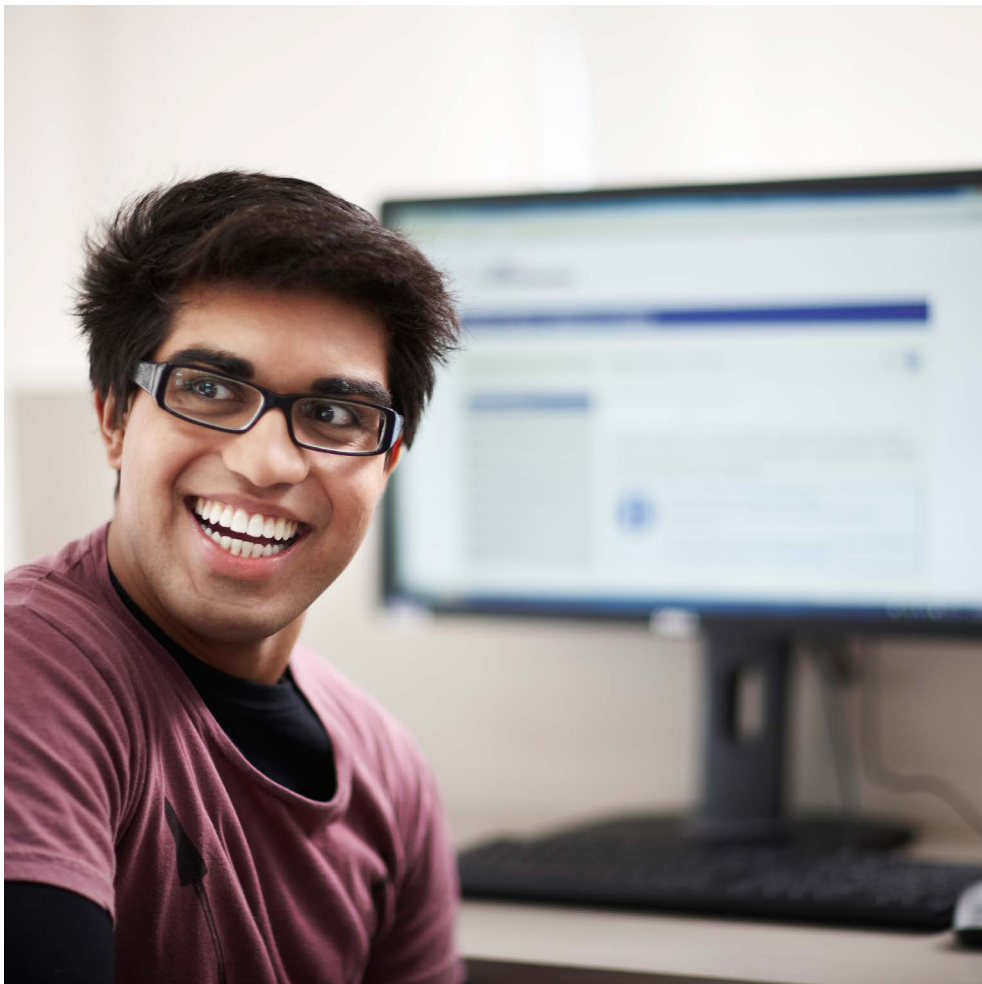


Easy English



How to Enrol to Vote



How to use this guide

This information is written in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Some words are written in **colour**.

We explain what these words mean on [page 16](#).

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What is voting?



Voting is what you do on **election day**.

Voting means you help to choose who represents you in **government**.

Voting lets you have your say.

Don't worry if you have not **voted** before.

Do I have to vote?



Yes.

You have to **vote** if you are:

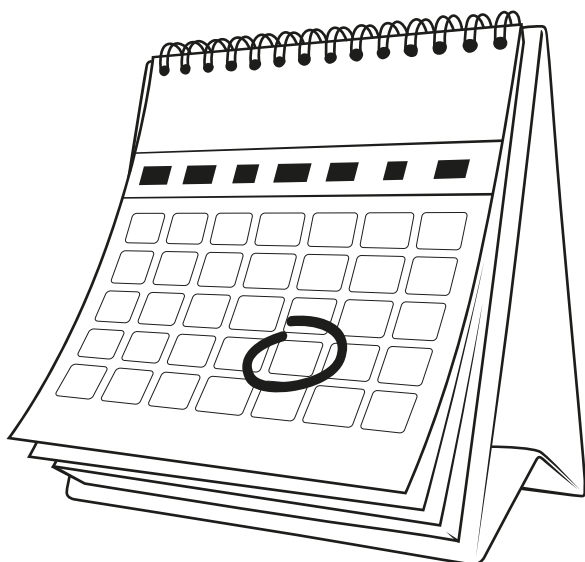
- an **Australian citizen** and
- 18 years old, or older.

Before you can **vote**, you must **enrol**.

When you **enrol**, we put your name on a list of people who can **vote**.

This is called the **electoral roll**.

When should I enrol?

