

# Enrolling and voting as a person with no fixed address

You are entitled to vote if you are an Australian citizen and aged 18 years and over. Even if you don't have a fixed home address, you have the right to vote.

Local, state and federal governments make decisions that affect you.



If you are experiencing homelessness you can enrol to vote with no fixed address. This means you will be on the electoral roll.

You may wish to enrol with "no fixed address" if you:

- are living in crisis accommodation or transitional accommodation, or
- do not have access to safe and secure housing.

## Will I get fined if I don't enrol and vote?

If you are enrolled as a voter with no fixed address, you will not be fined if you do not vote.

## How do I enrol as a person with no fixed address?

You can enrol online or print the form available via our website at elections.nsw.gov.au

If you don't have identification that's OK. Print the form and ask someone who is already on the electoral roll to confirm they know you by signing the form.

You will be enrolled at the address you put on the no fixed address form. This address might be a support service where you collect your mail. You will vote for the candidates in the area in which you have enrolled.



## Where do I vote on election day?

To vote on election day Saturday, 25 March 2023, visit a voting centre between 8am and 6pm.

To find out where you can vote on election day, visit elections.nsw.gov.au

In the "Find my electorate" tool, enter the address of where you are enrolled to vote to find a list of voting centres and information about each venue's accessibility.

## What if I cannot vote on election day?

If you are unable to make it to a voting centre on election day, you may be eligible to vote in person before election day at an early voting centre or by postal vote.

#### **Early voting**

If you are eligible to vote in person before election day, you can visit an early voting centre on Saturday, 18 March or from Monday, 20 March to Friday, 24 March 2023.

To find out if you are eligible, and where you can vote before election day, go to elections.nsw.gov.au

In the "Find my electorate" tool, enter the address of where you are enrolled to vote to find a list of early voting centres and information about each venue's opening times and accessibility.

#### **Postal vote**

You may be eligible to vote by post and have your ballot papers mailed to you.

Check your eligibility at elections.nsw.gov.au, then apply online or over the phone by calling 1300 135 736. You can also apply by downloading and completing the application form on the website.

Postal vote applications open Monday, 16 January and close at 6pm on Monday, 20 March 2023.

Postal packs containing the ballot papers will be sent out from the week starting Monday, 13 March 2023.

When you receive your postal pack, read the instructions carefully. For your vote to be counted, you must complete your ballot papers and postal vote certificate by 6pm on election day. Your completed postal vote must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission by 6pm on Thursday, 6 April 2023.

## Can I vote as a silent elector?

Your safety is important. If you can provide a residential address but believe that you or your family's safety could be at risk when your address is shown on the electoral roll, you can apply to be a silent elector.

This means your address will not be printed on the public roll, but you can still vote.

You can find out more about your options on our website at elections.nsw.gov.au