



Who can use this form?

You can apply to be registered as an overseas elector if:

- you are already enrolled to vote in federal elections, and
- you intend to return within six years of leaving Australia.

This will ensure that your name is not removed from the electoral roll while you are outside Australia and that you can vote in federal elections and referendums held while you are overseas.

If you are not currently enrolled and you have not yet left Australia, you will need to complete a new enrolment form and lodge it with this 'Registration as an overseas elector' form.

If you have left Australia within the last three years and you are not enrolled, you may still do so using the 'Enrol to vote for federal elections from outside Australia' form available from the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au

Is it compulsory to vote?

No, it is not compulsory to vote when you are outside Australia but if you don't vote or apply for a postal vote, your registration and electoral enrolment may be cancelled.

When can you register as an overseas elector?

If you are already enrolled, you can register as an overseas elector up to three months before your expected date of departure or within three years after you have left Australia.

Your registration is valid for six years from your date of departure from Australia.

Within three weeks of receiving your enrolment form the AEC will confirm your enrolment. We may seek further information from you and confirm your enrolment using any of the contact details you provide.

What happens when your circumstances change?

If, after leaving Australia, you find that you will be away for more than six years, you can apply in writing to the Divisional Returning Officer at info@aec.gov.au to have your registration as an overseas elector extended by one year at a time. You must do this in the three months before your registration is due to expire.

Can you register as an overseas elector for state or territory elections?

Some states and territories provide for overseas enrolment and/or registration for voting should an election be held while you are away but others do not. Information is available from individual state and territory electoral websites.

Australian Capital Territory
www.elections.act.gov.au or phone (02) 6205 0033

New South Wales
www.elections.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 135 736

Northern Territory
www.ntec.nt.gov.au or phone 1800 698 683

Queensland
www.ecq.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 881 665

South Australia
www.ecsa.sa.gov.au or phone 1300 655 232

Tasmania
www.tec.tas.gov.au or phone 1800 801 701

Victoria
www.vec.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 805 478

Western Australia
www.elections.wa.gov.au or phone 13 63 06

Overseas voting arrangements for federal elections

There are three options for voting from overseas:

Option 1 — You can register as a general postal voter at Question 9 for federal elections and referendums. You will be sent ballot papers as soon as practicable after the declaration of nominations.

Option 2 — You can vote in person on or before polling day, at an Australian overseas mission which provides full consular services.

During an election period a full list of overseas voting locations is available at www.aec.gov.au

Option 3 — If you do not register as a general postal voter and you cannot vote in person, you may apply for a postal vote. To do so, contact an Australian overseas mission, any AEC office in Australia or download an 'Application for a postal vote' from the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au. Arranging a postal vote is your responsibility.

Note: Provisions for voting as an overseas elector for state and territory elections can vary and you can obtain relevant information from the relevant state or territory authority.

Who has access to electoral information?

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (CEA)* to collect and verify the information you have been asked to complete on this form. The information provided will assist the AEC to maintain electoral rolls.

The AEC may disclose electoral information to persons or organisations in accordance with the CEA. This may include:

- access to the publicly available electoral roll (containing names and addresses) which may be inspected at electoral offices
- state and territory electoral authorities
- Members of Parliament, Senators, registered political parties, and candidates for the House of Representatives
- approved medical research and public health screening programs
- any agencies, persons or organisations prescribed in the *Electoral and Referendum Regulation 2016*.

For more information on privacy, visit www.privacy.gov.au

For more information

Australian Electoral Commission
www.aec.gov.au or 13 23 26 in Australia, or + 61 2 6160 2600

Returning your form

Upload Upload your scanned signed form at www.aec.gov.au/return



Registration as an overseas elector



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Date received

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Notation

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Approved Not approved Signature

Title

Date / /

1 Your current name

If completing by hand use a where appropriate.
Use black or blue pen and BLOCK LETTERS

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name
Given name(s)

2 Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

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Gender

3 Your enrolled address

State Postcode

4 Postal address

Your postal voting papers will be sent to this address

5 Phone numbers

Mobile Daytime ()

Email address

6 I expect to be overseas

from .. 2 0 to .. 2 0

7 Do you intend to return to an address within your state or territory of enrolment?

Yes
No

8 Do you intend to retain your enrolled address as your principal place of residence while you are overseas?

Yes
No

9 Do you wish to register as a general postal voter?

Yes Your postal voting papers will be sent to the postal address given at Question 4
No

10 Your signature or mark

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

NOTE: If the elector makes a mark because they are unable to sign their name, they must have a witness sign below.

Returning your form – see information pages for instructions