

Homelessness and voting



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The right to vote

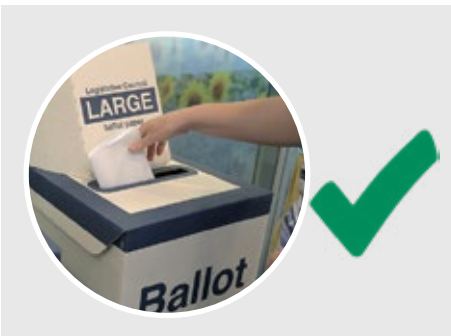


Every **Australian citizen** has the right to vote.

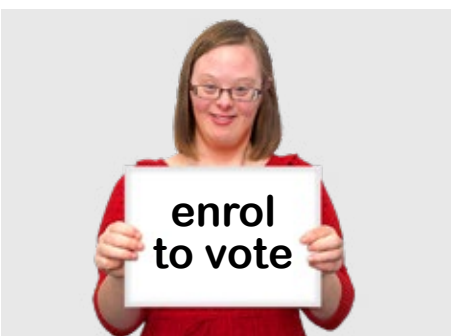


An **Australian citizen** is someone who has

- Australian parents
- An Australian passport
- A document saying they are Australian.



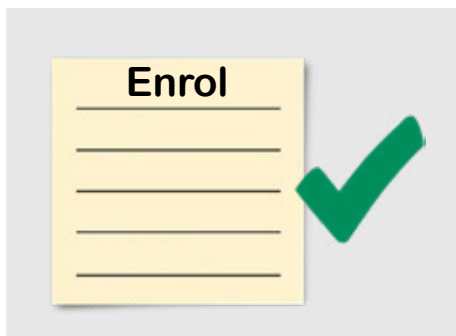
You have the right to vote if you are homeless.



You have to enrol to vote.

Enrol means you tell the government that you want to vote.

How to enrol



You can enrol if you do not have a home where you live all the time.



This means you can enrol if you live in

- A place for a short time only like a hostel
- A homeless shelter
- A place you are living to keep safe for a little while.

This is called **crisis accommodation**.



You need to enrol with the **Australian Electoral Commission**.

AEC for short.



You can enrol online at

**[https://formupload.aec.gov.au/
Form?FormId=itinerant](https://formupload.aec.gov.au/Form?FormId=itinerant)**



To enrol online you will need

- An Australian drivers licence
- An Australian passport.



If you **do not** have a passport or drivers licence someone else can support you to enrol.



The support person needs to

- Say they know who you are
- Be enrolled already.



You and your support person will need to send in a paper form.

You can get the form at

www.elections.nsw.gov.au/voters/assistance-for-voters/homelessness-and-voting



Once you have enrolled you can vote in all elections in Australia.

It is okay if you do not want to vote after you have enrolled.

No longer homeless



You must tell the AEC if you are no longer homeless.

This is when you have a home you live in all the time.



You may have to enrol again with your new address.



To find out more go to

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Keep where you live private



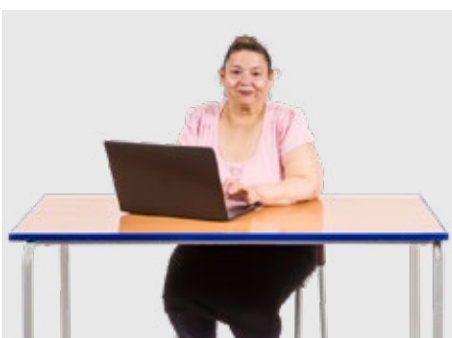
Sometimes you cannot tell other people your address.

This is because it makes you or your family unsafe.



You can ask the NSW Electoral Commission or Australian Electoral Commission to keep your address private.

This means they will not show your address to others.



To find out more go to

www.aec.gov.au/enrolling_to_vote/special_category/silent-electors.htm

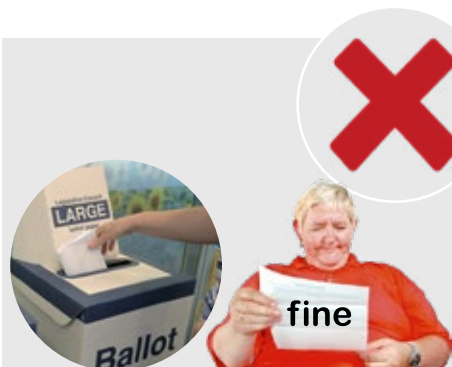
Rules about voting



In Australia it is the rule that every citizen **must** vote.



People who do not vote have to pay a fine.



You do not have to vote or pay a fine if you are registered as homeless.



Tell the NSW Electoral Commission if you got a fine.



You can call them on

1300 135 736



You can contact them online at

www.elections.nsw.gov.au/contact-us

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