

Your Right to Vote

2024 NSW Local Government elections



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People with intellectual disability have the right to vote in **local government elections** in NSW.



Local government elections are when you help decide who will be in the council in your area.

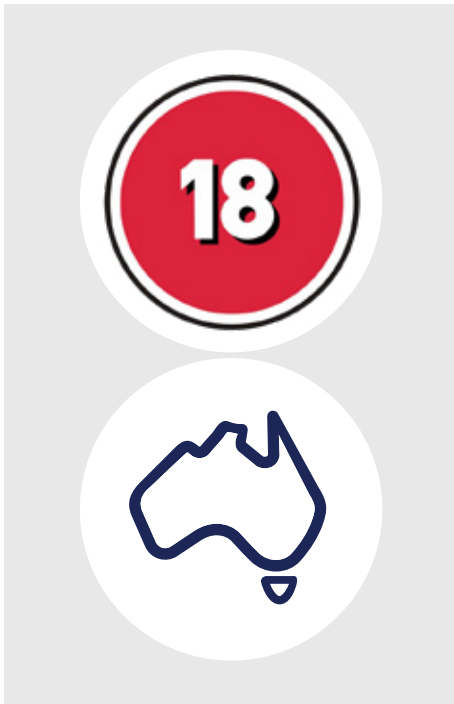


There is a local government election on Saturday 14 September 2024.



You can vote at this election.

Enrol to vote



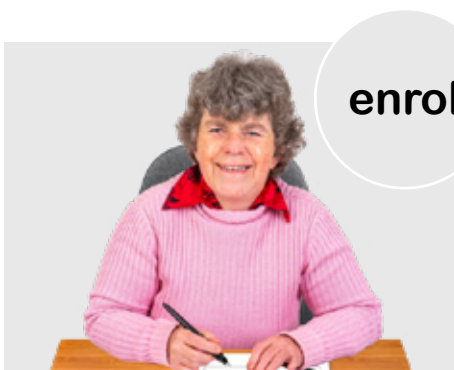
You must vote if you are

- 18 years or older

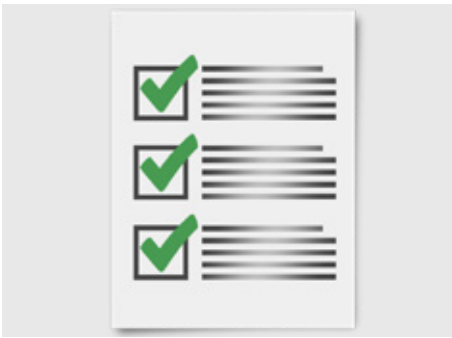
- An **Australian citizen**.



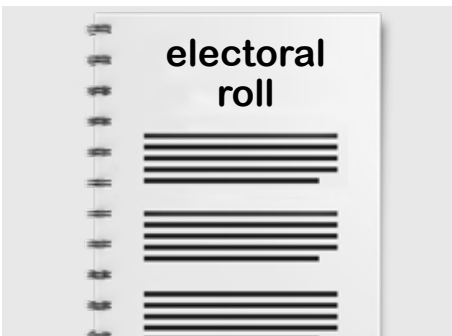
An **Australian citizen** means the government says you are from Australia.



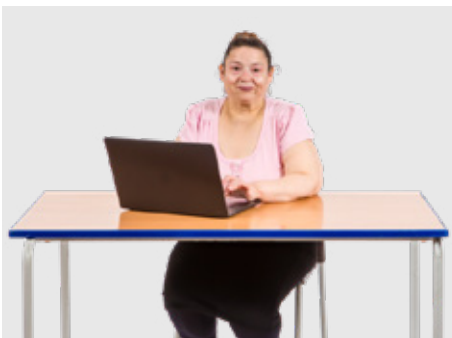
You must **enrol** before you can vote.



When you **enrol** your name is added to the list of people who can vote.



This list is called the **electoral roll**.



To check if you are on the electoral roll go to **www.aec.gov.au**.

