a prison.

Each team usually consists of one Electoral Visitor in Charge and one or more team members. The Team is supported by the Early Voting Liaison Officer and the divisional office.

# **Key responsibilities**

Provide services to electors in a patient, compassionate and supportive manner.

- Ensure information is provided clearly and in a manner the elector can understand
- Assist electors to access support (ie language translation materials) as required
- Use an approach to ensure people who may be experiencing health challenges and/or are in a difficult time in their life and may be experiencing barriers to participating in electoral processes feel comfortable during the voting process

Issue votes in accordance with policy, procedures and ballot paper principles.

- Use electronic certified lists
- Issue declaration votes (a declaration vote requires the voter to sign a declaration instead of having their name marked off a paper certified list)
- Manage and issue ballot papers to voters
- Assist voters to complete enrolment forms and record information provided
- Maintain ballot paper integrity and security

Monitor the ballot box and queue management.

- Ensure security of ballot boxes throughout polling
- Complete required documentation
- Manage voter queues, considering COVID-19 safe practices

Assist with end-of-day activities.

- Finalise documentation and contribute to packing of materials
- Undertake reconciliation, secure materials, and undertake other duties as directed

### What to expect

#### You will:

- be required to work over the early voting period based on a roster.
- complete online and face-to-face training before commencing in the role
- be required to travel with the team each day
- work non-standard or extended hours under pressure in a fast-moving operational environment
- possibly have long periods sitting, standing or driving, and require the ability to lift and carry materials. Electoral materials must be packed and unpacked at each location and can be considerable.
- work with small groups of diverse people in potentially challenging or complex environments
- be able to communicate clearly, have good attention to detail, and work effectively as part of a team

#### All AEC employees are expected to:

- Adhere to the <u>APS Values and Code of Conduct</u>, and the <u>AEC Values and Commitments</u> (we encourage you to read these before polling day)
- Comply with the procedures and policies outlined in your training
- Avoid any conflict of interest (real or apparent)
- Not be seen to be publicly active in political affairs, and not intend to publicly engage in these activities during your employment with AEC
- Be familiar with, abide by and promote AEC work health and safety frameworks, policies and procedures
- Follow and promote COVID-19 safety measures
- Demonstrate personal integrity and represent the AEC with professionalism
- Engage respectfully with diverse individuals and communities
- Be flexible, adaptable, and work as part of a team
- Take ownership and responsibility for own work
- Handle ballot papers safely and securely throughout all electoral processes

## **Mandatory requirements**

- Australian citizen aged 18 years or over
- Maintain political and issue neutrality and impartiality
- Current driver's licence
- COVID-19 vaccination is required for all mobile polling staff to comply with entry requirements of establishments and communities.
- All staff entering residential aged care facilities also require a 2023 influenza vaccination.
- Facilities or communities may have additional vaccination requirements (such as an up-to-date COVID-19 booster or 2023 Influenza vaccination) which you will need to comply with.
- Other COVID-19 safety measures such as wearing masks and daily rapid antigen testing will apply to this role.
- Access to a mobile phone
- A police check as part of onboarding processes.

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