

# Enrolling and voting as a person with no fixed address

If you are 18 years or over and an Australian citizen or eligible British subject, you are eligible to enrol and vote when elections are held.

You are a person with no fixed address if:

- you are living somewhere temporarily but do not have a place you intend to return to live (e.g. seasonal worker, travelling around Australia)
- you do not have access to safe and secure housing, or
- you are currently living in crisis or transitional accommodation.

## How do I enrol as a person with no fixed address?

You can enrol as a person with no fixed address by completing the *Enrolment for persons with no fixed address* form. This form is available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or any AEC office, and can also be sent to you if you contact the AEC via telephone on 13 23 26. This form will enrol you to vote in federal, state or territory, and most local government elections.

You may enrol based on the first statement below that applies to you:

- the address where you were last eligible to enrol
- the address where your next of kin is enrolled
- the division (also known as an electorate) where you were born
- the division for which you are most closely connected (for those born outside Australia).

## Where do I vote on election day?

On election day, you may vote at any polling place within your state or territory. A list of polling places will be available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) in the weeks after an election is announced.

## What if I cannot vote on election day?

If you are unable to make it to a polling place on election day, you can vote early or by post.

### Postal Vote

After an election is announced, you can apply for a postal vote to have your ballot papers sent to you in the mail. You can apply online at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or at any AEC office.

## Early Voting Centre

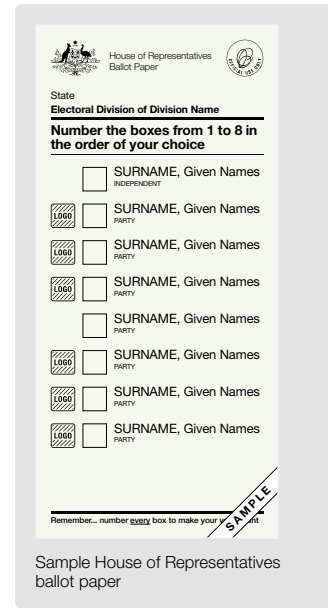
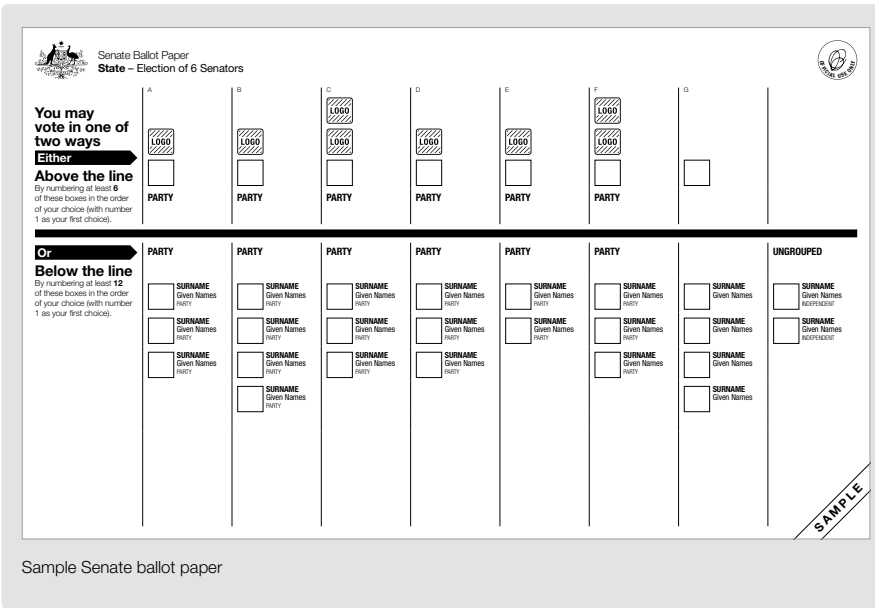
If you cannot get to a polling place on election day, you may be eligible to vote at an early voting centre. A list of early voting centres will be available on the AEC website in the weeks after an election is announced. Eligibility criteria for early voting can be found on the AEC's website or by contacting the AEC via telephone on 13 23 26.

## Will I get fined if I don't enrol and vote?

It is not compulsory to enrol if you have never been enrolled and you have no fixed address. However, if you are already on the electoral roll, then it remains compulsory for you to maintain your enrolment.

If you are enrolled as a person with no fixed address, it is not compulsory for you to vote and you will not be fined.

Enrolment as a person with no fixed address allows you to vote and participate in the democratic process.



## How do I make my vote count?

At a federal election, you are voting to elect people to represent you in the two houses of the Australian Parliament: the House of Representatives and the Senate.

You will receive two ballot papers:

- a green one to vote for a representative of your local area (electoral division) in the House of Representatives, and
- a white one to vote for representatives of your state or territory in the Senate.

Instructions on how to vote are printed on the ballot papers. If you make a mistake or are unsure of what to do, just ask a polling official for help or contact the AEC.

## Want to know more?

You can learn more about the electoral system and about enrolment and voting at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or by contacting the AEC via telephone on 13 23 26.

Electoral information, including the official guide to the federal election and candidate lists, will be available in accessible formats. This information can be obtained from the AEC website after the election is announced, or hard copy versions can be ordered by contacting the AEC.