

Enrol to vote or update your details as a prisoner in Western Australia

**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

Who can use this form?

You can use this form to enrol for federal elections 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 Western Australian 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.

You can check whether you are currently enrolled on the AEC website at 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.

You can only vote in Western Australian state elections if you are serving a sentence of less than one year.

In which division can you enrol?

You must enrol for the electoral area 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.

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 election or referendum is called. You can register by crossing the 'Yes' box at question 6.

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

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

The State of Western Australia

Similar information to that provided to Commonwealth agencies is provided by the Western Australian Electoral Commission to state agencies for law enforcement and medical research and to local governments for electoral purposes.

For more information

Australian Electoral Commission
www.aec.gov.au or **13 23 26**

Western Australian Electoral Commission
www.waec.wa.gov.au or **13 63 06**

Returning your form

Post Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9867
PERTH WA 6001
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)

Fax 08 6363 8051

Email info@aec.gov.au

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8 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

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Name and address (BLOCK LETTERS)

9 Your declaration

- I am eligible to enrol at the above address
- 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

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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.

10 Witness declaration

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

Signature

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Name and address (BLOCK LETTERS)

Returning your form – see information page for instructions