

Enrol to vote or update your details as a prisoner in the Australian Capital Territory

**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

Who can use this form?

You can use this form to enrol for federal elections if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, and
- an Australian citizen or a British subject who was on a Commonwealth roll on 25 January 1984, and
- serving a full-time prison sentence.

If you were already enrolled when you started serving your sentence, by completing this form you are advising us that you are absent from your enrolled address and will not be removed from the roll while you are in prison.

You can check whether you are currently enrolled on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au or call **13 23 26**.

Is it compulsory to enrol and vote?

Yes, if you are 18 or older it is compulsory to enrol and vote for federal elections and referendums. However you can only vote in federal elections if you are serving a full-time prison sentence of **less** than three years.

You can vote in ACT Legislative Assembly elections regardless of the length of your sentence

However, if you are in prison outside the ACT, voting is not compulsory for ACT Legislative Assembly elections. Please note that if you wish to vote in these elections you will need to apply for a postal vote. If you are in prison in the ACT, mobile polling facilities will be provided in ACT detention and prison facilities for Legislative Assembly elections.

In which division can you enrol?

For federal and ACT enrolment you must enrol for the address where:

- A** you were last eligible to be enrolled (this will generally be the place where you last lived for at least one month), or
- B** one of your next of kin is currently enrolled if you have not previously been eligible to enrol, or
- C** you were born, if neither of the above apply, or
- D** you have the closest connection if none of the above apply.

For ACT enrolment only you must enrol for the ACT electoral area:

- E** in which you were living immediately before your sentence, or
- F** if E does not apply, in which you are serving your sentence. That is, the address of the prison. Note this can only be for a prison in the ACT.

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 are your voting options?

You can register as a general postal voter to have ballot papers automatically sent to you when a federal or ACT Legislative Assembly election or referendum is called. You can register by crossing the 'Yes' box at question 6.

If you do not register as a general postal voter a mobile polling team may visit your prison or you will need to apply for a postal vote for the relevant election.

What happens when you are released?

After your release you must complete a new enrolment form to advise us of your new address so that we can update the electoral roll. You can get an enrolment form at any Australia Post outlet or at www.aec.gov.au

Who has access to your enrolment information?

The Commonwealth of Australia

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

The Australian Capital Territory

Public roll information may be supplied to Members of the Legislative Assembly, candidates, registered political parties and other organisations – for purposes permitted under the *Electoral Act 1992* (ACT).

The ACT Electoral Commission provides electoral information including name and postal address, date of birth and gender to the ACT Supreme Court for purposes permitted by the *Juries Act 1967* (ACT), the Chief Health Officer to maintain the cancer register under the *Public Health Regulation 2000* (ACT) and the Chief Executive of the Treasury to contact former Totalcare Industries Ltd employees about superannuation.

For more information

Australian Electoral Commission
www.aec.gov.au or **13 23 26**

ACT Electoral Commission
www.elections.act.gov.au or **02 6205 0033**

Returning your form

- Post** Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9867
CANBERRA ACT 2601
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)
- Fax** 02 6293 7601
- Upload** Upload your scanned signed form at
www.aec.gov.au/return





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Date received

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CATS **C** NIN

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)

If notifying a change of name

Previous family name

Previous given name(s)

2 Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

. . Gender

3 I am serving a full-time sentence of imprisonment and I am applying to enrol for federal and ACT Legislative Assembly elections at the address where:

Please select the FIRST statement that applies to you and show the relevant address below

- A I was last eligible to be enrolled
- B one of my next of kin is currently enrolled, as I have not previously been eligible to enrol

Full name of next of kin

- C I was born, as neither A nor B applies
- D I have the closest connection, as none of the above statements apply

The address where I am claiming enrolment is:

Clearly identify this address. A locality name or mail service number is not enough

<input type="text"/>
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4 I am serving a full-time sentence of imprisonment and I am applying to enrol for ACT Legislative Assembly elections only at:

Please select the FIRST statement that applies to you and show the relevant address below

- E the address in the ACT where I lived immediately before starting my sentence OR, if E does not apply
- F the address of the prison in the ACT where I am serving my sentence

The address where I am claiming enrolment is:

Clearly identify this address. A locality name or mail service number is not enough

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5 Current postal address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
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6 Do you wish to register as a general postal voter for federal and ACT Legislative Assembly elections?

- Yes Your ballot papers will be sent to your postal address whenever a federal or ACT Legislative Assembly election is held.
- No You may have access to a mobile polling team or you can apply for a postal vote.

7 Citizenship status

To enrol you must be an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was on the Commonwealth electoral roll on 25 January 1984

Australian citizen by birth Town of birth State or territory

or I have become an Australian citizen Citizenship certificate number

Country of birth
Name on citizenship certificate

or British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984
Name on 25 January 1984
Country of birth

8 Evidence of your identity

Confirm your identity using one of these three options

Australian driver's licence Number State or territory

or

Australian passport Number

or

A person who is on the Commonwealth electoral roll will confirm my identity

- I am on the Commonwealth electoral roll, and
- I confirm the identity of the applicant.

Signature

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Name and address (BLOCK LETTERS)

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

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9 Your declaration

- I am eligible to enrol at the above address
- The information I have given on this form is true and complete, and
- I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Your signature or mark

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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 page for instructions