If your name is not on the electoral roll



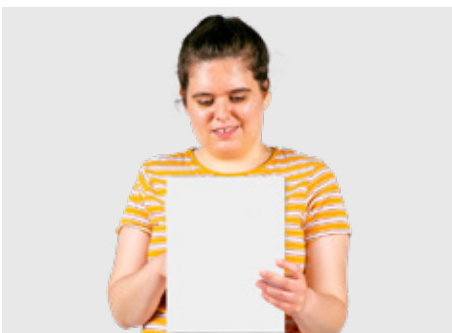
It is ok if your name is not on the electoral roll.



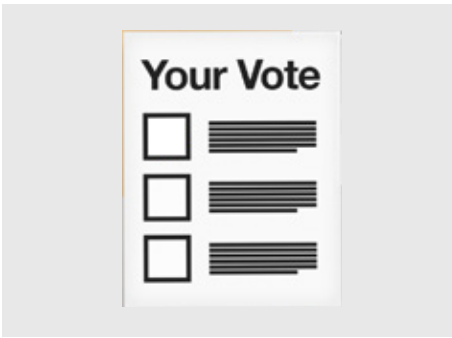
You can make a **declaration vote** when you vote.



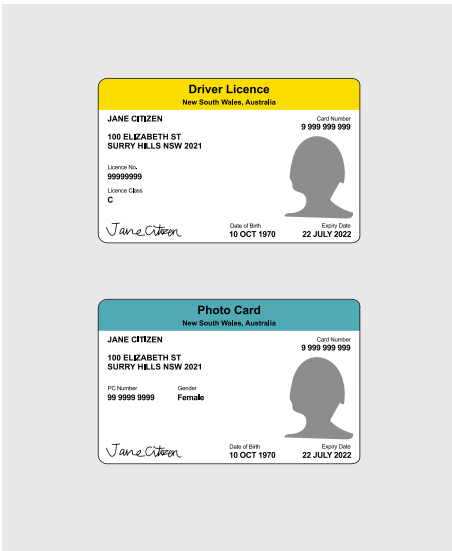
Declaration vote means that you say that you are allowed to vote.



You will then get the **ballot papers** for the area you say you can vote for.



Ballot papers are the papers you use to vote.



To make a declaration vote you must bring your

- NSW Drivers Licence or
- NSW Photo Card.



These are the only types of ID you can bring.



You can ask the election staff if you need help with your declaration vote.

Voting in the NSW Local government elections

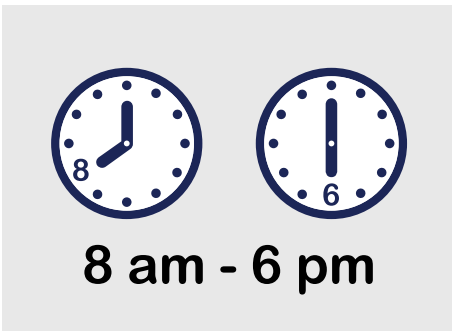


There are 3 ways you can vote in the Local government elections.



1. On election day

Election day will be on
Saturday 14 September 2024.



You can vote between 8 am and 6 pm.



If you need support you can take someone with you.



This might be a

- Friend
- Family member
- Support worker.



You need to go to a **polling place** to vote.



A **polling place** is a place where you vote.

It could be



- A school



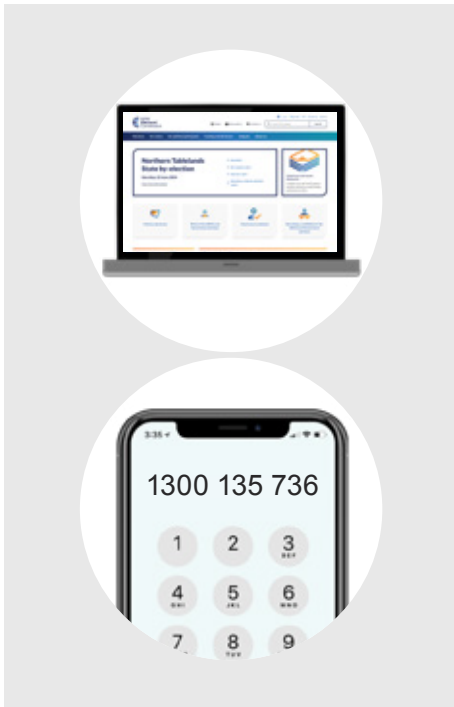
- A church



- The council.



