

# English

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### Voting in Queensland

An election gives you the opportunity to say who you would like to run the government and make the decisions that affect your everyday life.

In Queensland, your vote is cast in secret so no one knows who you support.

Elections are always held on a Saturday and polling booths are open from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Polling booths are usually set up in public buildings like school halls.

If you can't go to a polling booth, there are other ways to vote before election day. You can call the Electoral Commission on 1300 881 665 for more information.

What should I do at the polling booth?

When you arrive go to the front desk where officials will ask you two questions:

- What is your name?
- What is your address?

Officials ask these questions because voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or over.

Once you have answered them, the official will mark your name off the electoral roll and you will be given a ballot paper.

Take your ballot paper to an empty voting screen so no one can see how you vote. Do not put your name or signature on the ballot paper.

Follow the instructions on the ballot paper.

- Place a '1' next to the candidate who is your first choice.
- Continue numbering the boxes in the order of your preference. For example, write '2' next to the candidate who is your second choice; put '3' next to your third preference and so on.

You can ask for a new ballot paper if you make a mistake.

When you have finished marking your ballot paper, fold it and put it in one of the secure ballot boxes.

You have finished voting.

You are welcome to ask polling officials for help at any time.

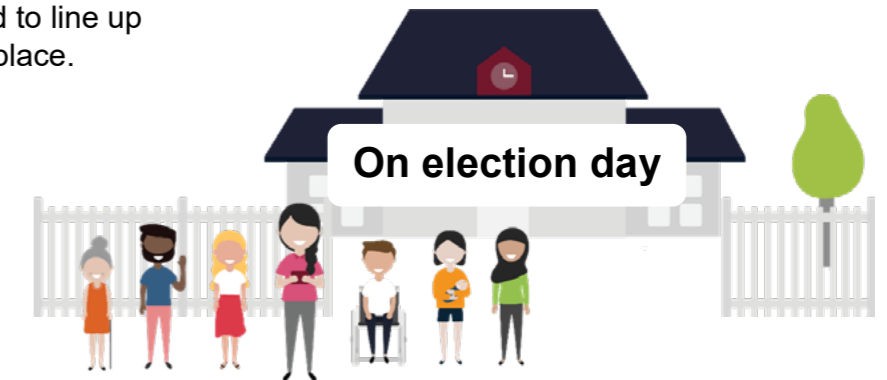


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People working at the polling booth will be wearing maroon vests.



- 1 You may need to line up at the polling place.



- 2 You go to the issuing table.

- 3 Answer 2 questions:

- What is your name?
- What is your address?



- 4 You go to a voting screen.

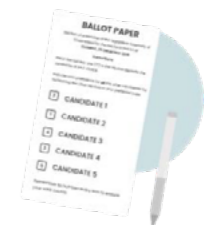
- 5 Fill in the ballot paper according to the instructions.



- 6 Vote according to the instructions on the ballot paper.

- 7 Number the boxes in order of your preference:

- 1 is your first choice,
- 2 is your next choice, and so on.



- 8 Fold the ballot paper and put it into the ballot box.

- 9 You have finished voting!

