

You do not need a home address to enrol and vote

You can enrol to vote using no fixed address enrolment

if you: are experiencing homelessness – including living in crisis accommodation, sleeping rough, living in transitional or SAAP accommodation, or do not have access to safe and secure housing

and you: do not have a permanent home you intend to return to

and you: are 18 years of age or older and an Australian citizen

This fact sheet has more information for you on no fixed address enrolment.

How do I apply?

Fill out a no fixed address enrolment form and return it to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). Use the no fixed address enrolment form for the state or territory for which you are claiming enrolment, even if it is not the state or territory in which you are currently living.

- in the section of the form which asks for a short statement to support your application state that you are experiencing homelessness.
- even though you do not have a permanent home address, you will need to be enrolled to vote, and vote, for an electoral division (or electorate). The form asks you to identify a residential address for which you can claim enrolment, and has instructions on which address you should use.
- you will need to provide proof of your identity. If you do not have a driver's licence and you do not have one of the accepted identification documents, two people who are enrolled and who have known you for at least one month can confirm your identity by signing your form.

If I enrol can I vote in this year's federal election?

To vote in the federal election, your enrolment form must be correctly completed and received by the AEC before the close of the electoral rolls. An election can be called at any time now so you should enrol today or risk missing out on being able to vote in this election.

Is it compulsory to enrol if I don't have a permanent home address?

No. If you are eligible for no fixed address enrolment you do not have to enrol.

Are there any penalties if I have not enrolled before?

You won't be prosecuted or penalised for not previously enrolling to vote.

Will I be fined if I enrol but do not vote in the federal election?

No. If you have no fixed address enrolment it is not compulsory for you to vote, and if you do not vote you will not be fined. However, your enrolment may be cancelled.

What if I don't want my details to appear on the electoral roll?

Your address will not be shown on the publicly available electoral roll if you are an elector with no fixed address.