You need to vote at a polling place in the local council area you live in.



To find out where you can vote you can

- Go to the website at **www.elections.nsw.gov.au**

- Call **1300 135 736**.



You might need to stand in a line at the polling place before you get inside.



When you get inside the polling place there will be staff wearing blue vests.



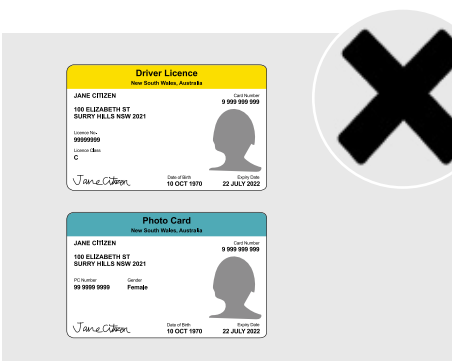
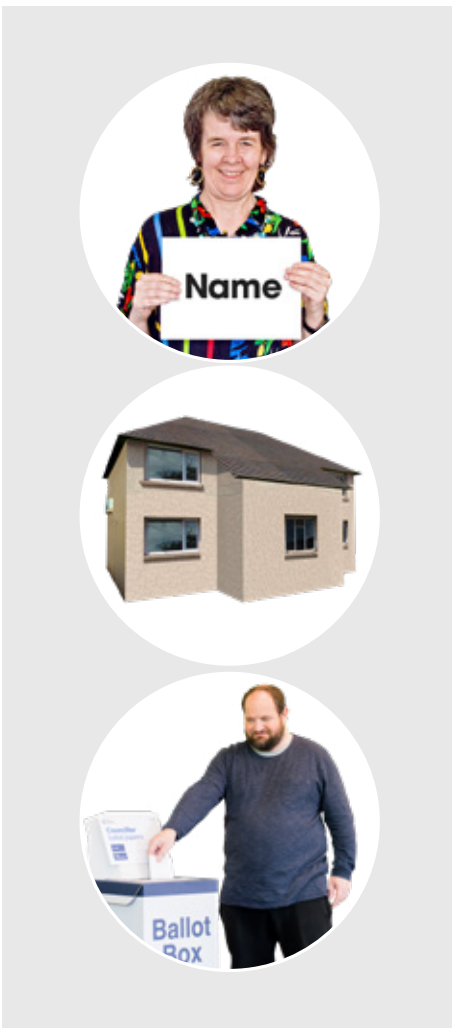
They are **election officials** and are there to help you.

When it is your turn an election official will ask you

1. Your name

2. Where you live

3. If you have already voted in this election.



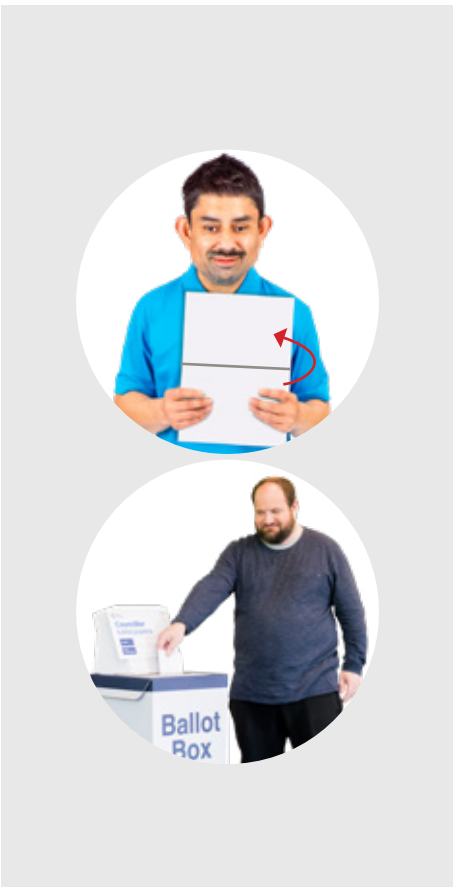
You do not need to show ID to have your name marked off the roll.



The staff will then give you ballot papers to vote with.



Take your papers to the booth and fill them out.



