

Am I eligible to vote early?

You can vote early, either in person or by post, if on polling day you can't attend a polling place because you:

- are outside the electorate where you are enrolled to vote
- are more than 8km from a polling place
- are travelling
- can't leave your workplace to vote
- are seriously ill, infirm, have recently given birth or are expected shortly to do so (or caring for someone who is)
- are a person with disability (or caring for someone who is)
- are a patient in hospital
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place
- are in prison serving a sentence of less than three years or otherwise detained
- are a silent elector
- have a reasonable fear for your safety

Carefully consider your options as voting early in person may be an easier option than voting by post.

In person

If eligible, you can vote in person before polling day at an early voting centre in Australia or overseas (when available). The locations and opening times of early voting centres are available at www.aec.gov.au or by calling 13 23 26.

By post

You can apply for a postal vote online via the AEC website www.aec.gov.au/pva or by using this application.

The AEC must receive your application by 6pm on the Wednesday before polling day for your application to be accepted.

Return your completed application as soon as possible. Ensure you leave enough time to receive and complete your postal vote by polling day, prior to returning to the AEC.

The AEC will start sending ballot papers to voters who have applied for a postal vote after candidate nominations are declared and ballot papers are printed (usually 2–3 weeks after the announcement of the election).

In a referendum, voting papers will be sent as soon as possible after the issue of writ of the referendum.

Please note: the AEC accepts faxed and emailed forms however as the security of external systems cannot be assured, the AEC does not accept any liability for unauthorised interception of electronic communications associated with the use of this form.

About your postal vote application

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* (the 'Acts'), to collect and verify the information you have been asked to complete on this application form.

The information you have provided will assist the AEC with processing your application and postal vote and may be viewed by authorised staff and scrutineers. The AEC may seek further information from you or provide you with information about the progress of your application using any of the contact details you provide on your application form.

The AEC, in accordance with the Acts, is required to provide when requested, your name, date of birth and residential address to eligible candidates for the Senate or House of Representatives and eligible registered political parties after the election. In accordance with the Acts, the applications for an electoral division are available for public inspection at the relevant divisional office after the election and until the election can no longer be questioned.

The AEC will deal with the information that you provide in accordance with its privacy policy published at www.aec.gov.au/privacy

Please note that if you return this form to a third party and not directly to the AEC, a third party may not be required to handle your information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988.

Returning your form

Email: applications@pva.aec.gov.au
Post: Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9988 [Your capital city]
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)
Fax: 02 8009 0814
In person: www.aec.gov.au for your nearest office

For more information

Australian Electoral Commission: www.aec.gov.au or 13 23 26.
From outside Australia please call +61 2 6160 2600.

Help in other languages

العربية	Arabic	1300 720 132	Jezyk polski	Polish	1300 720 143
廣東話	Cantonese	1300 720 135	Português	Portuguese	1300 720 145
Hrvatski	Croatian	1300 720 136	Русский язык	Russian	1300 720 146
Ελληνικά	Greek	1300 720 137	Српски	Serbian	1300 720 147
Italiano	Italian	1300 720 138	Español	Spanish	1300 720 148
ខ្មែរ	Khmer	1300 720 134	Türkçe	Turkish	1300 720 149
한국어	Korean	1300 720 468	Tiếng Việt	Vietnamese	1300 720 152
Македонски	Macedonian	1300 720 139	Other languages		1300 720 153
普通话	Mandarin	1300 720 142			

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have difficulties with speech or reading

Contact the AEC through the National Relay Service (NRS):

TTY: 133 677 then ask for 13 23 26

Speak and Listen: 1300 555 727 then ask for 13 23 26

Internet relay: connect to the NRS then ask for 13 23 26.



Postal vote application form

You can complete this form online at www.aec.gov.au/pva



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