

# INFORMATION ON ENROLLING FOR PERSONS UNABLE TO SIGN THEIR NAME DUE TO PHYSICAL INCAPACITY



Australian Electoral Commission **AEC**

On the next page is an application form for persons who are unable to sign their name due to physical incapacity and who wish to enrol to vote or to change address for federal (Commonwealth) elections.

Before completing this form please read the following information.

## Enrolling to vote — your obligations

If you are eligible, then you must enrol to vote once you are 18. You can enrol by completing this form and sending it to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

You can enrol when you are 17 but you are not obliged to do so.

You are responsible for keeping your enrolment details up to date. You must complete a new form every time you change your name or address to enable your vote to be counted at election time.

Do not wait until an election is announced before enrolling, because enrolment forms received after the rolls close, even if posted before, cannot be included in the roll of voters for that election.

Regular checks of the roll are made and the names of electors who have left their enrolled address are removed. If your name is removed from the roll and you do not re-enrol before the rolls close, then your vote may not be counted.

## Am I eligible to enrol?

You are eligible to enrol for federal elections if:

- you are 17 years of age or older; and
- you are an Australian citizen; and
- you have lived at your present address for at least the last month.

British subjects who are not Australian citizens are eligible to enrol for federal elections if they were on a Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll on 25 January 1984.

If, because of physical incapacity, you are unable to sign your name, you may get someone else to complete this enrolment form and sign it on your behalf.

## Important

You must provide with your application a written certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that you are so physically incapacitated that you cannot sign your name.

## Do I have to enrol?

Yes, if you are 18 and eligible you must enrol.

You may be fined if you do not.

If you are 17, you may enrol using this form, but enrolment is not compulsory.

## Special enrolment provisions

Special enrolment provisions may apply to:

- persons with no fixed address
- overseas electors
- Antarctic electors
- persons who do not wish their address shown on the roll.

If you need more information please contact the Australian Electoral Commission.

## What happens when I send in my form?

The Australian Electoral Commission will check the enrolment form has been correctly completed and where necessary will verify details before updating the electoral roll.

When the electoral roll has been updated, you will receive written confirmation of your enrolment details.

If you do not receive advice or if you have any questions in relation to your enrolment, please contact the Australian Electoral Commission on **13 23 26**.

## Do I have to vote?

Yes, voting is compulsory in federal elections for eligible persons aged 18 years or older. You may be fined if you do not vote. Even though you may be enrolled at 17, you cannot vote until you are 18.

You may register as a general postal voter to automatically receive postal voting papers whenever a federal election is held. You can register as a general postal voter by ticking the appropriate box on this form. If you register as a general postal voter you will automatically be sent ballot papers each time a federal election is called without having to complete a postal vote application form. You may ask someone else to help complete and return your ballot papers.

## Where can I get more information?

You can get more information at any office of the Australian Electoral Commission. You can find the contact details of these offices in your local phone book or ring **13 23 26** for enrolment and other Australian Electoral Commission enquiries.

Information is also available at the Australian Electoral Commission website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

## Who has access to electoral information?

### PUBLIC

The electoral roll containing name and address details only is available for public inspection at Australian Electoral Commission offices.

### OTHER

Under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, electoral information may also be supplied by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to the following:

- Members of Parliament, registered political parties and State and Territory electoral authorities. This information includes salutation, name and address, postal address, date of birth and gender.
- The electoral authorities of those States and Territories which have entered into a Joint Roll Arrangement. They have access to date of birth and gender information for other States and Territories.
- Medical research and public health screening programs. This information includes name and address, gender and age range (minimum span 2 years) information.

The AEC is required by law to provide roll information including name, address, gender and date of birth to Commonwealth agencies including Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The information may be used to assist in investigation and prevention of breaches of the law or protection of public revenue. A full list of agencies entitled to roll data is available from AEC offices and at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)



Phone  
**13 23 26**  
LOCAL CALL

for any enrolment enquiries



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How to fill in this form

Have another person complete and sign the form on your behalf. Submit your completed enrolment form together with a medical certificate, signed by a registered medical practitioner, certifying that you are unable to sign

USE BLOCK LETTERS AND BLUE OR BLACK INK

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

Please give full details to show the applicant's full residential address. Rural and Remote Electors: If you live in a rural area please give sufficient information to identify your residence. In cases where a property address is given, details must be provided to show the name of the access street, road or highway to the property. If necessary, please draw a sketch and return it with this form.

If the postal address is the same as the residential address, print 'as above'.

Answer YES or NO. Is the applicant an Australian citizen?

If the applicant has changed any part of their name since their last enrolment, show here the full name previously used.

Fill this in only if the applicant has moved since their last enrolment.

Answer YES or NO. Does the applicant wish to register as a general postal voter? (See 'Do I have to vote?')

Please have the applicant check the section "Am I eligible to enrol?" before signing this declaration. Include your personal details before forwarding the form to the Australian Electoral Commission.

This form must be witnessed by a person who is eligible to be on the Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll and can sign their name in writing. Authorisation to collect the information sought on this form is contained in the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

1 Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, Dr etc.) Surname / family name Given names

2 Residential address Postcode

3 Daytime phone number for contact (if convenient)

4 Postal address Postcode

5 Gender M = Male, F = Female

6 Date of birth Day Month Year

7 Place of birth Town Country

8 Are you an Australian citizen? No Yes If you are an Australian citizen by naturalisation, please supply the following details: Date of naturalisation Day Month Year Citizenship Certificate No.

9 Former surname / family name Former given names

10 Former enrolled address Postcode

11 General postal voter No Yes

DECLARATION I am eligible to enrol for federal elections. I declare that all the information given on this form is true and complete. Signature of person signing on behalf of elector Date Name BLOCK LETTERS Address Postcode

WITNESS I am eligible to enrol for federal elections. I saw the form signed on behalf of the applicant. I am satisfied that all statements in it are true. Signature of witness Name BLOCK LETTERS Address Postcode