

OVERSEAS ELECTORS

If you are already enrolled to vote at Commonwealth elections and you are going overseas with an intention to return to Australia within 6 years, you may apply to be registered as an Overseas Elector. This will ensure that your name is not removed from the roll and that you can vote while you are outside Australia.

If you are not already enrolled, see the note on the back of this form regarding enrolment from outside Australia.

Registration

Provided you are already enrolled to vote, you can register as an Overseas Elector during the 3 months before your expected date of departure or up to 1 year after you have left Australia. Your registration is valid for 6 years after leaving Australia. If, after leaving Australia, you find that you will be away for more than 6 years, you can apply to the Divisional Returning Officer to have your registration for Commonwealth elections extended by 1 year at a time. You will also be registered as an Overseas Elector for State/Territory elections if you are enrolled in NSW, Vic, ACT and NT. As provisions for registration and enrolment of Overseas Electors for State and Territory elections can vary, please contact the Australian Electoral Commission or the relevant State or Territory Electoral Office if you require more information.

Do I have to vote?

No, you do not have to vote at a Commonwealth election while you are not living in Australia. However, if you do not vote, or apply for a postal vote at a general election, your registration and electoral enrolment may be cancelled.

Overseas voting arrangements – Commonwealth

If a Commonwealth general election is held while you are overseas you will be able to vote in person at the Australian Diplomatic Mission nearest to you before or on polling day. You will need to check if the mission is open on polling day. This special provision applies only to voting at Commonwealth elections.

If you cannot vote in person, you may apply for a postal vote. Arranging a postal vote is your responsibility.

Overseas voting arrangements – State or Territory

Contact your State or Territory electoral authority for information about voting while you are overseas.

Where can I get more information?

You can get more information on electoral enrolment and registration as an Overseas Elector for Commonwealth and for State or Territory purposes at any office of the Australian Electoral Commission or by ringing 13 23 26 in Australia, or +612 6271 4419 from overseas. Information is also available at the Australian Electoral Commission's website at: www.aec.gov.au

These notes will help you fill in the registration form.

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS AND BLUE OR BLACK INK

5 Write the address in Australia where you are currently enrolled

7 Show the postal address to which correspondence can be sent while you are not living in Australia. Please note that arranging for a postal vote is your responsibility.

9 State or Territory enrolment

You may not be entitled to retain State or Territory enrolment if you do not intend to return to live at an address within your State or Territory or within your current subdivision of enrolment. Please indicate your intention by ticking the appropriate box.

Signature

Please sign and date before forwarding the tear off portion of this form to the Australian Electoral Commission.

The addresses and fax numbers of the Australian Electoral Commission State and Territory Head Offices are shown on the back of this form.

PLEASE TEAR OFF

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN OVERSEAS ELECTOR

1 Period you expect to be overseas

From

Day	Month	Year
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 to

Day	Month	Year
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2 Surname

All given names

3 Date of birth

Day	Month	Year
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4 Sex

Male

Female

5 Enrolled address

Postcode

6 Daytime phone number for contact (if convenient)

7 Postal address

Postcode

8 Former surname

9 State or Territory enrolment

Do you intend to return to an address within your State or Territory of enrolment? Yes No

AND

Do you intend to return to an address within your subdivision of enrolment e.g. to the address shown at 5 above? Yes No

SIGNATURE

Signature or mark of applicant

Date

Day	Month	Year
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Reply Paid 31 - HAYMARKET
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box K778
HAYMARKET NSW 1240
Fax : 02 9281 9378

Reply Paid 31 - HAYMARKET
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 2935
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Fax : 02 9281 9378

Reply Paid 74
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 21
DARWIN NT 0801
Fax : 08 8981 7964

Reply Paid 999 - BRISBANE
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 2590
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Fax : 07 3832 3058

Reply Paid 5639 - ADELAIDE
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 344
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Fax : 08 8231 2664

Reply Paid 96 - HOBART
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 520E
HOBART TAS 7001
Fax : 03 6234 4268

Reply Paid 1568 - MELBOURNE
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 768G
MELBOURNE VIC 3001
Fax : 03 9285 7167

Reply Paid 1098 - PERTH
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 781
VICTORIA PARK WA 6979
Fax : 08 9472 3551

Registration as an Overseas Elector

If you are enrolled, that is your name is on the current electoral roll, you may apply to register as an Overseas Elector by completing this form. This will ensure that your name is not removed from the roll because you are not living at your enrolled address in Australia. Also, it will ensure that you can vote while you are overseas.

If you are not enrolled and you are living outside Australia, you may still be entitled to enrol. Information about this is shown on the form 'Application for enrolment from outside Australia', available from all AEC Offices, Australian Diplomatic Missions and the AEC's website at www.aec.gov.au.

Enrolment by the spouse or children of an Overseas Elector

The spouse or children of Overseas Electors may have an entitlement to enrol to vote and to register as an Overseas Elector if they were under 18 years of age when they left Australia and are still living overseas. Special enrolment forms which contain information are available from Australian Diplomatic Missions.



Phone

13 23 26

local call within Australia

or **+612 6271 4419**

from overseas

for any enrolment enquiries



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**Application to
register as an
Overseas Elector**

