Am I eligible to vote early?

You can vote early, either in person or by post, if on polling day you can’t get to a polling place because you:

- won’t be in the ward where you are enrolled to vote;
- will be more than 8km from a polling place or mobile polling booth;
- will be travelling and can’t get to a polling place;
- are seriously ill, infirm or due to give birth shortly (or if you caring for someone who is and you can’t vote at a hospital);
- are a patient in hospital and can’t vote at the hospital;
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place;
- are in prison or in custody or detention (and can’t vote at the prison);
- can’t leave your workplace to vote.

Carefully consider your options as voting early in person may be an easier option than voting by post.

The AEC will start sending voting papers to voters who have applied for a postal vote after candidate nominations are declared and ballot papers are printed.

More information

For information, please contact the Australian Electoral Commission at:

- www.aec.gov.au/tsra
- TSRA@aec.gov.au
- 07 3834 3431

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### Torres Strait Regional Authority Election

**Application for a Postal Vote**

1. **Title**
   - Ms
   - Miss
   - Mrs
   - Mr
   - Other

2. **Surname**

3. **Given names**

4. **Date of birth**
   - D
   - D
   - M
   - M
   - Y
   - Y
   - Y
   - Y

5. **Address where you are enrolled**

6. **Postcode**

7. **Daytime phone number for contact**

8. **Please send me a ballot paper to the following address**

9. **Postcode**

10. **Signature of applicant**

11. **Date**
   - D
   - D
   - M
   - M
   - Y
   - Y
   - Y

12. **DECLARATION**

13. **I declare that I am entitled to apply for a postal vote**

14. **Signature of applicant**

15. **Date**

16. **Witness name [BLOCK LETTERS]**

17. **Witness address**

18. **WITNESS**

19. **Postcode**

20. **Note:** Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

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### How to apply

**You can apply for a postal vote from the Returning Officer.**

**By mail**

If you are applying by mail you must post your application to:

Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 5024
CAIRNS QLD 4870

However, you should keep in mind that the application must reach the Returning Officer by the last mail clearance on the Thursday before polling day to allow for the voting material to be sent to you for completion and posting before the close of poll.

**In person**

You can lodge this application with the Returning Officer at:

Level 2, Commonwealth Centre
104 Grafton Street
CAIRNS CITY QLD 4870

**By email**

Return the completed postal vote application to the Returning Officer at TSRA@aec.gov.au