

# How to enrol

To vote in Australia, you need to be enrolled to vote. Make sure you enrol to vote at least one month before the election day. You can check if you are enrolled on the [Australian Electoral Commission \(AEC\) website](#).



## What you need

To enrol, you will need to prove who you are. There are three ways you can do this:

- Give your Australian driver's licence number
- Give your Australian passport number
- Ask a person you know, who is already enrolled to vote in Australia, to confirm your identity



## Enrolling Online

You can enrol online through the AEC website: <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>

Click 'Enrol online', and then answer the questions in each step with the following information about you:

- Name
- Place and date of birth
- Postal and physical home address
- Citizenship
- Contact email and phone number
- Your Australian driver's licence or passport number

If you would like to ask a person you know, who is already enrolled to vote in Australia, to confirm your identity, you will need to print out the online form and post it to the AEC. You will not be able to finalise your enrolment online.



## Enrolling with a form

If you want to enrol with a paper form, you can either:

- 1 Download and print a PDF form from the AEC website: <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/form.htm>.

Make sure you download the form for the state or territory that you live in.

- 2 Collect a form from any Australia Post Office

To find your closest Australia Post Office, visit <https://auspost.com.au/locate/> or call 137678. If you would like to call in a language other than English, you can call Australia Post through TIS on 131 450.

- 3 Collect a form from any AEC office

To find your closest AEC Office, visit <https://electorate.aec.gov.au/divisiondetailsNational.aspx> or call 13 23 26. If you would like to call in a language other than English, you can call AEC on the numbers listed at the end of this guide.

To enrol with a form, you will need to fill out the following information about you:

- Name
- Place and date of birth
- Postal and physical home address
- Citizenship
- Contact email and phone number
- Your Australian driver's licence OR passport number OR Have a person you know, who is already enrolled to vote in Australia, sign and date the form to confirm your identity

You should then return the filled-out paper form to the AEC. You can choose how to return the form in the following ways:



### Post (you do not need a stamp)

AEC  
Reply Paid 9867  
Insert your capital city



### Fax

02 6215 9999



### Scan and upload to the website

Visit <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/send-form.htm> and click 'upload enrolment, change name, or address form'



### In-person

At an AEC office



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## No permanent address

If you do not currently live at a fixed or permanent address, you should enrol using the "No fixed address form" for the state or territory that you want to vote in.

You can download the form here: [https://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling\\_to\\_vote/Special\\_Category/Enrolment\\_with\\_no\\_fixed\\_address.htm](https://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Special_Category/Enrolment_with_no_fixed_address.htm)

Or collect the form from any Australia Post Office or AEC office.

You will be asked to enrol in one of the following electorates\* (in order of preference):

- for the address where you were last eligible to enrol, or
- for the address where your next of kin is enrolled, or
- where you were born, or
- where you are most closely connected (for those born outside Australia)

\* An electorate is an area represented by one member of parliament.

To find out more about other enrolment options in special circumstances, visit <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/#special-enrolment>



## Keeping your address secret ('silent elector')

Once you are enrolled to vote, your address will be published on a public list (electoral roll).

If you believe that having your address published could put you or your family in danger, you can apply to keep your address secret by becoming a 'silent elector'.

To apply to become a 'silent elector', you will need to fill out an application form and return it to the AEC. You will still need to fill out an enrolment form as well as this application form.

You can download a silent elector form for your state or territory here: [https://www.aec.gov.au/enrolling\\_to\\_vote/special\\_category/silent\\_electors.htm](https://www.aec.gov.au/enrolling_to_vote/special_category/silent_electors.htm)

You will need to provide the following information about you:

- Name
- Date of birth

- Gender
- Postal and physical home address
- Contact email and phone number

At the end of the form, you will need to fill out a 'statutory declaration'. This is where you must explain why you believe that publishing your residential address could put you or your family in danger.

A statutory declaration is an official declaration or testimony, and you will need to find a witness to sign the form. This witness must work in one of the jobs listed on the form.

Your application to be a silent elector will be considered by the AEC, and you will receive a letter advising you if it is approved or not.

## Contact the AEC in your language for more information

Language	Telephone number
العربية / Arabic	1300 720 132
廣東話 / Cantonese	1300 720 135
Hrvatski / Croatian	1300 720 136
Ελληνικά / Greek	1300 720 137
Italiano / Italian	1300 720 138
ខ្មែរ / Khmer	1300 720 134
한국어 / Korean	1300 720 468
Македонски / Macedonian	1300 720 139
普通话 / Mandarin	1300 720 142
Język polski / Polish	1300 720 143
Português / Portuguese	1300 720 145
Русский язык / Russian	1300 720 146
Српски / Serbian	1300 720 147
Español / Spanish	1300 720 148
Türkçe / Turkish	1300 720 149
Tiếng Việt / Vietnamese	1300 720 152
All other languages	1300 720 153