



Information on becoming a silent elector

Request by an elector for address not to be shown
on the Commonwealth or state electoral rolls



Australian Electoral Commission **AEC**

Silent enrolment

You can apply for silent enrolment if you believe that having your address shown on the publicly available electoral roll could put your personal safety or your family's safety at risk. Silent enrolment means your **address** will not be shown on **future** editions of the publicly available electoral roll.

Silent status is granted only if your personal safety or your family's safety is at risk. You need to provide details of what the actual risk to you or your family would be if your address was shown on the publicly available roll. You will not be granted silent elector status based solely on your profession, or because you have a silent phone number, or you don't like the idea of your details being publicly available, or you don't want to receive junk mail.

If you are granted silent enrolment in respect of the address for which you are already enrolled, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will endeavour to ensure that your address is obliterated from all copies of the electoral roll currently held by the AEC. However you should be aware that under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, copies of the electoral roll may already be available in the public domain and your address may appear on these copies.

To apply to become a silent elector for both Commonwealth and NSW state electoral rolls, complete this application and return it to the AEC. The application **must** be accompanied by a statutory declaration which explains in detail what you consider the risk to be and why your personal safety or that of your family is at risk. For your convenience a statutory declaration is provided on page 3.

This information will be treated in strictest confidence at all times.

If there are other members of the family who are enrolled at your address or enrolled at another address, they may also apply to become silent electors on the ground that you have silent enrolment. A separate application is required for each person requesting registration, however, a single statutory declaration will suffice provided it contains the names of all applicants and specifies the risk.

If you are not already enrolled at your current residential address you will also need to complete an electoral enrolment form and submit it with this application.

Registration

Granting of silent enrolment is not automatic. Each application will be considered by the Divisional Returning Officer and a decision will be made based on whether the claims made by the applicant meet the conditions for silent enrolment under the relevant legislation.

If you are unsure about whether you are eligible to register as a silent elector, please phone **13 23 26** for more information.

The Divisional Returning Officer will notify you in writing of the decision on your application. If your application is approved **only your name and the name of your division or electorate** will appear on the Commonwealth, state and local government (Council) electoral rolls.

Change of address

If you are granted silent enrolment and you have a change of address you must still notify the AEC. You will need to reapply for silent enrolment at your new address.

You should also notify the AEC of any change to your postal address.

Do I have to vote?

Yes, voting is compulsory in federal and NSW state and local government (Council) elections for eligible persons aged 18 years or over. You may be fined if you do not vote. Even though you may be enrolled at 17, you cannot vote until you are 18.

Voting options for a silent elector

If the Divisional Returning Officer has approved your application for silent enrolment, you will also qualify for general postal voter status to have ballot papers automatically sent to you when a federal election or referendum is held. You can register by ticking the 'Yes' box at item 9 on this form.

If you do not register as a general postal voter for federal elections or do not apply separately to become a registered general postal voter for NSW state and local government (Council) elections, you will need to attend a polling place on polling day, attend a prepoll voting centre or apply for a postal vote.

Where can I get more information?

You can get more information at any office of the AEC. You can find the contact details of these offices in your local phone book or phone **13 23 26** for enrolment and other AEC enquiries. Information is also available at the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au

NOTE: If you have read the above information and wish to apply for silent enrolment, please complete pages 2 and 3 of this form.

Where do I send my form?

Faxed and emailed applications will not be accepted.

Your completed form must be delivered to an AEC office or posted to:

Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9867
SYDNEY NSW 2001

(No stamp needed if posted in Australia)



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You must read the information page before you complete and sign this form
Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

If completing this form by hand please use black or blue ink. Use BLOCK LETTERS and mark boxes with an **X**

1 Name Mr Mrs Ms Dr etc.

Family name

Given names

2 Residential address
You must provide your current residential address.
NOTE: If silent elector status is approved, your address will not be shown on the electoral roll.

Locality/Suburb

State **NSW** Postcode

3 Postal address *(Leave this section blank if it is the same as your residential address)*
Your electoral mail will be sent to this address.

Locality/Suburb

State Postcode

4 Phone number daytime

5 Date of birth *Please write dates like this (e.g. 25/03/1958)*

DD/MM/YYYY

6 Gender Write either M for male or F for female

7 Previous name *(Leave this section blank if you have not changed your name since you last enrolled)*
If you have changed any part of your name since you last enrolled, please write your previous name in full.

Previous family name

Previous given names

8 Having my residential address shown on any electoral roll places the personal safety of myself or members of my family at risk as declared in the statutory declaration on page 3 of this form.

I therefore request that:

the address for which I am claiming enrolment on the enclosed enrolment form not be shown on the roll.

OR

the address for which I am currently enrolled be removed from the roll.

9 Do you wish to be registered as a general postal voter for election purposes? (see 'Voting options for a silent elector')

Yes **You will be sent ballot papers whenever an election or referendum is held.**

No **You will need to attend a polling place on polling day, attend a prepoll voting centre or apply for a postal vote.**

10 Declaration by APPLICANT I have read the information page and wish to apply for silent enrolment.

I declare that all the information I have given on this form is true and complete

Signature of applicant

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

NOTE: You must also complete the statutory declaration on page 3 of this form.

The authority to collect this information is contained in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *NSW Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* and *Local Government Act 1993*.

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	S			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>			



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Statutory declaration



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I, (name of person making the declaration)	
Address	
Occupation	

	State	NSW	Postcode	
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make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

NOTE: Please explain in detail what you consider the risk to be.

1. _____

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

Signature of person making the declaration	
Declared at	
on	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> _____ day of _____ 20 </div>

Before me, (Signature of person before whom the declaration is made)	
Name	
Address	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> _____ State _____ Postcode _____ </div>
*Qualification	

* A statutory declaration may be made before a Justice of the Peace, a police officer, a pharmacist, a medical practitioner, a dentist, a nurse, a legal practitioner, a Member of Parliament, a permanent employee of the Commonwealth, state or territory with 5 or more years continuous service (including Commonwealth, state, territory or local government authorities), or a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the state or territory in which the declaration is made.

NOTE: If you have changed your residential address or personal details, you will also need to complete a new **Application for Electoral Enrolment in NSW** form which is available at the following URL <http://www.aec.gov.au>

NIN	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Signature of DRO
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