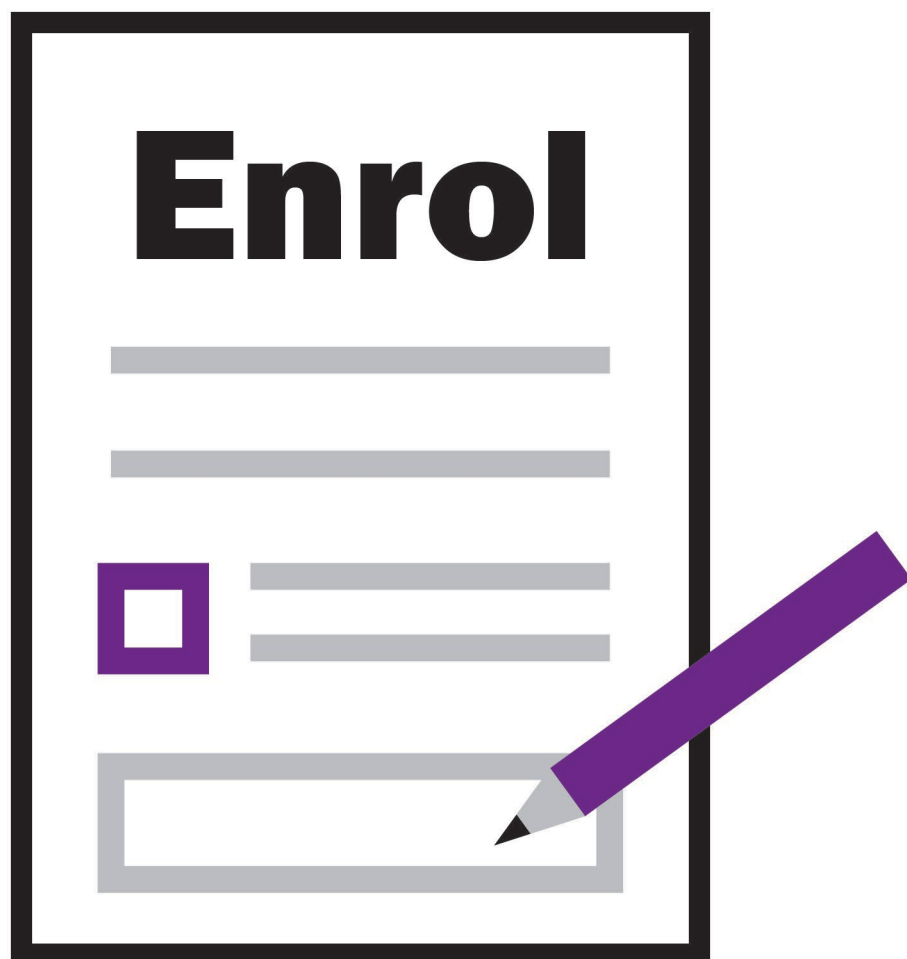


How to enrol to vote

Easy read version



How to use this guide



The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) wrote this guide. When you see the word 'we', it means AEC.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 19.



You can find other Easy Read guides on our website.

www.aec.gov.au/assistance



You can ask for support to read this guide. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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What is a federal election?



In Australia there is a **federal election** about every 3 years.



A federal election is for the whole country.

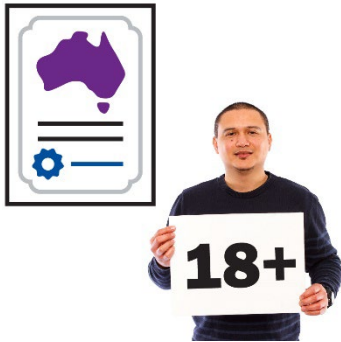


It's how Australia's government is chosen.



On the election day, Australian people will **vote**.

When you vote, you help to choose who is part of Australia's government.



You must vote if you are:

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



A citizen is someone who has the rights and freedoms of the country where they live.

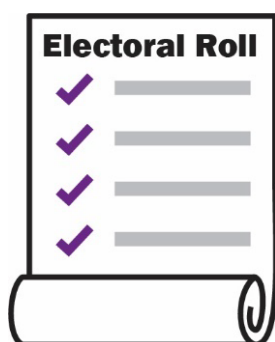


Voting lets you have your say about who runs our country.

How do you enrol to vote?



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



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

This list is called the **electoral roll**.



To go on the electoral roll, you must fill out an enrolment form.

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When you turn 16, you can enrol to vote.

When you turn 18, you'll be ready to vote.

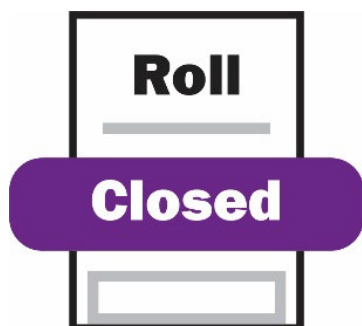
You can fill out an enrolment form:



- online



- on paper.



You can enrol to vote at any time.

