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# Your Right to Vote

2023 NSW State election

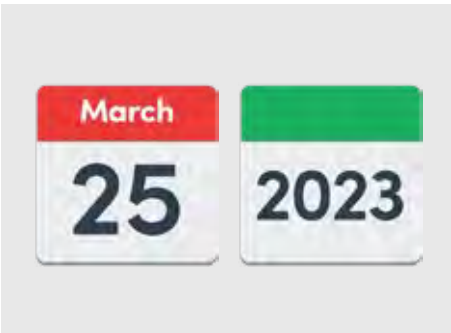


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# Your right to vote



People with intellectual disability are allowed to vote in state government elections in New South Wales.



There is a New South Wales State government election on Saturday 25 March 2023.

You can vote.



In State government elections you help decide who will be on the government.

# Enrol to vote

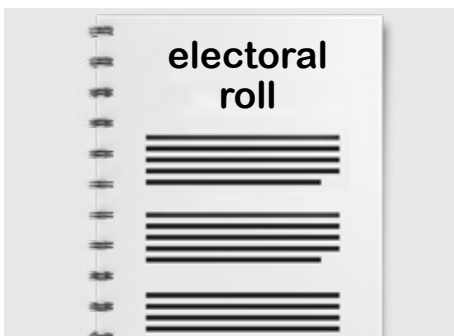


You must vote if

- You are 18 years or older
- You are an Australian citizen.



Before you can vote you must enrol.



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](http://www.aec.gov.au)**

# If your name is not on the electoral roll

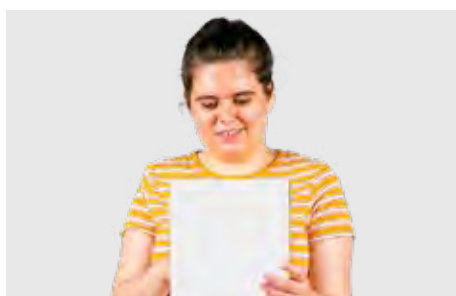


It is okay if your name is not on the electoral roll when it comes time to vote.

You can make a **declaration vote**.

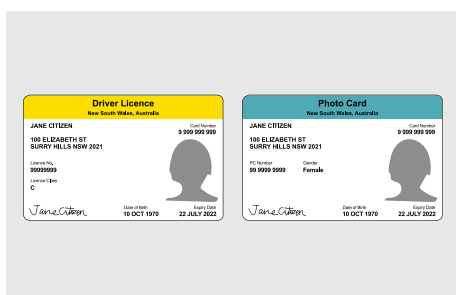


**Declaration vote** means that you say that you are allowed to vote.



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

Ballot papers are your voting papers.



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.

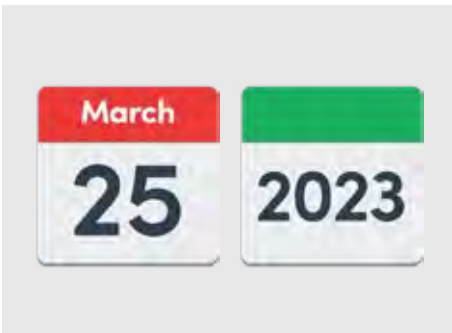


You can ask the election staff if you need help with your declaration vote.

# Voting in the NSW State Election

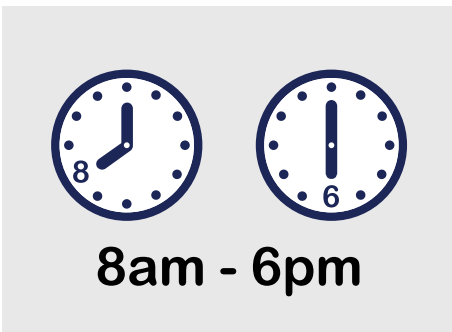


There are 3 ways you can vote in the NSW State Election.



## 1. On Election Day

Election Day will be on Saturday 25 March 2023.



You can vote between 8am and 6pm.



If you need help you can take someone with you.

This might be a

- Friend
- Family member
- Support worker.



You need to go to a voting centre to vote.

This could be

- A school
- A church
- A community centre.



To find out where you can vote go to

**[www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)** or

**Call 1300 135 736**

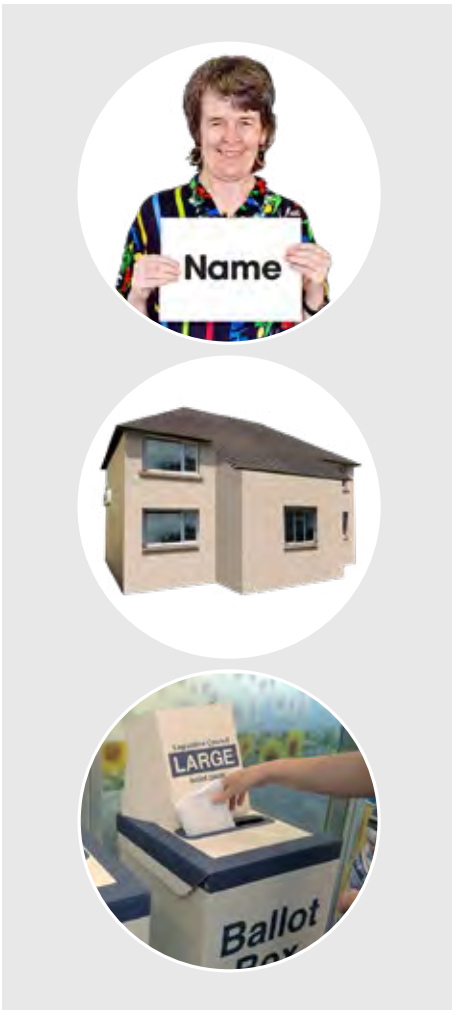


You might need to stand in a line at the voting centre before you get inside.



