

How to enrol to vote

An Easy Read guide



How to use this guide



The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) wrote this guide.

When you see the word 'we', it means AEC.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 19.



You can find other Easy Read guides on our website.

www.aec.gov.au



You can ask for support to read this guide.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

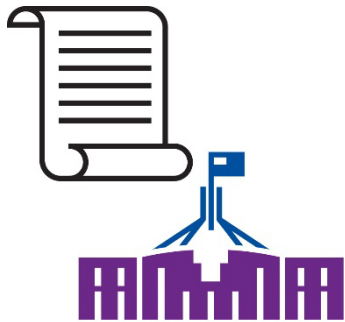
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Voting in a referendum



When you **vote**, you help to choose if the Australian people change the Constitution.



The Australian **Constitution** is a set of rules that are used to run Australia.



When you vote in a **referendum**, you help to decide if Australia should change the Constitution.



The Prime Minister will set the date for the referendum.

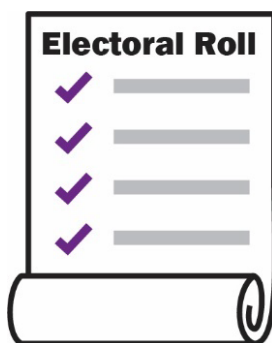
It will be on a Saturday.



On that day, Australians will vote 'YES' or 'NO'.



Before you can vote, you **enrol**.



When you enrol, we put your name on a list of **voters** – people who can vote.

We call this list the **electoral roll**.



If you are on the electoral roll, you are also enrolled for referendums.



You must enrol and vote if you are:

- an Australian **citizen**
- and
- aged 18 years old or older.



A citizen is someone who has the rights and freedoms of the country where they live.



Voting lets you have your say about the decisions people make in our country.



Don't worry if you haven't voted before.



We explain what you need to do.

Enrolling to vote

18+



If you are nearly 18, you can enrol now.

When you turn 18, you'll be ready to vote.



To go on the electoral roll, you must fill out an enrolment form.

You can fill out an enrolment form:



- online



- on paper.



You can enrol to vote at any time.

But you must enrol before the electoral roll closes to vote in a referendum.



The electoral roll closes 1 week after the Prime Minister sets the date of the referendum.

Enrolling online



You can enrol to vote on our website.

www.aec.gov.au/enrol

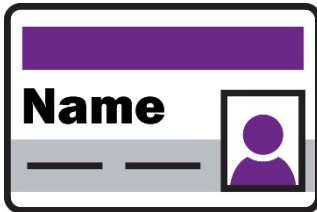


There is a button that says 'Enrol online'.



You need to answer some questions.

We will ask for proof of who you are, such as:



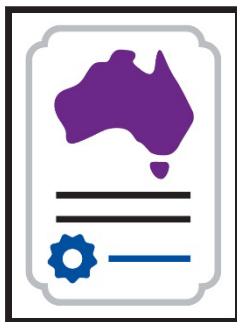
- a driver's licence



- an Australian passport



- a Medicare card



- a certificate proving you're an Australian citizen.



Someone else on the electoral roll can also prove that they know you.



If you want, you can ask someone to help you.



When you finish, you need to use the 'Submit' button to send your enrolment to us.

Enrolling on paper



To enrol on paper, you need to fill out an enrolment form.

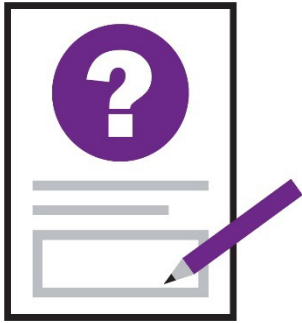


You can get an enrolment form at any AEC office.



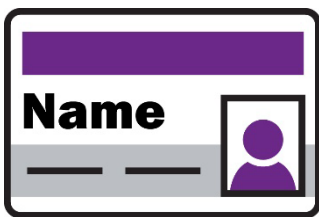
If you call us, we can send you an enrolment form in the mail.

Our number is **13 23 26**

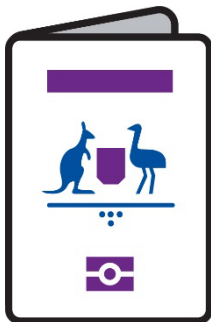


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- an Australian passport



- a Medicare card



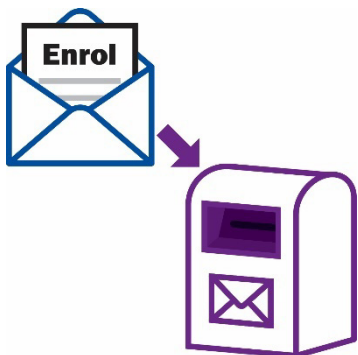
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When you finish, you need to send us the form.



