



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### PRIVACY

#### Who can see my personal details once I enrol to vote?

The public electoral roll, containing names and addresses, is available for viewing at the Victorian Electoral Commission's office. However, if you have enrolled using a 'no fixed address' form, only your name will appear on the roll, not your address.

The information you provide is also made available, by law, to members of Parliament, political parties, approved medical researchers and public health screening programs, certain government agencies and other electoral authorities. The enrolment form explains this further.

#### I'm concerned about my details appearing on the electoral roll.

If you use the 'no fixed address' enrolment form only your name will appear on the publicly available roll.

If you use a standard enrolment form, your name and address will appear. If you believe that having your address on the electoral roll endangers the safety of you or any member of your family, then you can apply to be a **silent elector**. You will need to fill out a 'silent elector' form in addition to your enrolment form. If approved, only your name will appear on the electoral roll; your address will not be shown.

A new enrolment form is required every time you move address. If you are a silent elector and you are moving from interstate, update your enrolment with the



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### VOTING FINES

#### Will I be fined if I have not enrolled before?

No. The VEC wants to make it as easy as possible for people to enrol to vote.

#### Will I be fined if I enrol but do not vote in a federal, State or local council election in Victoria?

If you have 'no fixed address' enrolment in Victoria and do not vote in a federal, State or local council election you will not be fined.

#### What if I have an outstanding fine/s from previous State elections?

If you received a voting fine in the past and didn't pay it, it's important that you let the VEC know. You can also ask a community worker to contact the VEC on your behalf.

#### What if I don't vote in an election and I receive a letter in the mail asking me to explain why I didn't vote?

Do not ignore this letter. Call the Victorian Electoral Commission (for local council and State elections) or the Australian Electoral Commission (for federal elections) and explain that you are experiencing homelessness and were unable to vote on election day.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

call 131 832, or visit [vec.vic.gov.au/homelessnotvoteless](http://vec.vic.gov.au/homelessnotvoteless)

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# NO FIXED ADDRESS?

## You can still vote.

### INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY AGENCIES

If your clients don't have access to safe and secure housing, they can enrol to vote as 'no fixed address'.

This guide is for community workers who would like to assist their clients in the enrolment process.



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