Easy English

Homeless
not voteless

Victorian Electoral Commission
You can get this information in different ways

**Auslan**

Contact the Victorian Electoral Commission for a DVD in Auslan.

**Other languages**

Read page 12 to 13.


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About this book

This book is for people

• who are homeless

or

• do not have a secure place to live.

It is about

• enrolling to vote

• voting in elections

• voting fines.
What is voting?

An election is when you make a choice about who is in charge.

To make a choice you need to vote.

All votes are equal.

Voting is your human right.

Why should I vote?

You can help choose who is in government.

The government makes decisions about your community. For example, about

- health
- schools
- housing.

Australia has 3 types of government.

There is the

- Federal government
- State government
- local council.
Do you want to vote?

You can vote if you are

- an Australian citizen
  
  and
  
- aged 18 years or older.

An Australian citizen is a person who was

- born in Australia
  
  or
  
- born overseas but now lives in Australia.

This person has made a special promise to follow the laws in Australia. This person has become an Australian citizen.
No. You do not want to vote

If you are homeless you do not have to enrol.

You do not have to vote.

You will not get a fine.

You are not sure

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Yes. You want to vote

You need to enrol. This means you need to put your name on a list.

Voting is secret

You do not have to show anyone your vote.
Fines

If you have never enrolled or voted

You will not be fined.

We want everyone to enrol to vote.

What if I have a fine for not voting?

Do not panic. Do not ignore it.

• Call the Victorian Electoral Commission

Ask a community worker to help you.
How to enrol

To enrol get a **no fixed address form** from

- a community worker

or

- the Victorian Electoral Commission.

You do not need a home address for the form.

Ask someone you know to watch you fill in the form.

For example, a

- friend

- family member

- community worker.

This person needs to be enrolled to vote.
You do not need ID to enrol

Someone who is enrolled to vote in federal elections can confirm your identity.

If you move into a permanent house you need a different form.
Talk to your community worker.

Where to vote

You may be able to vote at a homeless service you use. Ask a community worker about this.
My information

When you enrol your name goes on a list. This list is called an **electoral roll**.

If you are homeless your **address** will **not** go on the electoral roll.

Who can see the electoral roll?

Anyone can view the electoral roll.

If you enrol using a **no fixed address form** only your name will appear on the roll.
How do I get this information in other languages?

Telephone the number you need

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عربي (Arabic)
إذا أردت المزيد من المعلومات التفصيلية، وبداعة للإستعانة بترجم شفهي، يرجى الاتصال على الرقم 0100 9209 0190 (03).

Босански (Bosnian)
Ako su vam potrebne detaljnije informacije i pomoć prevodioca, nazovite (03) 9209 0191.

한국 (Cantonese)
如果需要詳細資料和傳譯員協助，請電 (03) 9209 0101。

Хрватски (Croatian)
Ako su vam potrebne podrobnije informacije i pomoć tumača, nazovite (03) 9209 0102.

دری (Dari)
اگر به معلومات مفصلتر و کمک ترجمه ضرورت دارید، به تلفون شماره 9108 (03) زنگ بزنید.

Динка (Dinka)
Na koor yin lëk jué cí kek cuir ku kuçony de athok /raan é thok waaric, yuörp (03) 9209 0119.

Ελληνικά (Greek)
Αν χρειάζεστε πιο λεπτομερείς πληροφορίες και τη βοήθεια διερμηνέα, τηλεφωνήστε στο (03) 9209 0103.

Italiano (Italian)
Se hai bisogno di informazioni più particolari giatte e dell’assistenza di un interprete, telefona al (03) 9209 0104.

ខ្មែរ (Khmer)
ពិភពប្រជាម្ភ្ជៈពីសារព័្េមន្ត្រីអង្គនាយកអន្ត្រីជន្តរបស់អង្គមន្ត្រីមពិការក្រុមហ៊ុន, ដែលចំពោះប្រព័ន្ធកើន (03) 9209 0192-1
Enrolling and voting for people who are homeless

For Information in all other languages
telephone 9209 0112

한국어 (Korean)
더 자세한 내용을 원하시거나 통역 서비스가 필요하시면 (03)9209 0194번으로 연락하시기 바랍니다.

Македонски (Macedonian)
Ако сакате подетални информации и помощ со преведување јавете се на (03) 9209 0105.

中文简体 (Mandarin)
如果需要详细资料和传译员协助，请电 (03) 9209 0106。

فارسی (Persian)
اگر اطلاعات مفصل تریا کمک یک مترجم را می خواهید به شماره 9209 0195 (03) تلفن کنید.

Русский (Russian)
Если вам нужна более подробная информация и помощь переводчика, то позвоните по номеру (03) 9209 0196.

Српски (Serbian)
Ако су вам потребне детаљније информације и помоћ тумача, позовите (03) 9209 0107.

Soomaali (Somali)
Haddii aad u baahan tahay macluumaad faahfaahsan oo intaas ka badan iyo caawimada mutarjumka, wac(03)9209 0108.

Español (Spanish)
Si necesita información más detallada y la asistencia de un intérprete, llame al teléfono (03) 9209 0109.

Türkçe (Turkish)
Daha ayrıntılı bilgi edinmek istemeniz ve bir çevirmene gerek duymanız durumunda,(03)9209 0110 numaralı telefonu arayın.

Việt-ngữ (Vietnamese)
Nếu quý vị cần thêm thông tin chi tiết và sự giúp đỡ của chuyên dịch viên, hãy điện thoại số (03) 9209 0111.
More information

Ask your community worker

Contact us

You can get more information from the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Website www.vec.vic.gov.au
Email info@vec.vic.gov.au

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Victorian Electoral Commission,
Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone
131 832
+ 61 3 8620 1100 (from outside Victoria)

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment phone National Relay Service 133 677 and ask for 03 8620 1100.

For speech-to-speech relay phone 1300 555 727 and ask for 03 8620 1100.
Other Easy English Guides available from the VEC:

- Vote in Local Council Attendance Elections
- Vote in Local Council Postal Elections
- Vote in the Melbourne City Council Postal Elections
- Vote in Victorian State Elections

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