You can post it to us.

AEC
Reply Paid 9867
In your capital city

You don't need to use a stamp.

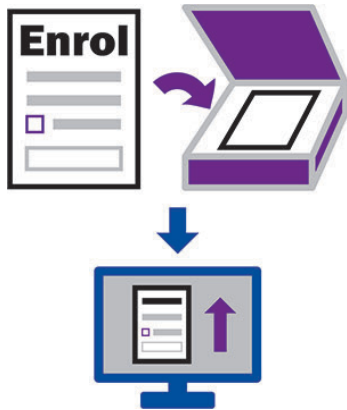


You can take the form to an AEC office.

If you call us, we can help you to find an AEC office near you.



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You can scan it and upload it to our website.

www.aec.gov.au/return

What happens next?



We will send you a letter a few weeks after you enrol.



The letter will say that your name is now on the electoral roll.



This means you can vote in referendums.

What if you move house?



You need to tell us every time you move to a new house.



This helps us keep the electoral roll up-to-date.



If you move to a new house, please fill out a new enrolment form.

Are you already on the electoral roll?



It is easy to check if you are already on the electoral roll.



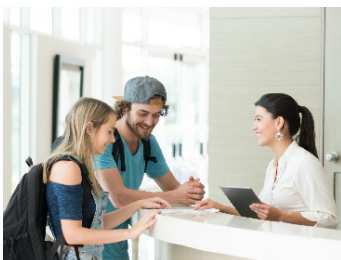
You can visit our website.

www.aec.gov.au/check



You can call us and we will check for you.

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You can also visit an AEC office and we will check for you.

How can you get more information?



If you want to find out more about voting, we have 2 other guides you can read:

- *How to vote in a referendum*
- *How to vote by mail.*



You can find these guides on our website.

www.aec.gov.au/assistance



We also have information on our website for people who speak languages other than English.

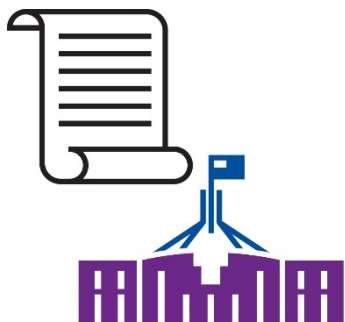
Word list

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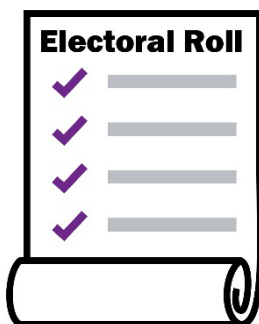
Citizen

A citizen is someone who has the rights and freedoms of the country where they live.



Constitution

The Australian Constitution is a set of rules that are used to run Australia.



Electoral roll

A list of voters.



Enrol

When you enrol, we put your name on a list of voters.



Referendum

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Vote

When you vote, you help to choose if the Australian people change the Constitution.



Voters

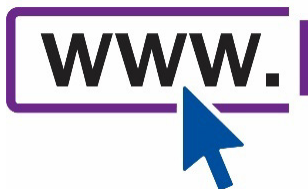
People who can vote.

More information



You can call us for more information.

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You can visit our website.

www.aec.gov.au



You can find us on Facebook.

[/AusElectoralCom/](https://www.facebook.com/AusElectoralCom/)



You can find us on Twitter.

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You can find us on Instagram.

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National Relay Service



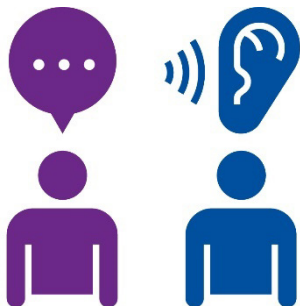
You can call the National Relay Service if you:

- are deaf or hard of hearing
- find it hard to speak using the phone.



TTY

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Speak and Listen

1300 555 727



Ask these services to connect you to our phone number.

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Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)



If you speak a language other than English, you can call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS).

131 450



Tell them what language you speak.



Ask them to connect you to our phone number.

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