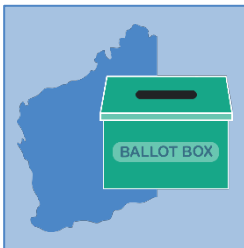




# How do I enrol and vote?



Being enrolled on the electoral roll means you have the right to vote for who represents you in Parliament. If you're not enrolled you can't vote in local, State or federal elections.

The right to vote is a basic democratic freedom and is considered one of the most important responsibilities of citizens in a democratic country.

To vote, you must be 18 years or older, an Australian citizen and on the electoral roll.

## When should I enrol?

You should enrol as soon as you are eligible. If you are 16 years old, you can provisionally enrol on the State Roll. Then, you will already be enrolled to vote as soon as you turn 18.

If your details change, like your name or your address, you should also update your details as soon as possible.

## How do I enrol?

To enrol, or to update your details, you have to complete an enrolment form.

You can complete the form online or download one from [elections.wa.gov.au/enrol](http://elections.wa.gov.au/enrol)

You can collect a form from:

- the Western Australian Electoral Commission office
- an Australian Electoral Commission office
- a post office.

Return it in person, by email, or post.

If your details are up to date, you are ready to vote.

## Why should I vote?

Voting in a State election is really important. It's your way to have a say about who represents you in Parliament. Voting in a State election is also compulsory. If you do not vote, you may be fined.

## When do I vote?

**State election:** Once you are enrolled, you can vote at any State election held in the electoral district in which you live. State general elections are held on the second Saturday in March every four years.

**State by-elections:** State by-elections are held if a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly arises, for example, if an elected member resigns or dies. Only people enrolled in the affected electoral district vote in a by-election.

## How do I vote?

Election day is always on a Saturday. On election day, electors go to a polling place to vote. Polling places are usually located in schools, town halls or courthouses and are advertised before election day.

When you arrive at a polling place, a staff member will mark your name off the roll and give you your ballot papers.

Take your ballot papers to an empty voting screen. Read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully and cast your vote. It's ok to ask polling place staff if you need help.

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

If you can't vote on election day, you can **vote early** at an Early Polling Place up to 11 days before election day. Alternatively, you can apply to **vote by post**. Ballot papers will be sent to you, and you return them in the envelope provided.