

Voting

Who must vote?

Voting is compulsory at Federal, State and local council elections for all electors on the electoral roll.

Can a person in your care receive assistance to vote?

Definitely. Families, carers and all staff at voting locations are able to assist all voters. Do not hesitate to ask for help if required.

What if the person in my care has a physical difficulty in attending a voting location?

Many voting locations have appropriate facilities to assist people with a physical disability to vote.

Alternatively, the person in your care can apply to be registered as a General Postal Voter (GPV). At the time of any election, the VEC will automatically send the person the required postal voting material.

Contact the VEC on 13 18 32 for full details.

Need more information?

For your voting options at a Federal election, contact the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on 13 23 26 or for all other enquiries about voting, contact the VEC on 13 18 32.

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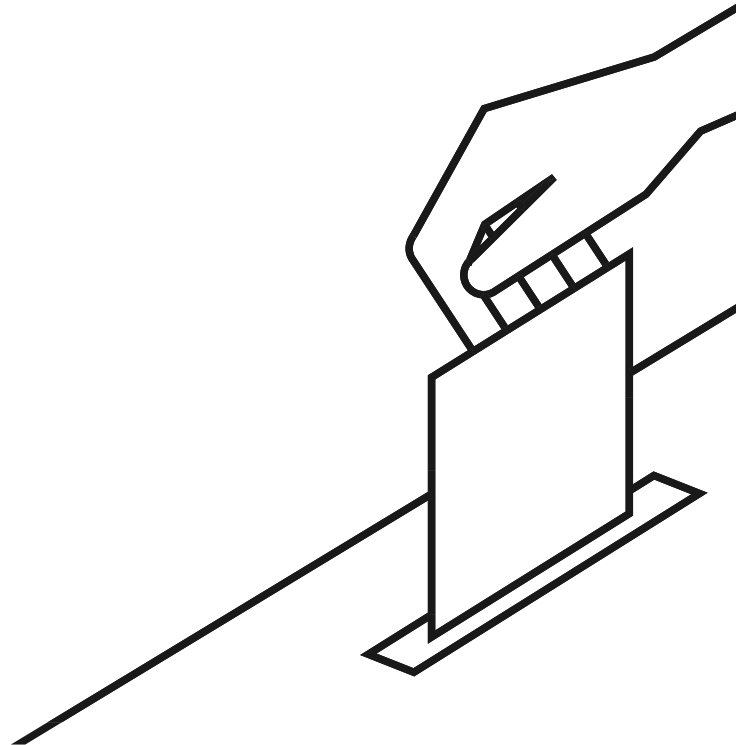
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Enrolment and Voting

Information for families and carers

This leaflet provides information about enrolment and voting for people with a cognitive disability/impairment.



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The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is committed to providing the most appropriate services to help all eligible Victorians participate in the democratic process.

As part of this commitment, this brochure has been produced to assist the families and carers of people with a cognitive disability/impairment.

Enrolment

Who must enrol to vote?

Federal and State laws require that all Australian citizens who are 18 years of age and over, and have lived at their present address for at least a month, must enrol to vote at all Federal, State and local council elections.

However, any person determined to be without capacity to understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting is not entitled to enrol to vote.

Who determines if someone cannot understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting?

A registered medical practitioner needs to certify in writing that a person is incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.

An 'Elector No Longer Capable' form is available from the VEC and should be returned to the VEC when completed.

How can a person in my care check to see whether they are enrolled?

To check enrolment details, you can call the VEC on 13 18 32 or look up their enrolment details at:
www.vec.vic.gov.au

What can you do if you consider a person in your care is enrolled but you believe that he/she does not sufficiently understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting?

Call the VEC for a copy of the 'Elector No Longer Capable' form or download it from www.vec.vic.gov.au. Have the person's medical practitioner complete the form and return it to the Enrolment Branch of the VEC, Reply Paid 66506, Melbourne, Vic 3000. The elector will be removed from Federal, State and local government rolls.

What can you do if you consider a person in your care sufficiently understands the enrolment and voting system but he/she is not enrolled?

Contact the VEC on 13 18 32 and an enrolment form can be sent to the person in your care. Alternatively, an enrolment form can be collected from any Post Office, Coles Supermarket, or any VEC or Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) office. Enrolment forms can also be downloaded from the VEC website at:
www.vec.vic.gov.au

After being placed on the Federal and State electoral roll, the person will be eligible to vote for all Federal, State and local council elections.

Are there any penalties for someone who should have enrolled in the past?

The elector will not be fined if they have failed to enrol in the past.