



# Electoral enrolment from outside Australia for federal elections



Use this form **ONLY** if you are not currently enrolled **AND** you are living outside Australia

**IMPORTANT** — Please read the information on this page before you start to fill in the form

## Enrolment and voting

### Can you enrol to vote if you are living overseas?

You are eligible to enrol if you are currently living outside Australia, and:

- you are an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was on a Commonwealth Electoral Roll on 25 January 1984; and
- are 18 years or older (You may enrol when you are 17, but you cannot vote until you are 18); and
- you departed Australia within the last 3 years and intend to return within 6 years of your date of departure from Australia; and
- you are not already enrolled.

**Note:** If you are already enrolled you can register as an overseas elector using the form **Application for registration as an overseas elector** available from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

To check whether you are currently enrolled, call the AEC on **13 23 26** in Australia or **+61 2 6271 4411** from overseas, or visit the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

### In which electorate (subdivision) can you enrol?

You must enrol for the subdivision (electorate) for which you were previously eligible to be enrolled. If you have not previously been eligible to enrol, then you must enrol for an electorate in which one of your next of kin is currently enrolled. If neither of these conditions applies, then you must enrol in the electorate in which you were born, or, if you were not born in Australia, then the electorate with which you have the closest connection.

### Registration as an overseas elector

If your application for enrolment is accepted, you will be registered as an overseas elector. This will ensure that your name will be retained on the roll while you are outside Australia. Your registration is valid for 6 years from your date of departure from Australia.

If, after leaving Australia, you find that you will be away for more than 6 years, you can apply to the Divisional Returning Officer to have your registration for federal elections extended by 1 year at a time.

You must apply to have your registration extended in the three months before your registration is due to expire. The application must be in writing and signed by you.

As provisions for enrolment and registration of overseas electors for state and territory elections can vary, please contact the AEC or the relevant state or territory electoral authority if you require more information.

### Do you have to enrol and vote?

Enrolment and voting by people outside Australia is not compulsory. However, if you are enrolled and you do not vote, or apply for a postal vote at a federal election, you will no longer be treated as an eligible overseas elector.

### Overseas voting arrangements for federal elections

If a federal election or referendum is held while you are overseas you will be able to vote in person, on or before polling day, at those Australian overseas missions which provide full consular services. You should check with the mission for details of voting hours. This special provision applies only to voting at federal elections and referendums. If you cannot vote in person, you may apply for a postal vote to an Australian overseas mission which provides full consular services, or to any AEC office in Australia. Arranging a postal vote is your responsibility.

A full list of overseas voting locations is available on the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

### Can you register as a general postal voter?

Yes, you can register as a general postal voter for federal and state elections and referendum (excluding WA State elections) at question 10 on the form. You will be sent ballot papers as soon as practicable after the declaration of nominations.

## Who has access to your enrolment information

### The general public

The electoral roll can be inspected at any Australian Electoral Commission office or the office of a state or territory electoral authority. Only names and addresses are provided on the publicly available roll.

### The Commonwealth of Australia

Electoral information may be disclosed to persons or organisations as listed in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. These persons or organisations may include –

- Members of Parliament, Senators, registered political parties, and candidates for House of Representatives elections.
- Electoral authorities of states and territories that have a joint roll arrangement with the Commonwealth.
- Approved medical research and public health screening programs.
- Agencies, persons or organisations prescribed in the Electoral and Referendum Regulations 1940, including certain Australian government agencies and particular bodies for identity verification purposes under Commonwealth legislation relating to financial tracing and anti-money laundering.

For more detailed information on who may access electoral information, see the legislation, [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or contact the Australian Electoral Commission.

Enrolment information is also made available under various state and territory legislation. Please contact your relevant state or territory electoral authority for further information.

## Proof of identity

You must prove your identity for electoral enrolment

### How do you prove your identity?

- A** If you have an **Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport** provide the details at Question 11 on PAGE A2.

**You will only need to complete and return PAGE A1 AND A2**

- B** If you don't have an Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport you need an **authorised person** (see PAGE B) to **sight an original of ONE of the documents listed on PAGE B**.

**You will need to complete and return PAGE A1, A2 and PAGE B OR**

- C** If you don't have an Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport, AND you don't have any of the documents listed on PAGE B, you need **TWO people who are enrolled and have known you for at least one month to confirm your identity** (see PAGE C).

**You will need to complete and return PAGE A1, A2 and PAGE C**

## Returning your form

Post your completed form to:

**Australian Electoral Commission  
Reply paid 9867**

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

Or fax to —

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| New South Wales              | + 61 2 9281 9384 |
| Victoria                     | + 61 3 9285 7167 |
| Queensland                   | + 61 7 3832 3058 |
| Western Australia            | + 61 8 6363 8051 |
| South Australia              | + 61 8 8231 2664 |
| Tasmania                     | + 61 3 6234 4268 |
| Australian Capital Territory | + 61 2 6257 6014 |
| Northern Territory           | + 61 8 8981 4725 |

## If you need more information

Australian Electoral Commission

[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

or call **+ 61 2 6271 4411** from outside Australia

or call **13 23 26** in Australia



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| <b>I</b> |  | <b>E</b> | <b>EO</b> | <b>N</b> |  |
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Approved       Not approved       Signature - AEO      /      /

If completing by hand use: X in the boxes where appropriate, black or blue ink and BLOCK LETTERS

**1 Your current name**

Mr       Mrs       Ms       Miss       Dr       Other

Family name

Given name(s)

**2 I am applying to enrol:**

Please select the **FIRST** statement that applies to you and show the relevant address at Question 3 below.

