

# DETERMINATION

## How-to-vote cards at mobile voting centres

*Electoral Act 2002, section 65*

Determination 004/2026

### Keywords

*How-to-vote cards, mobile voting centre, registration*

### Preamble

Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 5 of the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic) (Electoral Act) provide for candidates, registered political parties and other participants in state elections to apply to register a how-to-vote card (HTVC). A HTVC is electoral campaign material that includes a representation of a ballot paper. It lists the name of at least one candidate or group on the ballot paper and suggests an order of voting for or against the candidate(s) or groups(s) listed.

Voters are not obliged to follow any HTVC when completing their ballot paper, but many choose to be informed by the HTVCs available to them when they vote.

This determination outlines the process of distribution of HTVCs at mobile voting centres appointed under section 65 of the Electoral Act.

### Audience

The main audiences for this determination include:

- candidates
- registered political parties
- campaigners
- scrutineers.

### Determination

I, Sven Bluemmel, Electoral Commissioner for the State of Victoria, make the following determination in accordance with section 9(3) of the Electoral Act.

#### **1. Registration process**

- 1.1. A HTVC supplied to an election manager under section 65(4) of the Electoral Act for use at mobile voting centres must be a registered HTVC.

- 1.2. The registration process for HTVCs to be used at mobile voting centres is the same as the registration process for HTVCs to be used within 400 metres of election day voting centres. This process is described in Division 5 and 6, Part 5 of the Electoral Act, and is summarised on the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) website.
- 1.3. The registered officer of a registered political party must apply to register the party's HTVCs directly through the VEC head office. All other applicants must apply to register their HTVCs through the election manager for the district or region election listed on the HTVC.
- 1.4. Anyone applying to register a HTVC must include 2 hard copies of the HTVC when lodging it for registration. The HTVC must be in its final form.

## **2. *Availability of HTVCs at mobile voting centres***

- 2.1. A HTVC cannot be distributed in, and within 6 metres of, a mobile voting centre by candidates, campaigners, scrutineers or any persons other than election officials.
- 2.2. Mobile voting centre election officials will advise voters that registered HTVCs have been supplied and show electors the HTVCs if so requested.
- 2.3. This requirement only applies during the hours of voting at a mobile voting centre.

## **Revocation of previous instrument**

Determination 005/2022 ('How-to-vote cards at a mobile voting centre') made by the Electoral Commissioner on 31 October 2022 is revoked and replaced by this determination.

## **Start date of this determination**

This determination comes into effect on 25 May 2026. It remains in effect until it is amended, revoked, superseded, or otherwise replaced.

Sven Bluemmel  
Electoral Commissioner  
Victorian Electoral Commission

25 May 2026

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