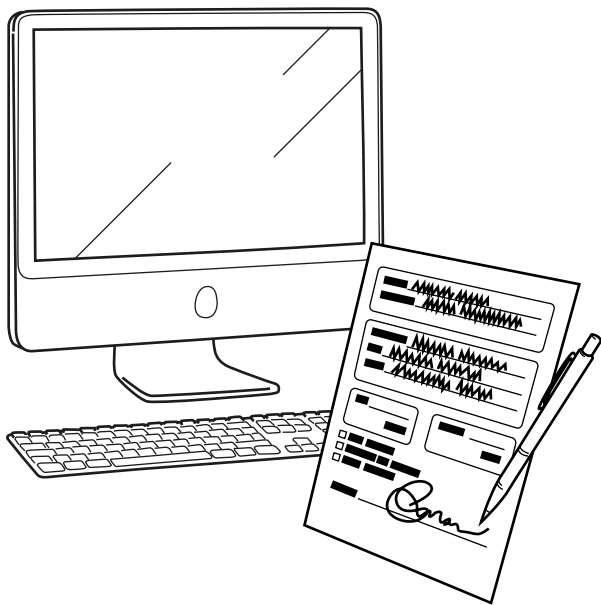


You can **enrol** to **vote** at any time, except when the **electoral roll** has closed.

This happens about 1 month before **election day**.

You should **enrol** now so that you don't miss out.

How do I enrol?

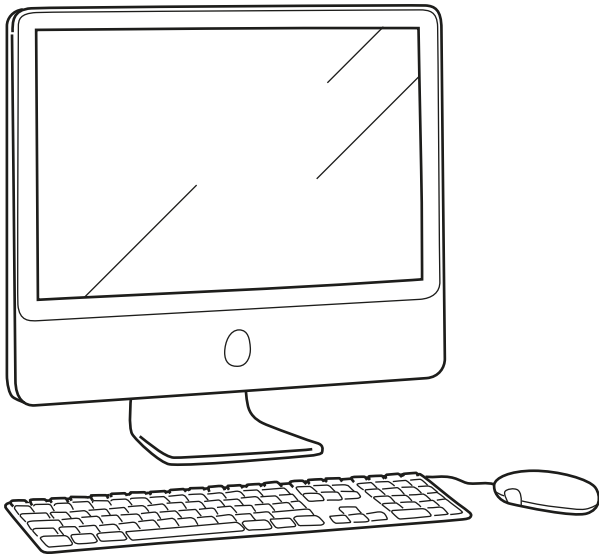


You need to fill out a form called an **enrolment form**.

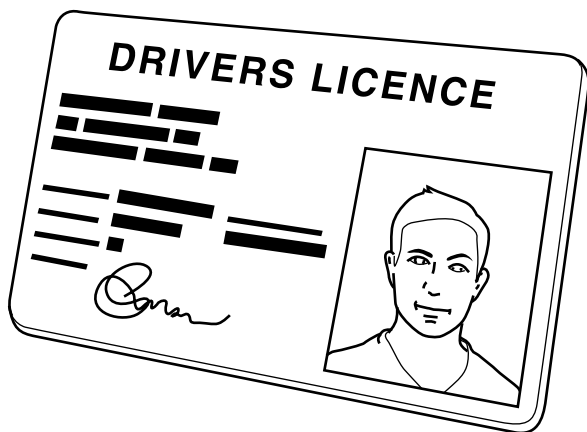
You can fill out an **enrolment form** on a computer with the internet.

Or you can fill out an **enrolment form** on paper.

How do I enrol on a computer?



- Go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol
- Click 'Enrol online'
- Then answer the questions in each step.



One of the steps is about 'evidence of identity'.

This means we need proof of who you are.

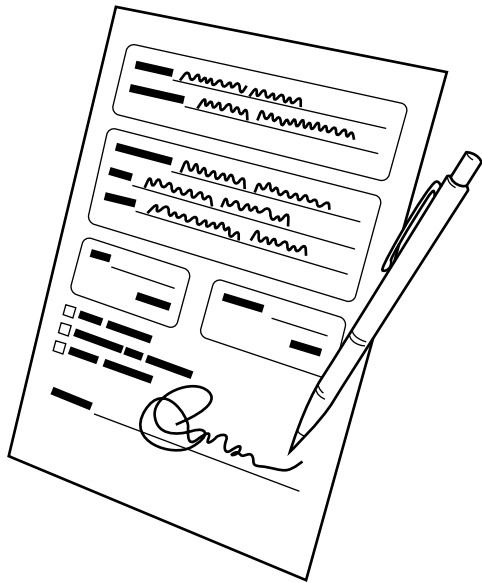
You could use a drivers' licence or passport.

Or someone on the list of **voters** can confirm that they know you.

If you want, you can ask someone to help you.

When you are finished, press the 'submit' button.

How do I enrol on paper?

