

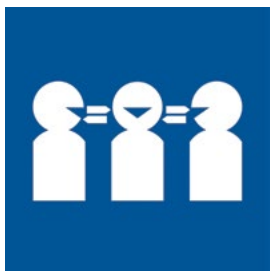
Easy English

Enrolling and voting – for people without a home



Victorian Electoral Commission

You can get this information in different ways



Other languages

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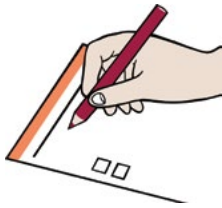
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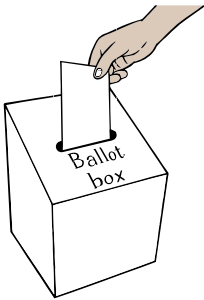


people who do not have a safe place to live.

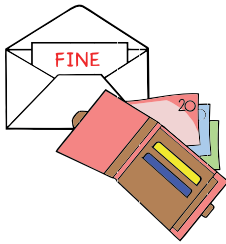
It is about



- enrolling to vote

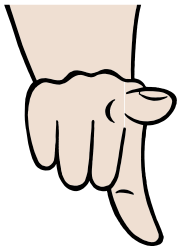


- voting in elections



- non-voting fines.

What is voting?



An election is when you make a choice about who is in charge.

To make a choice you need to vote.

All votes are equal.

Voting is your human right.



Why should I vote?

You can help choose who is in government.

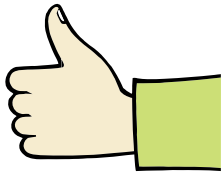
The government makes decisions about your community. For example, about

- health
- schools
- housing.

Australia has 3 types of government.

There is the

- Federal government
- State government
- local council.



You want to vote

You need to enrol. This means you need to put your name on a list.



Who can enrol?

You can enrol if you are

- an Australian citizen
- and**
- aged 18 years or older.



An Australian citizen is a person who was

- born in Australia
- or**
- born overseas but now lives in Australia.

This person has made a special promise to follow the laws in Australia. This person has become an Australian citizen.

How to enrol



If you do not have a safe place to live
you can still enrol to vote.



You do not need ID to enrol

Someone who is already enrolled to vote can
confirm your identity.



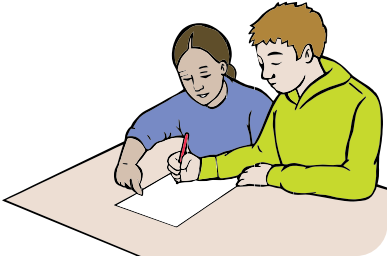
To enrol, get a **no fixed address form** from

- a support worker

or

- the Victorian Electoral Commission.

How to enrol

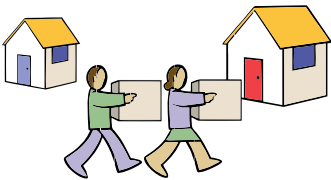


Ask someone you know to help you fill in the form.

For example, a

- friend
- family member
- support worker.

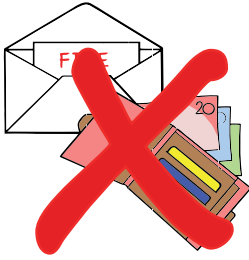
This person needs to be enrolled to vote.



If you move into a permanent house you need a different form.

Talk to your support worker.

Fines



If you have never enrolled before

You will **not** be fined.

We want everyone to enrol to vote.



What if I have a fine for not voting?

Do not panic. Do not ignore it.

- Call the Victorian Electoral Commission

Ask a support worker to help you.



Where to vote

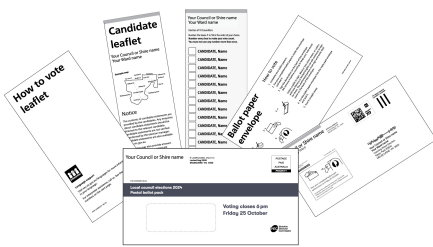
You may be able to vote at a

- housing service you use

or

a voting centre for State elections.