But you must enrol before the electoral roll closes to vote in an election.



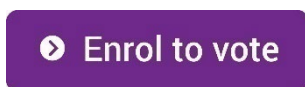
The electoral roll closes 1 week after the Prime Minister sets the date of the election.

Enrolling online



You can enrol to vote on our website.

www.aec.gov.au/enrol



There is a button that says: Enrol to vote.

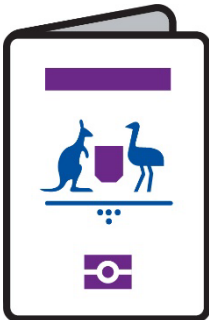


You need to answer some questions.

We will ask for proof of who you are, such as:



- a driver's licence



- an Australian passport



- a Medicare card



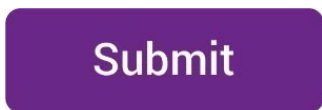
- a certificate proving you're an Australian citizen.



Someone else on the electoral roll can also prove that they know you.



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



When you are finished, you need to use the 'Submit' button to send your enrolment to us.

Enrolling on paper



To enrol on paper, you need to fill out an enrolment form.



You can get an enrolment form at any AEC office.



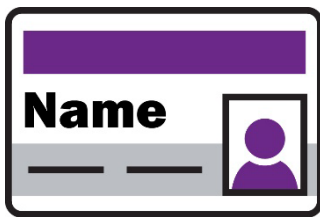
If you call us, we can send you an enrolment form in the mail.

Our number is **13 23 26**.

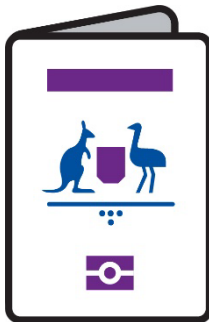


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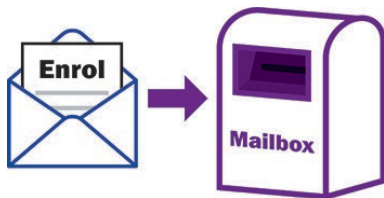
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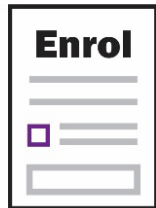
When you are finished, you need to send us the form.



You can post it to us.

AEC
Reply Paid 9867
In your capital city

You don't need to use a stamp.



You can take the form to an AEC office.

If you call us, we can help you to find an AEC office near you.



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You can scan it and upload it to our website.

www.aec.gov.au/return



What happens next?



We will send you a letter a few weeks after you enrol.



The letter will say that your name is now on the electoral roll.

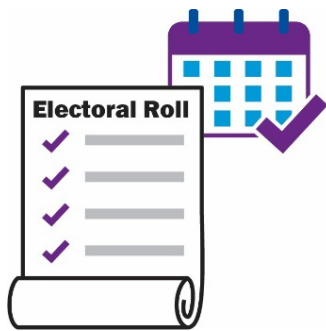


This means you can vote in an election.

What if you move house?



You need to tell us every time you move to a new house.



This helps us keep the electoral roll up-to-date.



If you move to a new house, please fill out a new enrolment form.

Are you already on the electoral roll?



It is easy to check if you are already on the electoral roll.



You can visit our website.

www.aec.gov.au/check



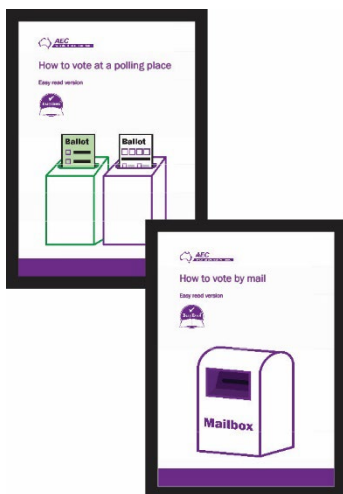
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You can also visit an AEC office and we will check for you.

How can you get more information?



If you want to find out more about voting, we have 2 other guides you can read:

- *How to vote at a polling place*
- *How to vote by mail.*



You can find these guides on our website.

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We also have information on our website for people who speak languages other than English.

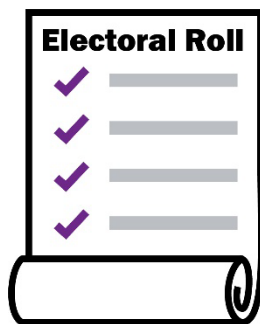
Word list

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Electoral roll

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Enrol

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Federal election

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Vote

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of Australia's government.



Voters

People who can vote.

More information



You can call us for more information.

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www.youtube.com/@AECTV

National Relay Service



You can call the National Relay Service if you:

- are deaf or hard of hearing
- find it hard to speak using the phone.



TTY

133 677



Speak and Listen

1300 555 727



Ask these services to connect you to our phone number.

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Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)



If you speak a language other than English, you can call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS).

131 450



Tell them what language you speak.



Ask them to connect you to our phone number.

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