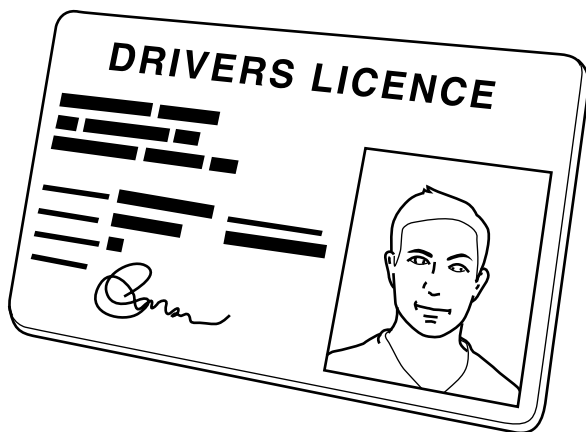


First get a paper **enrolment form** from:

- Any Australia Post office
- **or** any AEC office
- **or** you can phone us on 13 23 26 and we will post an **enrolment form** to you.

The **enrolment form** on paper has some questions.

Answer the questions in each step.



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If you want, you can ask someone to help you.

When you are finished, you need to return the form to us.

How do I return my enrolment form on paper?



You can post it to:
AEC
Reply Paid 9867
In your capital city

You do not need a stamp.



Or you can send it using a fax machine to:

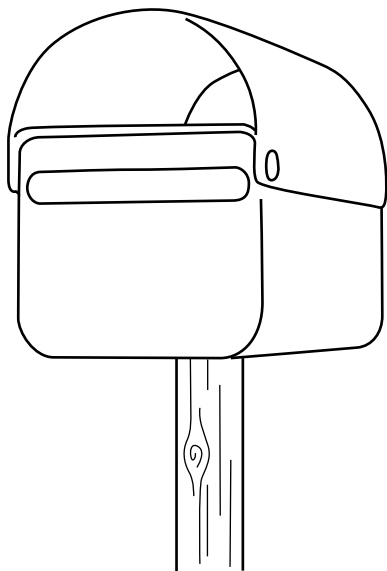
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Or you can take it with you and hand it in at an AEC office.

You can phone us on 13 23 26 and we can help you find an AEC office.

What happens next?



In a few weeks, we will send you a letter.

The letter will say that your name has been added to the list of **voters**.

Now you can **vote**.

What if I move house?



You need to tell us every time you move.

This helps us keep the list of **voters** up to date.

If you have moved house, just fill out a new **enrolment form**.

Am I on the list of voters?



It is easy to check.

You can:

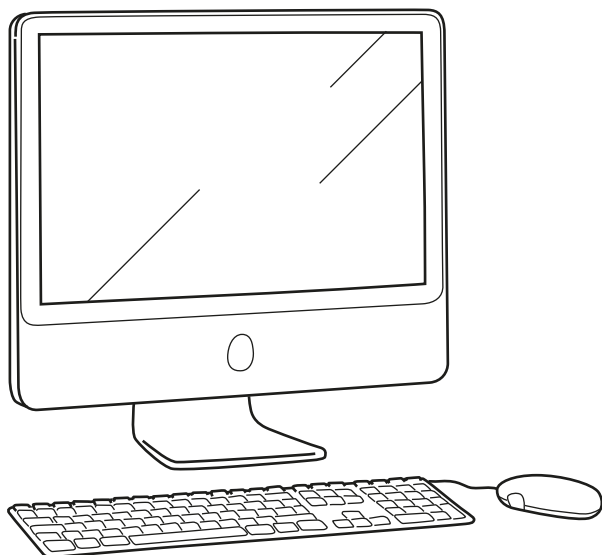
- Use a computer and go to www.aec.gov.au/check
- **or** phone us on 13 23 26 and we will check for you
- **or** go into an AEC office and we will check for you.

How can I get more information?



If you want to know how to **vote**, there are two other books:

- **How to Vote at a Polling Place**
- **How to Vote by Mail**



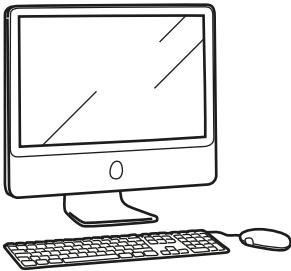
If you have a computer with the internet, you can look at these books on our website www.aec.gov.au

There is also information in other languages on our website.

What do these words mean?

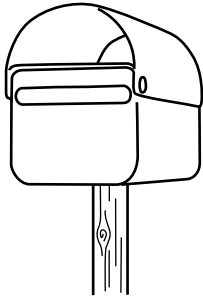
Word	Meaning
Australian citizen	A person born in Australia. Or a person who was born overseas and has become an Australian citizen .
Enrol	Put your name on the list of people who can vote .
Enrolment form	The form you fill out before you can vote . This puts your name on the list of people who vote .
Election day	The day that most people vote .
Electoral roll	The list of people who vote in an election .
Government	A group of people who represent the people of Australia. The government makes the law.
Vote or voting	How you help to choose who represents you in government .
Voters	All the people who vote in the election .

How can I get help?



Website: www.aec.gov.au

Or www.aec.gov.au/enquiry



Postal address:

AEC
Reply Paid 9867
In your capital city



Phone:

- 13 23 26
- 0011 61 2 6160 2600
(from outside Australia)



National Relay Service:

- TTY users phone 133 677 and ask for 13 23 26
- Speak and Listen users phone 1300 555 727
and ask for 13 23 26
- Internet relay users connect to the NRS and ask for 13 23 26