

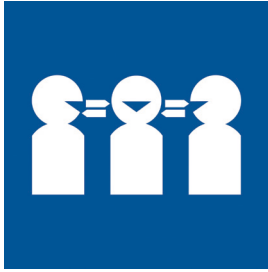
Easy English

Enrolling and voting for people in prison



Victorian Electoral Commission

You can get this information in different ways



Other languages

Read page 12 to 13.



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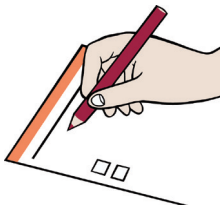
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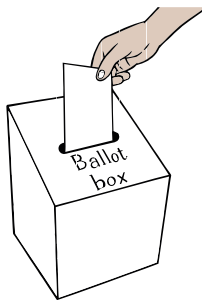


- people who are in prison.

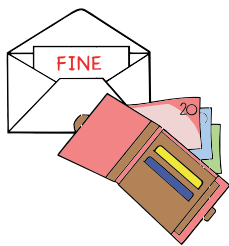
It is about



- enrolling to vote



- voting in elections

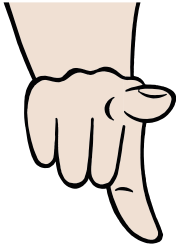


- fines for not voting.



This book is from the Victorian Electoral Commission or VEC. The VEC runs elections.

What is voting?



An election is when you make a choice about who is in government.

To make a choice you need to vote.

All votes are equal.

Voting is your human right.

Voting is a responsibility.



Why should I vote?

You can help choose who is in government.

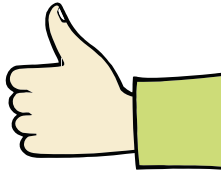
Australia has 3 types of government.

There is the

- Federal government
- State government
- local council.

The government makes decisions about your community. For example, about

- health
- rubbish
- defence.



To vote

You need to enrol so you can vote.

This means you need to put your name on a list.

The list is called the **electoral roll**.

Who can enrol?

**You can enrol in Victorian elections
if you are**



- an Australian citizen
- and
- aged 18 years or older
- and
- your top sentence is under 5 years.

**You can enrol in Federal elections
if you are**

- an Australian citizen
- and
- aged 18 years or older

and

- your bottom sentence is under 3 years.

If you have been sentenced you can enrol using a Prisoner enrolment form.

An Australian citizen is a person who was



- born in Australia

or

- born overseas but now lives in Australia.

This person has made a special promise to follow the laws in Australia. This person has become an Australian citizen.



How to enrol

If you are in prison you may be able to enrol to vote.



You do not need ID to enrol

Someone who is already enrolled to vote can confirm who you are.

To enrol, get an enrolment form from

- prison staff

or

- visiting VEC staff.





How to enrol

You can ask someone to help you fill in your enrolment form.

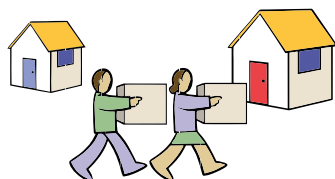
You can ask

- prison staff
- family
- a friend

or

- VEC staff.

This person needs to be enrolled to vote



When you leave prison

Check your enrolment

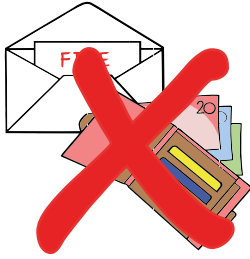
and

update your details.

Contact the VEC if you need help

go to page **14** for how to contact us.

Fines



If you have never enrolled before
you will **not** be fined.

We want everyone that is eligible to enrol and vote.



What if I have a fine for not voting?

Do not panic. Do not ignore it.

