

Voting services for people

with disability

fact sheet

2020 State general election

The 2020 State general election period is from Monday, 19 October to Saturday, 31 October 2020.

The ECQ is committed to ensuring a range of accessibility measures are in place and that all Queensland voters will have equitable access to voting services for the State election. In addition, the ECQ is implementing a range of measures to deliver a COVID-safe election.

A wide range of options will be available to ensure electors can cast a vote safely, and the ECQ is encouraging everyone to *plan the way to have their say*.

Voting in the State election



Postal voting

Postal vote applications opened on 14 September and will close on 16 October 2020.

Anyone can apply:

- [online](#), or
- by calling the ECQ on 1300 888 665, or
- by completing an [application form](#) and returning it to the ECQ via post or email.

Postal votes are sent to electors in mid-October following the close of candidate nominations and the ballot paper order draw.

Telephone voting

Telephone voting will be available as a limited service for eligible electors only. Eligibility includes people who cannot vote without assistance due to an impairment or cannot vote at a polling booth due to an impairment. Further information on eligibility and how to access this service is available in this [fact sheet](#).

Voting in person

The ECQ is delivering more options for voting in person, with COVID-safe plans ensuring venues are cleaned regularly and set-up to maximise social distancing.



Accessibility is one of the ECQ's main considerations in selecting voting venues and information on whether each of the 200 early voting centres or 1,300 election day polling booths has 'Full Access' or 'Assisted Access' will be published on the [ECQ website](#).

Support services when voting in person

Each polling place also has support services to assist electors with voting.

- **Electors can request another person join them if they need help voting.** This person can be a polling official or anyone else, and can act as an interpreter, read and explain the ballot paper instructions, complete the ballot paper according to the voter's instructions and place the ballot paper in the ballot box.
- **If after arriving at a polling place and the elector is unable to access it or leave their vehicle,** a polling official can bring ballot material to the vehicle so the elector can vote and place the ballot in a ballot box without leaving the vehicle.

For more information on the full range of voting services go to ecq.qld.gov.au. For information about specific circumstances when voting, call the ECQ on 1300 888 665.



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