**A**  **where I was last eligible to be enrolled**

**B**  **where one of my next of kin is currently enrolled, as I have not previously been eligible to enrolment**  
*Full name of next of kin*

**C**  **where I was born, as neither A nor B applies**

**D**  **where I have the closest connection, as none of the above statements apply**

**Note:** (D) can only apply to persons born outside Australia.  
 You must register under the highest category applicable from the order shown above. If you are applying for registration under a category other than (A), you should attach to your application a short statement of reasons as to why a higher category is not applicable in your case.

**3 The address for which you are claiming enrolment**

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

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|  |       |  |          |  |
|  | State |  | Postcode |  |

**4 Postal address**

Your postal voting papers will be sent to this address

|  |       |  |          |  |
|--|-------|--|----------|--|
|  |       |  |          |  |
|  | State |  | Postcode |  |

Email address

**5 Date of birth**      e.g. 25/03/1975       /  /

Write dates as dd/mm/yyyy

**Gender**      

**6 Are you an Australian citizen by birth?**

You must be an Australian citizen or a British subject who was on the Australian electoral roll on 25 January 1984 to be eligible to enrol.  
 If you are an Australian citizen by birth who was NOT born in Australia please provide information on the back of this form.

Yes  Town of birth  **▶ GO TO QUESTION 7**

No  Country of birth

**Have you been granted Australian citizenship?**

Yes  Citizenship certificate number  **▶ GO TO QUESTION 7**

If you need to add more details about your citizenship, for example, if you arrived in Australia under a different name please include these details on the back of this form

No  **▶ Are you an eligible British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984?**  
 Yes       No  **▶ You may not be eligible to enrol to vote.**  
 Call the Australian Electoral Commission on 13 23 26

**7 Date you departed Australia**       /  /

**8 Expected date of return to Australia**       /  /

**Note:** To be eligible to enrol, your expected date of return must be within 6 years of your date of departure.

**9 Do you intend to return to an address within the same state or territory?**

Yes       No

**10 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 4**

No

**11** Do you have:

an Australian driver's licence as proof of your identity?  Driver's licence number   
 State or territory of issue  **▶ GO TO QUESTION 12**

**OR**

an Australian Passport as proof of your identity?  Passport number  **▶ GO TO QUESTION 12**

I don't have an Australian driver's licence AND I don't have an Australian passport  **▶ GO TO QUESTION 13 on PAGE B**  
 (REMEMBER: you must sign Question 12 before you return your form)

**12 YOUR DECLARATION**

**NOTE:** If you make a mark because you are unable to sign your name, you must make your mark in front of a witness.

The witness must sign and write their full name beside the box where you make your mark.

- I have read the section about enrolment and voting on the information page
- I am eligible to enrol at the above address
- All the information I have given on this form, including any information given at Question 13, is true and complete, and
- I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

|                               |                                  |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Your Signature or Mark</b> | <input type="text"/>             |  |
| Date                          | <input type="text" value="/ /"/> |  |
| Printed name                  | <input type="text"/>             |  |
|                               | <input type="text"/>             |  |

Authorisation to collect the information on this form is contained in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

**A CHECKLIST**

I have provided my Australian driver's licence OR Australian Passport details at Question 11


**▶ Print your form and sign at Question 12, Return PAGE A1 and PAGE A2 only to:**

**Australian Electoral Commission**  
**Reply paid 9867**  
*\*insert the name of the capital city of the state/territory for which you are enrolling*

Or fax to —

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
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**13 How are you proving your identity for electoral enrolment?**

**A** I have an Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport and have given details at Question 11  You do not need to provide any other proof of identity. Print, sign and return PAGE A1 and A2 to the Australian Electoral Commission.

**OR**  
**B** I don't have an Australian driver's licence or an Australian Passport. I have an original of ONE of the documents from the list below which I can use as proof of my identity.

