

# Enrol to vote or update your details as a prisoner in New South Wales

**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](http://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 enrol and vote in NSW state and local government elections only if you are serving a prison sentence of less than 12 months.

## In which division can you enrol?

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.

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 have two options and the AEC recommends Option 1:

**Option 1** – select the ‘No’ box at question 7 and the AEC will provide you with a Postal Vote Application when they become available prior to an election.

**Option 2** – select the ‘Yes’ box at question 7 to register as a general postal voter and ballot papers will be sent to your current postal address when a federal or NSW state or local government election or referendum is held.

## 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](http://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](http://www.privacy.gov.au)

### The State of New South Wales

The New South Wales Electoral Commission is authorised under the *New South Wales Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* to collect and provide such electoral information as title, name and postal address, date of birth, gender and electoral area to:

- Members of State Parliament and registered political parties
- groups and candidates participating in the electoral process – date of birth is not provided
- certain health screening programs – within National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines
- State agencies – including NSW Police, Sheriff’s Office, ICAC, Department of Fair Trading, NSW Crime Commission and Office of State Revenue.

## For more information

Australian Electoral Commission  
[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or **13 23 26**

NSW Electoral Commission  
[www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or **1300 135 736**

## Returning your form

- Post** Return your form using the reply paid enveloped provided
- Fax** 02 6215 9912
- Upload** Upload your scanned signed form at [www.aec.gov.au/return](http://www.aec.gov.au/return)

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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 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

**4 I am serving a full-time sentence of imprisonment and I am applying to enrol for:**

NSW state and local government elections as I am serving a sentence of less than 12 months

**5 The address where I am claiming enrolment is:**

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

State  Postcode

**6 Current postal address**

(use the postal address of the prison where you are currently located)

State  Postcode

**7 Do you wish to register as a general postal voter for federal and NSW state and local government elections?**

No  Option 1 – The AEC will provide a Postal Vote Application as soon as they are available prior to an election.

Yes  Option 2 – Your ballot papers will be sent to your postal address as listed above whenever a federal or NSW state and local government election is held.

**8 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

**9 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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**10 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**