# State Election 2022 - Voting Centre data - quick guide

Voting centre data files contain information about voting centres for the State election 2022 and are available for use by various stakeholders. Voting centre locations are available to the public on the VEC website and searchable on an [interactive map](https://maps.vec.vic.gov.au/elections) from Tuesday 1 November until 6 pm on Saturday 26 November.

Voting centres are the locations that will be available for Victorian voters to cast their votes in person for the 2022 State Election.

These data sets are for voting locations in Victoria only. For information about interstate and overseas voting locations or postal drop-off locations please check the [interactive map](https://maps.vec.vic.gov.au/elections).

Voting centre data is subject to change and emergency conditions may affect the availability of voting centres. Please check back regularly for updated data.

For general information about the election visit the [VEC website](https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2022-state-election).

## File types available

**CSV/Excel:** This file includes voting centres, early voting centres and election offices for Victoria only.

**Shapefile:** A spatial file is suitable for use in geospatial information systems. This file includes voting centres, early voting centres and election offices and the point geometry for those locations for Victoria only.

## Data fields

**Venue name:** Name of the voting centre. This could be the name of a primary school or a hall. The venue name of an early voting centre could be just a suburb.

**Voting location name:** A shortened name used to identify the voting centre – in some reports this may have the abbreviations JVC/HJVC added

**Voting location type descriptions:**

Voting Centre – a voting venue open on election day (26 November) from 8am - 6pm

Early Voting Centre - open two weeks prior to election day (14 - 25 November) - various opening times

Election Office – administrative centre, sometimes there will also be early voting centre at the same location (EO-EVC)

**Electorates:** The electoral area (District) that the voting centre is in and/or serving. There may be up to three electorate names in this field for joint voting centres. A joint voting centre that will serve ordinary votes to two or three electorates.

## Special conditions - additional information

**Wheelchair access description:**

AWA - assisted wheelchair access

LNWA – limited or no wheelchair access

IWA - independent wheelchair access

**Physical address:** Technical address (generally matched to VicMap address data)

**Advertised address:** Best description of the address to advertise to electors – will often describe the best entry point to the venue. The spatial geometry point in the shapefile will represent this advertised location. This is so that electors obtain directions to the best access point to the property in which the voting venue is held.

**Estimated votes:** Estimated number of votes/voters that will attend the venue on election day

**Estimated early votes:** Estimated number of early votes/voters that will attend the venue in the two weeks of early voting

**Lat/Long**: Spatial coordinates to describe the point of the advertised address

## Queries

If you have a question about this data, email gis@vec.vic.gov.au