

## Federal Elections Only

### Do I have to enrol and vote for Federal elections?

If you are serving a sentence of less than three years, serving a sentence of periodic detention, on early release, or on parole, you are entitled to enrol and vote.

If you are serving a sentence of three years or longer, you are not entitled to enrol and vote. Once released from prison, you are entitled to enrol and vote.

### Where can I get more information on Federal enrolment and voting?

For further information on enrolment and voting for Federal elections contact the AEC on 13 23 26 or at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

(The information on Federal elections section has been supplied directly by the Australian Electoral Commission.)

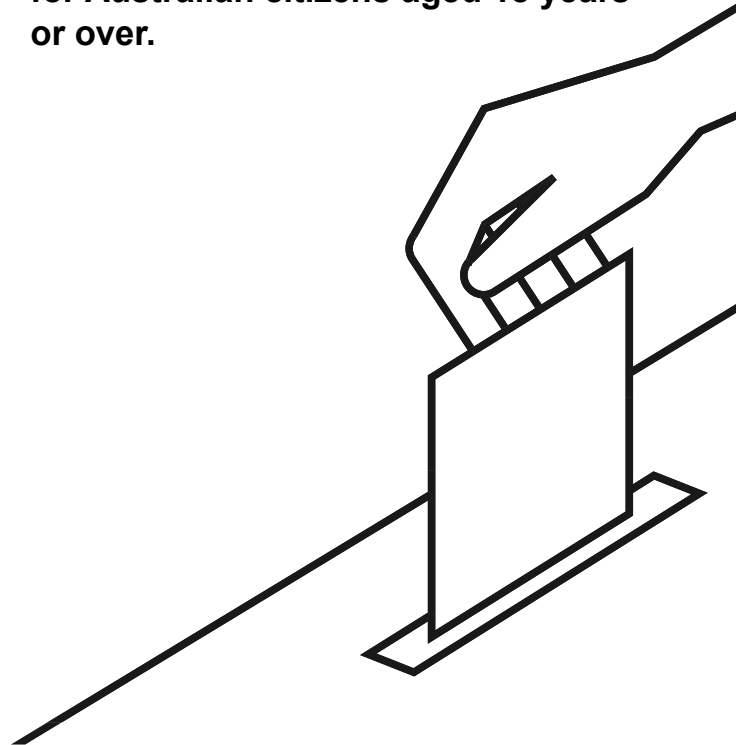
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# Enrolment and Voting

## Information for prisoners on enrolment and voting

**This leaflet provides information about enrolment and voting obligations for people in prison. This information covers Federal, State and council elections for Australian citizens aged 18 years or over.**



Victorian Electoral Commission 

## Federal, State and Council Elections

### Where am I enrolled while I'm in prison?

If you're already enrolled, your enrolment address stays the same. It's a good idea to let the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) know that you will be absent from your enrolled address so that you're not removed from the roll in error.

### Can I enrol while I'm in prison?

If you become eligible to enrol while in custody (you have turned 18 or choose to enrol for the first time) you may be entitled to enrol for the address where you lived prior to starting your sentence (for more information see State and Council Enrolment below).

If that's not possible, you may be able to use a relative's address or the place you were born. You can request a special prisoner enrolment form by contacting the VEC on 131 832 or at Victorian Electoral Commission, Reply Paid 66506, Melbourne 3000 Vic.

## Victorian State and Council Elections Only

### Do I have to enrol and vote for Victorian State elections?

Enrolment and voting is compulsory for prisoners in Victoria if you're in custody for less than five years. In this case, you should maintain your enrolment and vote in any State or council elections. Your enrolment address is the residential address where you were living at the time of conviction.

### My sentence is five years or more. What does this mean for me?

If you are serving a sentence of five years or more, you'll automatically be taken off the State electoral roll and you won't be able to vote at any State or council election. After your release, you should re-enrol to vote at State and council elections.

### What happens if I'm released or on parole?

If you're on the roll, you can vote at Federal, State and council elections while on periodic detention, parole or early release.

### Do I need to re-enrol once I'm released?

Once you're released you might need to update your enrolment details – you can check online or ring the VEC to check. If you need to re-enrol, you can get an enrolment form from any post office, Coles supermarket or online from [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

### How can I vote while I'm in prison?

To vote, you can ask prison administration for an application for a postal vote. Return this application to the VEC in the reply paid envelope and a ballot pack will be mailed to you.

### Where can I get more information on Victorian State and council enrolment and voting?

For further information on enrolment and voting for State and council elections, contact the VEC on 13 18 32 or at [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)