



At the polling place

Outside the polling place

Outside the polling place, you may see posters and banners for different political parties or candidates and people handing out 'how-to-vote' cards. These people are election campaign workers.

The how-to-vote cards are instructions on how to complete your ballot paper to support the candidate or party they represent. You do not have to accept a how-to-vote card or fill out your ballot paper according to the card, unless you want to.

Inside the polling place

When you arrive at the polling place entrance, staff will direct you to the next available Issuing Officer.

There are two types of Issuing Officers:

- Ordinary Issuing Officer
- Declaration Issuing Officer

Local voters

The Ordinary Issuing Officer marks electors off the roll and issues ballot papers for local voters or electors who are voting in the district for which they are enrolled.

The officer will ask three questions:

1. What is your full name?
2. What is the address of where you live?
3. Have you already voted in this election?

Once your name has been crossed off the roll, you will be given your ballot papers.

Declaration voters

The Declaration Issuing Officer issues ballot papers to electors who are voting outside the district for which they are enrolled, or if the elector cannot be marked off the roll but believes they are entitled to vote.

An elector may not be able to be marked off the roll because the elector:

- is already marked off the roll
- is being challenged by a scrutineer
- does not appear on the roll.

If you are issued a declaration vote, you will be given an envelope to put your ballot papers in and directed to use a special ballot box.

After polling closes, each envelope is checked, and the elector's name located on the roll before the votes can be included in the count.

Cast your vote

After you have been issued your ballot papers, you will be directed to the voting screens where you can complete your vote in private. You can ask for help at any time.

When you have completed your ballot papers, place them in the ballot box. The ballot box guard will be there to make sure all the votes are put into the correct box and are secure.

Once you have put your ballot papers in the ballot boxes, you have finished.