When you get inside the voting centre 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

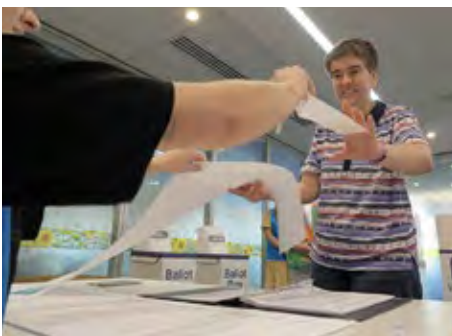
1. Your name

2. Where you live

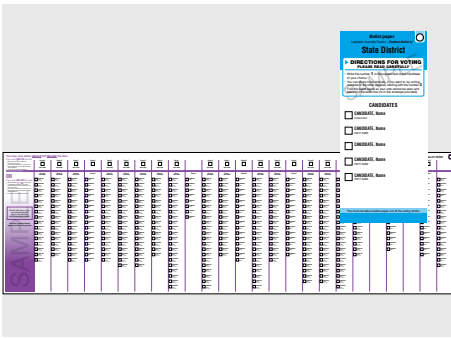
3. If you have already voted in this election.



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

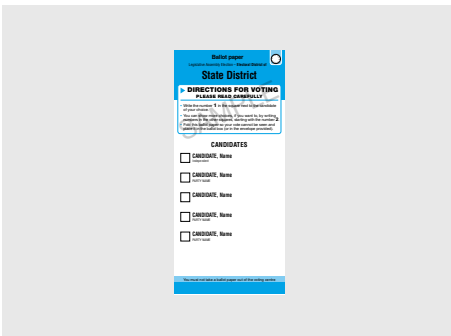


The staff will then give you ballot papers to vote with.



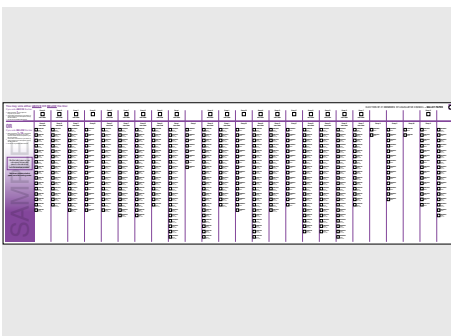
You will receive 2 ballot papers.

These will be a small ballot paper and a large ballot paper.



The small ballot paper is for the Legislative Assembly.

This is also called the Lower House.



The large ballot paper is for the Legislative Council.

This is also called the Upper House.

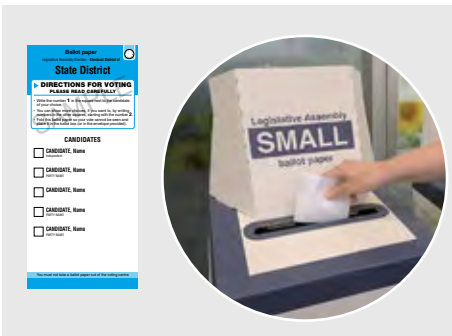


Take your ballot papers to the booth and fill them out.





When you have finished fold the ballot papers and put them in the ballot boxes.



You put the small ballot paper in the ballot box marked small.



You put the large ballot paper in the ballot box marked large.



If you need help you can ask an election official.



## 2. Early voting in person

You can go to some voting centres before election day to vote.



Early voting is open on Saturday 18 March 2023.

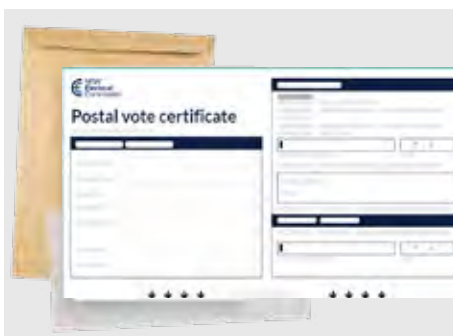
It is then open from 20 March to 24 March 2023.



To find out about voting early you can

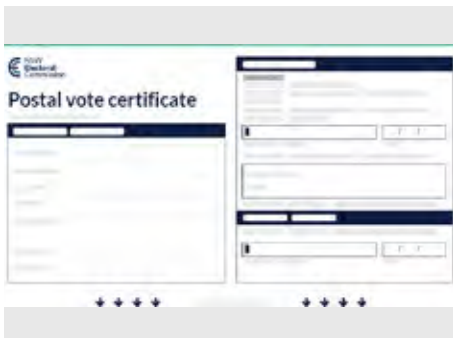
Go to [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)

Call **1300 135 736**



## 3. Postal Vote

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



You will also get a form called a **postal vote certificate**.

A **postal vote certificate** is a form that you fill in to say you have voted.



Fill in the ballot papers and the postal vote certificate.



You must fill your ballot papers in by 6pm on election day.



Post the ballot papers and the postal vote certificate back.



They must arrive at the Electoral Commission by 6pm on Thursday 6 April.



If you want to do a postal vote you can

Go to [www.elections.nsw.gov.au/postal-voting](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/postal-voting)

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If you have any questions about any of this information contact the NSW Electoral Commission.

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