When you have finished you need to

- Fold the ballot paper
- Put it in the ballot box.

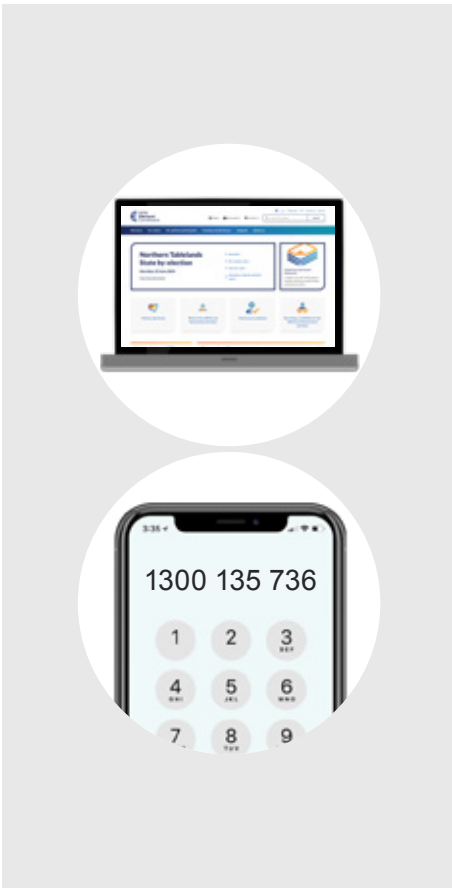


If you need support you can ask an election official.



2. Early voting in person

You can go to some polling places before election day to vote.



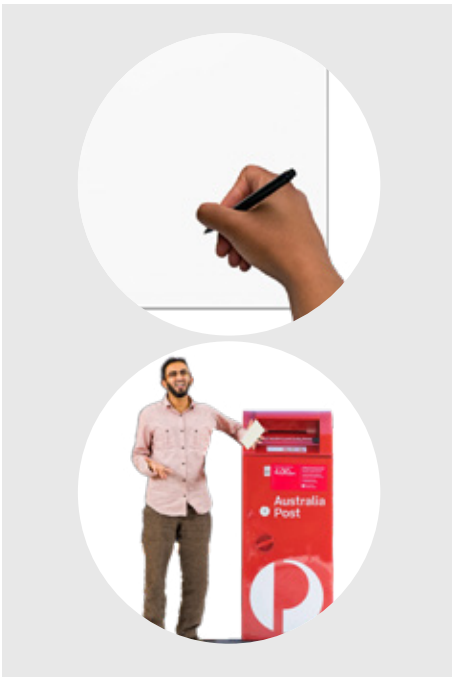
To find more out about voting early you can

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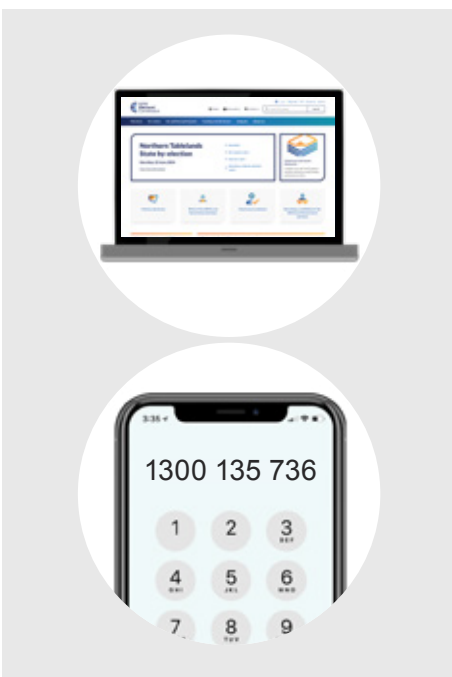
3. Postal vote

Postal vote means you will get your ballot papers in the mail.



You need to

- Fill out your ballot papers
- Post them back.



If you want to get your ballot paper in the mail you can

- Sign up online at the website www.elections.nsw.gov.au
- Call **1300 135 736**.

If you have questions



If you have questions about any of this information you can call the **NSW Electoral Commission**.



The **NSW Electoral Commission** looks after the elections in NSW.



You can call them on **1300 135 736**.

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