

Information for voters

Can I vote by post?

Anyone on the electoral roll can apply to be a postal voter in the 2025 Prahran District by-election.

How do I apply for a postal vote?

Complete the attached form, sign it in front of a witness and ask the witness to sign their part of the form.

Save time by applying for your postal vote online:

vec.vic.gov.au/postalvote

We receive online applications immediately.

Applicants unable to write

Depending on your ability, you may ask another person to complete the form for you. You may then either:

- use a mark instead of a signature and ask the person to witness it or
- ask the person to note on the form that you cannot sign your name.

Important: A person with power of attorney for you is not allowed to sign the form on your behalf.

When do I apply?

You can apply for a postal vote from Monday 23 December. The deadline to apply is 6 pm on Wednesday 5 February.

How do I return this form?

- By mail using the reply-paid address:

Central Processing Centre
Reply Paid 76032
MELBOURNE VIC 8060

You must supply an envelope, but a stamp is not required.

- By email to cpc@vec.vic.gov.au
- In person to Level 11, 530 Collins St, Melbourne.

When will I receive my ballot papers?

We will send out ballot papers after the close of nominations, from Monday 20 January.

Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail before 6 pm Victorian time on election day, Saturday 8 February, for it to be counted.

What if my postal vote does not arrive?

If your ballot pack does not arrive by Friday 31 January, call the VEC public enquiry service on 131 832 or reapply for the postal vote. We recommend reapplying online at vec.vic.gov.au.

What if I vote in person before election day?

You may vote in person at an early voting centre between Wednesday 29 January and Friday 7 February.

If your postal ballot pack arrives after you have voted in person, destroy the postal ballot pack.

Early voting centre locations and opening hours are available at vec.vic.gov.au or by calling 131 832.

Who receives my details?

By law, the VEC must give the names and addresses of approved postal voters to registered political parties and independent candidates if they ask for these details.

The VEC does not give out details of silent or itinerant electors.

Information for witnesses

Am I allowed to be a witness?

You can be a witness for a postal vote applicant if you are:

- at least 18 years old, and
- not a candidate at the election.

What do I need to do as a witness?

To witness a postal vote application, you must:

- be satisfied of the applicant's identity
- see the applicant sign the application
- be satisfied the statements in the application are true.

You must sign your name in your own handwriting on the application and add the date.

If you are not satisfied of the above 3 conditions but you sign the form anyway, you could be fined up to 5 penalty units.

Note: The postal vote application form refers to the applicant as 'the elector'. This is the term used in the *Electoral Act 2002* to refer to anyone on the electoral roll.

This form must be signed and dated by both the applicant and witness.

Application for a postal vote

1 Elector to complete (Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given name/s	<input type="text"/>
Enrolled address	<input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/>
	Postcode <input type="text"/>
Postal address for ballot pack <i>If different</i>	<input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/>
	Postcode <input type="text"/>
Phone <i>Optional</i>	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>

I declare that I am entitled to apply for a postal vote for the above enrolled address. (Please tick)

Elector signature or mark	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you make a false statement, you could face 5 years in prison or a fine up to 600 penalty units.

2 Witness to complete (Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given name/s	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/> <hr/> <input type="text"/>
	Postcode <input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Witness signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

By law, a witness must be at least 18 years old and not be a candidate at the election.