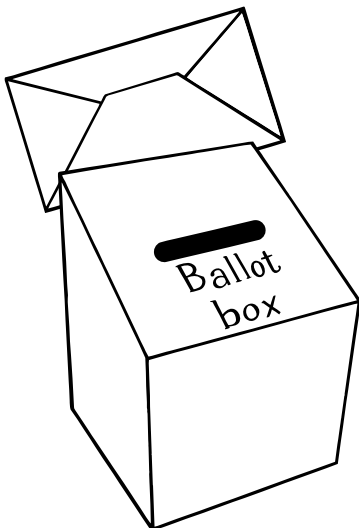
If you can't vote in person, you can apply for a postal vote.



All council elections use postal votes only - you get a ballot pack in the mail.

Ask a support worker about this.

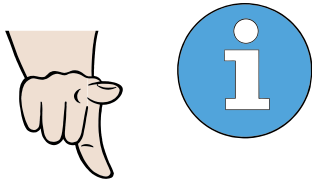
If you fill out the **no fixed address form**, your ballot pack will be sent to the address where you said you collect your mail.



Voting is secret

You do not have to show anyone your vote.

My information



When you enrol, your name goes on a list. This list is called an **electoral roll**.



Who can see the electoral roll?

Anyone can view the electoral roll.

If you enrol using a **no fixed address form** only your name will appear on the roll.

How do I get this information in other languages?



Telephone the number you need

عربي (Modern Standard Arabic)

للحصول على مساعدة الترجمة الفورية، اتصل بالرقم **03 9209 0100**.

ܐܘܪܝܝܢܐܘܝܬܐ (Assyrian Neo-Aramaic)

ܟܝܢܐܘܝܬܐ ܕܗܘܪܝܬܐ، ܦܫܝܕܗ **03 9209 0160**.

မြန်မာ (Burmese)

စကားပြန် အကူအညီအတွက် ဖုန်း: **03 9209 0161** ကိုခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

廣東話 (Cantonese)

如需口譯員協助，請致電 **03 9209 0101**。

Hrvatski (Croatian)

Za pomoć tumača, nazovite **03 9209 0102**.

دری (Dari)

برای گرفتن کمک از ترجمان شفاهی، با شماره **03 9209 0193** به تماس شوید.

Thuɔŋjäŋ (Dinka)

Tënë gөрë yï kuɔny raan agamlöŋ/athook, ke yuöp **03 9209 0119**.

Ελληνικά (Greek)

Για βοήθεια από διερμηνέα, καλέστε στο **03 9209 0103**.

آزرگی (Hazaragi)

بلده کمک ترجمان، به شماره **03 9209 0162** زنگ بزنید.

Italiano (Italian)

Per richiedere l'assistenza di un interprete, chiamare il numero **03 9209 0104**.

For information in all other languages telephone 9209 0112

ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

សម្រាប់ជំនួយអ្នកបកប្រែផ្ទាល់មាត់ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទលេខ **03 9209 0192** .

한국어 (Korean)

통역사 지원을 받으시려면 **03 9209 0194** 로 전화하십시오.

Македонски (Macedonian)

За помош за преведувач, јавете се на **03 9209 0105**.

普通话 (Mandarin)

如需口译协助，请致电 **03 9209 0106**。

नेपाली (Nepali)

दोभाषे सहायताको लागि, **03 9209 0163** मा फोन गर्नुहोस्।

(Persian – Farsi) **فارسی**

برای دریافت کمک از مترجم شفاهی، با شماره **03 9209 0195** تماس بگیرید.

ไทย (Thai)

หากต้องการความช่วยเหลือจากล่าม โทร **03 9209 0164** .

Türkçe (Turkish)

Sözlü tercüman yardımı için **03 9209 0110** numaralı telefonu arayın.

(Urdu) **اردو**

مترجم کی مدد کے لیے، **03 9209 0165** پر کال کریں۔

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

Muốn có thông dịch viên giúp, hãy gọi **03 9209 0111** .

All other languages

To speak to us in any other language, phone (03) 9209 0112.



More information

Ask your support worker



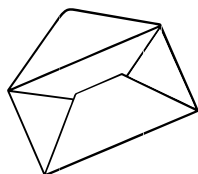
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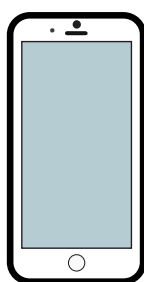
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Phone

131 832

+ 61 3 8620 1100 (from outside Victoria)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have speech impairment phone National Relay Service 133 677 and ask for 03 8620 1100.



For speech-to-speech relay phone 1300 555 727 and ask for 03 8620 1100.



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- Vote in the 2024 Melbourne City Council Election
- Enrolling and voting – for people in prison

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