Yes  Mark one document only

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate, or an extract<br><i>(must be Australian and issued at least 5 years ago)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms licence<br><i>(must be current with a photograph and signature)</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Australian citizenship   | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice of the Peace appointment document <i>(must be Australian)</i>                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concession card from Centrelink <i>(must be current)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate <i>(must be registered in Australia)</i>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concession card from the Department of Veterans' Affairs<br><i>(must be current)</i>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare card   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit or bank account card <i>(must be current)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of age card issued by, or under the authority of, a state or territory government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defence force, Australian discharge certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Security guard/crowd control licence <i>(must be current)</i>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce documents from the Family Court of Australia  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student identification card <i>(must be current with a photograph)</i>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee identification card<br><i>(must be current with a photograph and signature)</i>        |  |

No  GO TO PAGE **C**

**Show your document to one of these people who are authorised to be shown an identity document.**

Authorisation number

- 1** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander incorporated organisation committee member or chairperson
- 2** Accountant (must be a registered tax agent)
- 3** Airline passenger carrier ground staff
- 4** Australian Electoral Commission or other state or territory electoral authority staff
- 5** Bank, credit union or building society officer (except the manager of a bank travel centre)
- 6** Clerk, sheriff or bailiff of a court
- 7** Commissioner for Affidavits, Declarations or Oaths
- 8** Commonwealth, state or territory government full-time permanent or part-time employee (includes authorities)
- 9** Commonwealth, state or territory Member of Parliament or local government councillor or member of their staff
- 10** Defence force member
- 11** Dentist
- 12** Diplomatic or consular officer (except an honorary consular officer)
- 13** Engineer, chartered professional or member of the Association of Consulting Engineers
- 14** Finance Company officer
- 15** Justice of the Peace
- 16** Liquor licence holder (must be current)
- 17** Manager of a community, ethnic or remote resource centre
- 18** Manager of a women's refuge or crisis and counselling centre

Authorisation number

- 19** Marriage celebrant (within the meaning of the *Marriage Act 1961*)
- 20** Marriage counsellor (within the meaning of *Family Law Act 1975*)
- 21** Master of a merchant vessel
- 22** Medical Practitioner
- 23** Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- 24** Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of Australia
- 25** Minister of Religion (within the meaning of the *Marriage Act 1961*)
- 26** Nurse, registered or enrolled
- 27** Person employed as a remote resource centre visitor
- 28** Pharmacist
- 29** Physiotherapist
- 30** Pilot (must hold a current licence)
- 31** Police officer or police aide
- 32** Postal manager or other permanent Australia Post employee
- 33** Prison officer
- 34** Real estate agent (must be licensed or registered)
- 35** Statutory office holder receiving an annual salary
- 36** Surveyor (must be registered or licensed)
- 37** Teacher (primary, secondary or tertiary) (must be full-time permanent or part-time and currently employed)
- 38** Veterinary Surgeon
- 39** A person not listed above before whom statutory declarations may be made under a law of the Commonwealth, state or territory

**The authorised person needs to complete and sign the declaration below.**

**DECLARATION — by authorised person**

- I am enrolled on the Commonwealth electoral roll
- I am a person authorised to be shown an identity document
- I have sighted an original identity document for:

*Applicant's given name(s)*

*Applicant's family name*

Name of authorised person

Signature of authorised person 

Authorisation number from the list above which most applies to you

 *Number*

Address of authorised person

**B CHECKLIST — I don't have an Australian driver's licence or an Australian Passport, but I have a proof of identity document**

- I have signed the form at PAGE A2
- An authorised person has sighted an original identity document and signed and provided their details on PAGE B (above)



If Yes to both please return PAGE A1, A2 and PAGE B only to:

Australian Electoral Commission  
Reply paid 9867

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

Or return by fax to the relevant state or territory number listed on the information page.

**NOTE: DON'T complete this page if you have provided your driver's licence or Australian Passport details at Question 11 or you are using PAGE B to prove your identity.**

**C**  I don't have an Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport AND I don't have a document from the list on PAGE B.

**TWO people who have known me for at least one month will confirm my identity below.**  
 (NOTE: These people do not have to be authorised persons)

**DECLARATION — by the TWO people who are confirming your identity.**  
**These people can be family or neighbours.**

**PERSON 1**

- I am enrolled on the Commonwealth electoral roll
- I can confirm the applicant's identity

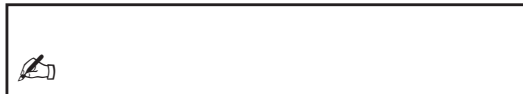
Applicant's given name(s)

Applicant's family name

- I have known the applicant for at least one month

Name of person 1

Signature of person 1



Address of person 1

**PERSON 2**

- I am enrolled on the Commonwealth electoral roll
- I can confirm the applicant's identity

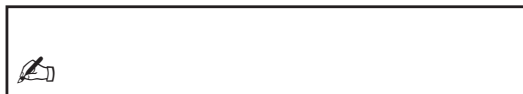
Applicant's given name(s)

Applicant's family name

- I have known the applicant for at least one month

Name of person 2

Signature of person 2



Address of person 2

**C CHECKLIST — I don't have an Australian driver's licence OR an Australian Passport, AND I don't have a proof of identity document**

- I have signed the form at PAGE A2
- TWO people have confirmed my identity AND have signed and provided details on PAGE C (above)



**If Yes to both please return PAGE A1, A2 and PAGE C only to:**  
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