

Am I eligible to vote early?

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

- won't be in the ward where you are enrolled to vote;
- will be more than 8km from a polling place or mobile polling booth;
- will be travelling and can't get to a polling place;
- are seriously ill, infirm or due to give birth shortly (or if you caring for someone who is and you can't vote at a hospital);
- are a patient in hospital and can't vote at the hospital;
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place;
- are in prison or in custody or detention (and can't vote at the prison);
- can't leave your workplace to vote.

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

The AEC will start sending voting papers to voters who have applied for a postal vote after candidate nominations are declared and ballot papers are printed.

Postal Vote Application Form

More information

For information, please contact the Australian Electoral Commission at:

 www.aec.gov.au/tsra

 TSRA@aec.gov.au

 07 3834 3431

www.aec.gov.au/tsra

Torres Strait Regional
Authority Election

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION USING BLOCK LETTERS AND BLUE OR BLACK INK

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

- 1 The personal information you give on this application is used for electoral purposes only and may be viewed by authorised staff and scrutineers.
- 2 Your claimed enrolled address is the address that appears on the Commonwealth electoral roll.
- 3 The AEC may require these details to contact you to resolve any urgent queries regarding your application.
- 4 Please give the postal address where you want your voting papers sent. If it is the same as your claimed enrolled address, print 'as above'.

DECLARATION

Please check the "Am I eligible to vote early?" section before you sign this declaration. **You must sign this declaration in front of an authorised witness.**

WITNESS

Information for an authorised witness

You can be a witness if your name is on the Commonwealth electoral roll.

If you are an authorised witness you must:

- know who the person is;
- watch the person sign the application form; and
- be satisfied that the statements are true and then sign the form, date it and write your name and address.

How to apply

You can apply for a postal vote from the Returning Officer.

By mail

If you are applying by mail you must post your application to:

Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 5024
CAIRNS QLD 4870

However, you should keep in mind that the application must reach the Returning Officer by the last mail clearance on the Thursday before polling day to allow for the voting material to be sent to you for completion and posting before the close of poll.

In person

You can lodge this application with the Returning Officer at:

Level 2, Commonwealth Centre
104 Grafton Street
CAIRNS CITY QLD 4870

By email

Return the completed postal vote application to the Returning Officer at TSRA@aec.gov.au

Application for a Postal Vote

1 Title
 Ms Miss Mrs Mr Other

Surname

Given names

Date of birth
 / /

2 Address where you are enrolled

Postcode

3 Daytime phone number for contact

4 Please send me a ballot paper to the following address

Postcode

DECLARATION

I declare that I am entitled to apply for a postal vote

Signature of applicant

Date / / **Note:** Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

WITNESS

Witness name [BLOCK LETTERS]

Witness address

Postcode

- I am satisfied as to the identity of the applicant;
- I saw the applicant sign this application; and
- I am satisfied that all statements in it are true.

Signature of authorised witness

Date / /

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Issuing Office

Issuing Officer

Certificate No.

Elector's Ward

Date of Issue / /