



Temporary Assistant Level 1

People in these roles are employed under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act, 1918* (Electoral Officer EO 1). Pay, terms and conditions can be found in the [Collective Determination](#).

The role

The Temporary Assistant role provides support in the preparation, conduct and finalisation of an electoral event. The responsibilities of this role change over the election period. Before election day the role includes preparation of materials and administrative support. On and after election day, the role includes counting ballot papers, receiving materials and preparing materials for storage. This role is based at a return of materials location or an out-posted centre which is a 'warehouse like' facility. Temporary Assistant positions may be available for people aged under 18.

Work hours

- Work before, on and after election day, mostly between Monday to Friday. It may include some weekend work.
- Work hours are based on operational demand and are offered on a casual basis. This may include full time or part time hours. Your hours will be provided to you by the AEC.

Training requirements

- Paid online training will be provided. This training must be completed before working.

Key responsibilities

- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation, AEC policies and procedures
- Accurate completion of all required documentation
- Identify, document and report issues taking appropriate action as directed

Election materials

- Manage and maintain security protocols of all election materials
- Account for all election materials

Operational aspects may include

- Working with scrutineers and other stakeholders
- Sort and count ballot papers, at the direction of a supervisor
- Sorting of election materials
- Other administrative tasks as required

Skills and abilities

- Work effectively in a team with diverse groups of people
- Work in a fast-moving operational environment with non-standard or extended hours
- Communicate clearly with good attention to detail
- Basic level of computer literacy
- Remain calm under pressure while staying professional
- Lift and carry up to 12 kilograms*
- Comfortable sitting or standing for long periods of time*
- Work in a range of different physical environments*

*If you require workplace adjustments due to disability or injury, please outline these in your Registration of Interest

Mandatory requirements

- Australian citizen
- Maintain political and issue neutrality and impartiality
- A police check may be required

It is expected that a Temporary Assistant Level 1 will:

- adhere to the Code of Conduct outlined in Attachment A of the [Collective Determination](#), and the [AEC Values and Commitments](#) (we encourage you to read these before polling day)
- comply with the procedures and policies outlined in your training and materials
- avoid any conflict of interest (actual or perceived)
- be familiar with, abide by and promote AEC work health and safety frameworks, policies and procedures
- demonstrate personal integrity and represent the AEC with professionalism
- engage respectfully with diverse individuals and communities
- be flexible, adaptable, and work as part of a team
- take ownership and responsibility for own work
- handle ballot papers safely and securely throughout all electoral processes.

Thank you for your interest in working at a federal electoral event. We need over 100,000 people to fill our temporary jobs. We hope you'll consider joining our team.

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The terms and conditions for temporary staff employed by the AEC during federal elections, by-elections, plebiscites and referendums are set out in the [Collective Determination](#), which includes all remuneration information, including casual loading, overtime, allowances and payment for required training.