

# Enrol to vote for federal elections from outside Australia

**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## Who can use this form?

You can use this form to enrol to vote if you are currently living outside Australia and:

- you are not currently enrolled, and
- you are an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984, and
- you are 18 years or older, and
- you departed Australia within the last three years and intend to return within six years of your date of departure from Australia.

**Note:** To check whether you are currently enrolled visit [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au). If you are already enrolled you should complete the 'Registration as an overseas elector' form available from the website.

## Is it compulsory to enrol and vote?

No, but if you are enrolled and don't either vote or apply for a postal vote, your enrolment as an overseas elector may be cancelled.

## In which division can you enrol?

You must enrol for the address where:

- A** you were last eligible to be enrolled
- B** one of your next of kin is currently enrolled
- C** you were born, if neither of the above apply, or
- D** you have the closest connection if none of the above apply.

Within three weeks of receiving your enrolment form the AEC will confirm your enrolment. We may seek further information from you and confirm your enrolment using any of the contact details you provide.

## What happens when your circumstances change?

By enrolling as an overseas elector, your name will be retained on the roll for a period of six years while you are away.

If, after leaving Australia, you find that you will be away for more than six years, you can apply in writing to the Divisional Returning Officer at [info@aec.gov.au](mailto:info@aec.gov.au) to have your overseas enrolment extended by one year at a time. You must do this in the three months before your registration is due to expire.

## Overseas voting arrangements for federal elections

There are three options for voting from overseas:

**Option 1** — You can register as a general postal voter at Question 12 for federal elections and referendums. You will be sent ballot papers as soon as practicable after the declaration of nominations.

**Option 2** — You can vote in person on or before polling day, at an Australian overseas mission which provides full consular services.

During an election period a full list of overseas voting locations is available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

**Option 3** — If you do not register as a general postal voter and you cannot vote in person, you may apply for a postal vote. To do so, contact an Australian overseas mission, any AEC office in Australia or download an 'Application for a postal vote' from the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au). Arranging a postal vote is your responsibility.

**Note:** Provisions for voting as an overseas elector for state and territory elections can vary and you can obtain relevant information from the relevant state or territory authority.

## Who has access to your enrolment information?

### The Commonwealth of Australia

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (CEA) to collect and verify the information you have been asked to complete on this form. The information provided will assist the AEC to maintain electoral rolls.

The AEC may disclose electoral information to persons or organisations in accordance with the CEA. This may include:

- access to the publicly available electoral roll (containing names and addresses) which may be inspected at electoral offices
- state and territory electoral authorities
- Members of Parliament, Senators, registered political parties, and candidates for the House of Representatives
- approved medical research and public health screening programs
- any agencies, persons or organisations prescribed in the *Electoral and Referendum Regulations 1940*.

For more information on privacy, visit [www.privacy.gov.au](http://www.privacy.gov.au)

## For more information

Australian Electoral Commission

[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or **13 23 26** in Australia, or + **61 2 6271 4411**

## Returning your form

**Post** Australian Electoral Commission  
Reply Paid 9867  
CAPITAL CITY\*  
AUSTRALIA  
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)

\* Insert the name of the capital city of the state/territory for which you are enrolling

<b>Fax</b>	Australian Capital Territory	+ 61 2 6257 6014
	New South Wales	+ 61 2 9375 6384
	Northern Territory	+ 61 8 8982 8025
	Queensland	+ 61 7 3834 3403
	South Australia	+ 61 8 8237 6564
	Tasmania	+ 61 3 6235 0568
	Victoria	+ 61 3 9285 7167
	Western Australia	+ 61 8 6363 8051

**Email** [info@aec.gov.au](mailto:info@aec.gov.au)



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**12**Office use only –  
Date receivedCATS **E** Notation **EO**ACK **N** NINApproved  Not approved 

Signature

Title

Date / /

**1 Your current name**If completing by hand use a  where appropriate.  
Use black or blue pen and BLOCK LETTERSMr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other Family name Given name(s) **2 Date of birth**  
(dd/mm/yyyy) •  •  1 9  Gender **3 I am applying to enrol for the address where:**Please select the **FIRST** statement that applies to you and show the relevant address at Question 5**A**  I was last eligible to be enrolled**B**  one of my next of kin is currently enrolled as I have not previously been enrolledFull name of next of kin **C**  I was born, as neither A nor B applies**D**  I have the closest connection, as none of the above statements apply**Note:** (D) can only apply to persons born outside Australia**4 If you selected option B, C or D, please provide a short statement to support your selection**  
  
**5 The residential address where I am claiming enrolment is:**Clearly identify this address.  
A locality name or mail service number is not enough  
  
 State  Postcode **6 Do you intend to return to an address within the same state/territory?**Yes No **7 Postal address**

Your postal voting papers will be sent to this address

  
  
  
**8 Email address****9 Citizenship status**

To enrol you must be an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was on the Commonwealth electoral roll on 25 January 1984

 **Australian citizen by birth** Town of birth  State or territory 

or

 **I have become an Australian citizen** Citizenship certificate number Country of birth   
Name on citizenship certificate 

or

 **British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984**Name on 25 January 1984 Country of birth **10 Date you departed Australia** •  •  2 0 **11 Date you expect to return to Australia** •  •  2 0 **Note:** To be eligible to enrol, your expected date of return must be within six years of your date of departure

**12 Do you wish to register as a general postal voter?**

Yes  Your postal voting papers will be sent to the postal address given at Question 7  
No

**13 Evidence of your identity**

Confirm your identity using one of these three options

**Australian driver's licence** Number  State or territory

*or*

**Australian passport** Number

*or*

**A person who is on the Commonwealth electoral roll will confirm my identity**

- *I am on the Commonwealth electoral roll, and*
- *I confirm the identity of the applicant.*

**Signature**

**Name and address (BLOCK LETTERS)**

  

**14 Your declaration**

- *I am eligible to enrol at the address at Question 5 and claim enrolment for federal elections*
- *All the information I have given on this form is true and complete, and*
- *I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.*

**Your signature or mark**

**NOTE:** If the elector makes a mark because they are unable to sign their name, they must have a witness sign below.

**Returning your form – see information page for instructions**