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:

- 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 or due to give birth shortly (or if you are 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 announcement 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 guestioned.

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

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
廣東話	Cantonese	1300	720	135
Hrvatski	Croatian	1300	720	136
Ελληνικά	Greek	1300	720	137
Italiano	Italian	1300	720	138
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한국어	Korean	1300	720	468
Македонски	Macedonian	1300	720	139
普通话	Mandarin	1300	720	142

Język polski	Polish	1300	720	143
Português	Portuguese	1300	720	145
Русский язык	Russian	1300	720	146
Српски	Serbian	1300	720	147
Español	Spanish	1300	720	148
Türkçe	Turkish	1300	720	149
Tiếng Việt	Vietnamese	1300	720	152
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If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have difficulties with speech or reading

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

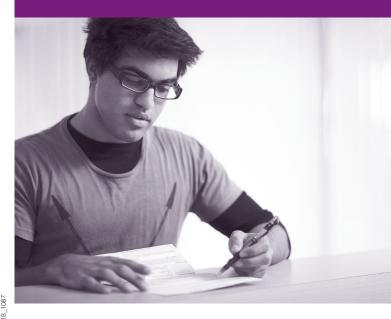
TTY: 133 677 then ask for 13 23 26

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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Postal vote application form

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Please include your street/road and unit number 3. FULL ENROLLED ADDRESS

(if applicable).

If you are unsure of your enrolled address please visit www.aec.gov.au/check or call 13 23 26

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4. POSTAL ADDRESS

This is where your voting papers will be mailed to and can be an address in Australia or overseas.

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5. CONTACT DETAILS

The AEC requires these details so they can contact you to resolve any urgent queries regarding your application.

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notifications about the progress of this application and receipt of ballot papers.

I do not want to receive notifications

SECURITY QUESTION AND ANSWER

your postal vote. When you receive your postal vote you will be asked to write your answer on the envelope containing Your security question and answer is used to help verify your ballot papers. Select one security question and write your answer below.

- A: In what town/city were you born?
- B: What company did you first work for?
- C: What was the last school you attended?
- <u>~</u>: D: What was the make/model of your first car?

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7. DECLARATION

personally sign and date below. Please note that giving The person named at part one (1) of this form must false or misleading information is a serious offence.

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

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