Enrolling to vote

In Australia, you must enrol and vote if you’re an Australian citizen aged 18 or over. If you are not enrolled, you cannot have your say on who represents you about issues that are important to you and your community.

The electoral roll

When you enrol to vote, your name and address are added to the electoral roll. The electoral roll is a list of people who are eligible to vote in the election. You need to be enrolled before you can vote.

How to enrol

You can use a computer or a smart phone to enrol to vote or update your address online at www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous

You can also pick up a form at any Australian Electoral Commission office or Australia Post outlet. You’ll need proof of ID — that’s a driver’s licence, passport or someone who is already on the electoral roll who can confirm who you are.

The electoral roll closes shortly after the election is announced so it’s important to keep your enrolment details up-to-date.

Why do I have to enrol to vote?

Enrolment and voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 or over. More importantly, it is your chance to have a say in your future and in the future of your community.

Will I be fined if I haven’t enrolled in the past?

No. Even if you have not enrolled before, you can do so now and you will not be fined. However, you may be fined if you don’t vote at election time. The AEC encourages all eligible Australians to enrol to vote and keep their details up-to-date on the electoral roll.