

# Postal Vote Application



**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## Eligibility for early voting

You are eligible to vote before election day if, on election day, you can't get to a polling place because you:

- are outside the state or territory where you are enrolled to vote
- are more than 8km from a polling place
- are travelling or can't leave your workplace to vote
- are seriously ill, infirm or approaching childbirth (or if you are caring for someone who is)
- are a patient in hospital and can't vote at the hospital
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place
- are in prison serving a sentence of less than three years or otherwise detained
- are a silent elector.

## Early voting in person

You can vote early in person at an AEC divisional office or at an early voting centre. You will not need to complete this form. Locations and opening times of early voting centres in Australia and overseas can be found on our website, or by phoning **13 23 26**.

**Please carefully consider your options as voting early in person may be an easier option for you than voting early by post.**

## Early voting by post

Apply for a postal vote by printing and filling out this application form. Additional forms are also available at any AEC office, post office or from our website.

**Due to the large amount of forms we receive, please return yours as soon as possible. The AEC must receive your form by 6pm on the Thursday before election day.**

## Ballot papers

Ballot papers will be sent in response to postal vote applications after the nominations for candidates have closed, which is usually two or three weeks before polling day.

Remember to leave plenty of time for your ballot papers to be posted to you, completed, and then returned before 6pm on election day.

## Witnesses

Electors who appear on the Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll can witness postal vote applications, both within Australia and overseas.

However, candidates standing for election **cannot act** as witnesses.

## Witnesses for overseas voters

If you are overseas, suitable witnesses to this form include certain Australian public officials or their equivalents in a Commonwealth country. For a full list please visit **[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)** or call **+61 2 6271 4411**

If you can't find a suitable witness, submit your application with a signed statement explaining why your application couldn't be witnessed and a photocopy of your passport showing the country, date of issue, passport number, date of birth, signature and photograph.

## About your postal vote application

The personal information you give on the application is used for electoral purposes and may be viewed by authorised staff and scrutineers.

All applications are available for public inspection at divisional offices.

Lists of postal vote applicants are made available to candidates and registered political parties from the third day after polling until the election or referendum can no longer be questioned.

**Please note:** as the security of external information systems cannot be assured, the AEC does not accept any liability for unauthorised interception of electronic communications associated with the use of this form.

## For more information...

on early and postal voting and to find out how to return your form, please visit **[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)** or call 13 23 26.

عربي	1300 720 132	Arabic
中文	1300 720 135	Cantonese
Hrvatski	1300 720 136	Croatian
Ελληνικά	1300 720 137	Greek
Italiano	1300 720 138	Italian
ខ្មែរ	1300 720 134	Khmer
Македонски	1300 720 139	Macedonian
中文	1300 720 142	Mandarin
Polski	1300 720 143	Polish
Português	1300 720 145	Portuguese
Русский	1300 720 146	Russian
Српски	1300 720 147	Serbian
Español	1300 720 148	Spanish
Türkçe	1300 720 149	Turkish
Việt-ngữ	1300 720 152	Vietnamese

**Other languages 1300 720 153**

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Please check you are eligible to vote by post (see 'Eligibility for early voting').

**Use black or blue ink and BLOCK LETTERS.**

**Do NOT complete this application if you are already registered as a General Postal Voter.**

<b>OFFICE USE</b>			
Certificate No. _____			
Elector's division		Source code	
Date rec'd	Date of issue	Initials	
Issuing Division/ Overseas Post		Division Finder Ref.	
Date cert. rec'd in division for which vote claimed			

**1** Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, Dr etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname / family name \_\_\_\_\_

Given names \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Your date of birth is required for identification and security reasons.

**3** Your enrolled address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unsure of your enrolled address please call us to check.

**4** Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide a daytime contact number to allow for any urgent queries to be resolved.

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**5** If your postal service is irregular, for example, if you live in a remote location, please get in touch with us as soon as possible to discuss your options.

We can also arrange for an alternative delivery method for you. Please tick the box if you feel this applies to you and we'll be in touch.

**Your ballot paper cannot be delivered or returned via email.**

Postal address where voting papers should be sent \_\_\_\_\_

OR If you want to request an alternative delivery method, tick this box.

**6** Date by which ballot papers are required (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ If you need to receive your ballot papers by a specific date, please (if applicable) indicate that date.

**Ballot papers are not available until after nominations close, which is usually 2-3 weeks after the announcement of a federal election.**

**DECLARATION**

Please read the information on eligibility before you sign this declaration.

**There is a penalty for making a false statement.**

*I declare I am entitled to apply for a postal vote.*

Signature or mark of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

**WITNESS**

A witness must:

- be satisfied as to the identity of the applicant
- see the applicant sign the application
- know or be satisfied that the statements contained in the application are true
- sign and date the application, and write their name and address.

**This form MUST be signed and dated by both the witness and applicant on the same day.**

*I am satisfied as to the identity of the applicant. I saw the applicant sign this application. I am satisfied that all statements in it are true.*

Signature of witness \_\_\_\_\_

Name  
BLOCK LETTERS  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

OR *I am overseas and unable to find a suitable witness. I have attached the appropriate documents as detailed under 'Witnesses for overseas voters'.*  Tick