

# Enrol to vote or update your details as a prisoner in Victoria



**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## Who can use this form?

You can use this form to enrol if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, and
- an Australian citizen or a British subject who was on a Commonwealth roll on 25 January 1984\*, and
- serving a full-time prison sentence.

\* For Victorian electors only, you are eligible to enrol and vote if you were a British subject enrolled between 26 October 1983 and 25 January 1984 inclusive.

If you were already enrolled when you started serving your sentence, by completing this form you are advising us that you are absent from your enrolled address and will not be removed from the roll while you are in prison.

**Note:** You are not eligible to enrol or remain on the roll for Victorian state elections if your prison sentence is five years or more.

You can check whether you are currently enrolled on the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or call **13 23 26**.

## Is it compulsory to enrol and vote?

Yes, if you are 18 or older it is compulsory to enrol and vote for federal and state elections and referendums. However, you can only vote in federal elections if you are serving a full-time prison sentence of **less** than three years.

It is compulsory to enrol and vote in Victorian state elections if you are serving a prison sentence of less than five years.

## In which division/electorate can you enrol?

For federal elections, you must enrol for the address where:

- A** you were last eligible to be enrolled (this will generally be the place where you last lived for at least one month), or
- B** one of your next of kin is currently enrolled if you have not previously been eligible to enrol, or
- C** you were born, if neither of the above apply, or
- D** you have the closest connection if none of the above apply.

For Victorian state elections you can only be enrolled for the address where you were living at the time of your conviction.

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 are your voting options?

You can register as a general postal voter to have ballot papers automatically sent to you when a federal or Victorian state election or referendum is called. You can register by crossing the 'Yes' box at question 7.

If you do not register as a general postal voter a mobile polling team may visit your prison or you will need to apply for a postal vote for the relevant election.

## What happens when you are released?

After your release you must complete a new enrolment form to advise us of your new address so that we can update the electoral roll. You can get an enrolment form at any Australia Post outlet or at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

## 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)

### The State of Victoria

Under the *Victorian Electoral Act 2002*, enrolment information is available to:

- Members of Parliament, registered political parties and election candidates. This information includes name, address, date of birth and gender.
- The AEC and the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) exchange electoral information under a joint roll arrangement to update the electoral roll. As part of the roll update activities the VEC may disclose your name to other people living at your enrolment address.
- The electoral roll can be inspected at the office of the VEC. Only names and addresses are provided, though the addresses of silent electors are not disclosed on the publicly available roll.
- The Juries Commission under the *Juries Act 2000* and local governments under the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- Other organisations – in limited circumstances. However, before releasing enrolment information, the Victorian Electoral Commission must weigh up public interest arguments with privacy considerations and consult with the Privacy Commissioner. A full list of agencies receiving enrolment information is available from [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au) and the VEC.

## For more information

Australian Electoral Commission  
[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or **13 23 26**

Victorian Electoral Commission  
[www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au) or **1300 805 478**

## Returning your form

**Post** Australian Electoral Commission  
Reply Paid 9867  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001  
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)

**Fax** 03 9285 7167

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



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CATS **C** NIN

## 1 Your current name

If completing by hand use a  where appropriate.  
Use black or blue pen and  
BLOCK LETTERS

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given name(s)

### If notifying a change of name

Previous family name

Previous given name(s)

## 2 Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

.  . 1 9  Gender

## 3 I am serving a full-time sentence of imprisonment and I am applying to enrol for federal and Victorian state elections at the address where:

Please select the FIRST statement that applies to you and show the relevant address below

A  I was last eligible to be enrolled

B  one of my next of kin is currently enrolled, as I have not previously been eligible to enrol

Full 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

## 4 The address where I am claiming enrolment is:

Clearly identify this address.  
A locality name or mail service number is not enough

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
State                      Postcode

## 5 Are you eligible for state enrolment because your sentence is less than five years?

Yes  My address at the time of my conviction was:

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
State                      Postcode

No

## 6 Current postal address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
State                      Postcode

## 7 Do you wish to register as a general postal voter for federal and state elections?

Yes  Your ballot papers will be sent to your postal address whenever a federal or Victorian state election is held.

No  You may have access to a mobile polling team or you can apply for a postal vote.

**8 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

For Victorian electors only, if you were a British subject enrolled between 26 October 1983 and 25 January 1984 inclusive

**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

**9 Evidence of your identity**

Confirm your identity using one of these three options

Required for federal enrolment only

**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 of person confirming your identity

Name and address of person confirming your identity (BLOCK LETTERS)

**10 Your declaration**

- I am eligible to enrol at the addresses provided at questions 4 and 5
- 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:** The witness declaration must be completed for **state and local government** enrolment and in all cases where an elector has made a mark, if unable to sign their name.

**11 Witness declaration**

- I am on the Victorian electoral roll, and
- I saw the applicant sign or make a mark on this form.

Signature

Name and address (BLOCK LETTERS)

Returning your form – see information page for instructions