

# Provisional electoral enrolment for potential new citizens

**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## Are you eligible?

You are eligible to apply for provisional enrolment if you:

- have applied to become an Australian citizen, and
- have been notified by the Immigration Department that you will become an Australian citizen between the date of the writ and the polling day for the election, and
- are not enrolled, and
- are not qualified for enrolment, but would be if you were an Australian citizen.

You can enrol at 16 years but cannot vote until you are 18.

## When can you enrol?

You can complete and lodge this form as soon as an election is announced if you have received notification from the Immigration Department that you will become an Australian citizen before polling day for the election.

**Note:** Your completed form must be received by 8pm on the day of the close of the rolls for the election.

## What evidence must you provide?

At the time of lodgement of this application, you must provide evidence of the Immigration Department's notification to you of the date of your citizenship ceremony to either an Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) officer or an elector from the list of authorised persons on the next page.

The AEC officer or an elector from the list of authorised persons must sign the declaration at Question 7 on the form to confirm they have seen the Immigration Department's notification.

## What happens when you vote?

Because your citizenship has not been confirmed at the time the election is called, your name will not be on the electoral roll at the polling place. Instead, when you visit a polling place on election day, you will be issued a provisional vote – this involves you completing a special envelope and lodging your ballot papers in that envelope.

## Confirmation of your citizenship

Your vote will not be counted until you show evidence of your Australian citizenship to the AEC. You can do this at the polling place by showing your citizenship certificate to an AEC officer. If you don't confirm your citizenship at the polling place, you must do so by the first Friday following the polling day for the election by providing evidence that you have become an Australian citizen.

## Confirmation of your enrolment

Confirmation of your citizenship is required before your name can be included on the electoral roll. Once you have confirmed your citizenship the AEC will provide written confirmation of your enrolment.

## Who has access to your enrolment information?

### The Commonwealth of Australia

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (CEA) to collect and verify the information you have been asked to complete on this form. The information provided will assist the AEC to maintain electoral rolls.

The AEC may disclose electoral information to persons or organisations in accordance with the CEA. This may include:

- access to the publicly available electoral roll (containing names and addresses) which may be inspected at electoral offices
- state and territory electoral authorities
- Members of Parliament, Senators, registered political parties, and candidates for the House of Representatives
- approved medical research and public health screening programs
- any agencies, persons or organisations prescribed in the Electoral and Referendum Regulation 2016.

For more information on privacy, visit [www.privacy.gov.au](http://www.privacy.gov.au)

## Help in other languages

عربي	1300 720 132 Arabic	Język polski	1300 720 143 Polish
中文	1300 720 135 Cantonese	Português	1300 720 145 Portuguese
Hrvatski	1300 720 136 Croatian	Русский язык	1300 720 146 Russian
Ελληνικά	1300 720 137 Greek	Српски	1300 720 147 Serbian
Italiano	1300 720 138 Italian	Español	1300 720 148 Spanish
ខ្មែរ	1300 720 134 Khmer	Türkçe	1300 720 149 Turkish
한국어	1300 720 468 Korean	Tiếng Việt	1300 720 152 Vietnamese
Македонски	1300 720 139 Macedonian	<b>Other languages 1300 720 153</b>	
中文	1300 720 142 Mandarin		

## If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment

Contact the AEC through the National Relay Service (NRS):

- TTY – 133 677 then ask for 13 23 26
- Speak and Listen – 1300 555 727 then ask for 13 23 26
- Internet relay – connect to the NRS then ask for 13 23 26

## For more information

Australian Electoral Commission  
[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or **13 23 26**

## Returning your form

<b>Post</b>	Australian Electoral Commission Reply Paid 9867 CAPITAL CITY*	
	(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia) * Insert the name of the capital city of the state/ territory for which you are enrolling	
<b>Fax</b>	Australian Capital Territory	02 6293 7601
	New South Wales	02 6215 9912
	Northern Territory	08 8982 8025
	Queensland	07 3834 3403
	South Australia	08 8237 6584
	Tasmania	03 6235 0568
	Victoria	03 9285 7167
	Western Australia	08 6363 8004
<b>Upload</b>	Upload your scanned signed form at <a href="http://www.aec.gov.au/return">www.aec.gov.au/return</a>	
<b>In person</b>	To any AEC office	