Ask

- prison staff

or

- visiting VEC, to help you

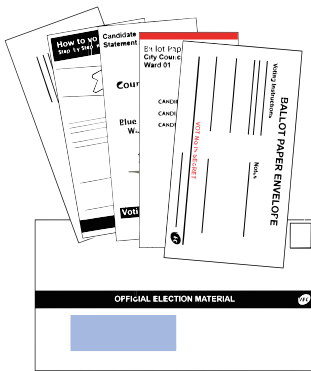


Where to vote

You can vote in prison when the VEC visit for mobile voting

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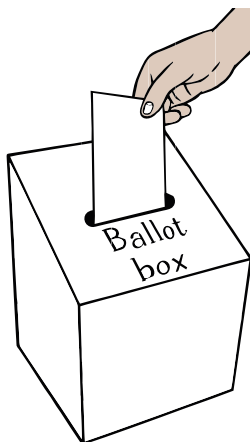
you can apply for a postal vote.



All council elections use postal votes only.

You get a ballot pack in the mail.

If you fill out a **Prisoner** enrolment form your ballot pack will be sent to the address where you said to send your mail.

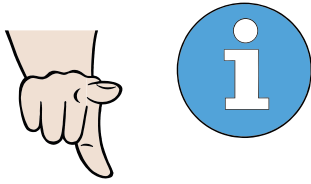


Voting is secret

You do not have to show anyone your vote.

You can ask someone to help you, but you do not have to show them your vote.

My information



When you enrol, your name goes on a list.

This list is called an **electoral roll**.



Who can see the electoral roll?

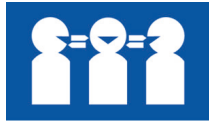
Anyone can view the electoral roll.

If you do not want your address on the roll you need to fill out a **silent elector form**.

Ask the VEC for a **silent elector form**

go to page **14** for how to contact us.

How do I get this information in other languages?



Telephone the number you need

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عربي (Arabic)

إذا أردت المزيد من المعلومات التفصيلية، وبجاجة للإستعانة بمترجم شفهي، يُرجى الاتصال على الرقم (03) 9209 0100.

Bosanski (Bosnian)

Ako su vam potrebne detaljnije informacije i pomoć prevodioca, nazovite (03) 9209 0191.

中文繁體 (Cantonese)

如果需要詳細資料和傳譯員協助，請電 (03) 9209 0101。

Hrvatski (Croatian)

Ako su vam potrebne detaljnije informacije i pomoć tumača, nazovite (03) 9209 0102.

دری (Dari)

اگر به معلومات مفصلتر و کمک ترجمان ضرورت دارید، به تيلفون شماره (03) 9209 0193 زنگ بزنيد.

Dinka

Na koor yin lëk juëc cï kek cuiir ku kuɔony de athok /raan ë thok waaric, yuöpë (03) 9209 0119.

Ελληνικά (Greek)

Αν χρειάζεστε πιο λεπτομερείς πληροφορίες και τη βοήθεια διερμηνέα, τηλεφωνήστε στο (03) 9209 0103.

Italiano (Italian)

Se hai bisogno di informazioni più particolareggiate e dell'assistenza di un interprete, telefona al (03) 9209 0104.

ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

ចូរទូរស័ព្ទលេខ (03) 9209 0192។

For Information in all other languages telephone 9209 0112

한국어 (Korean)

더 자세한 내용을 원하시거나 통역 서비스가 필요하시면 (03)9209 0194번으로 연락하시기 바랍니다.

Македонски (Macedonian)

Ако сакате подетални информации и помош со преведувач јавете се на (03) 9209 0105.

中文简体 (Mandarin)

如果需要详细资料和传译员协助，请电 (03) 9209 0106。

فارسی (Persian)

اگر اطلاعات مفصل تر یا کمک یک مترجم را می خواهید به شماره (03)9209 0195 تلفن کنید.

Русский (Russian)

Если вам нужна более подробная информация и помощь переводчика, то позвоните по номеру (03) 9209 0196.

Српски (Serbian)

Ако су вам потребне детаљније информације и помоћ тумача, позовите (03) 9209 0107.

Soomaali (Somali)

Haddii aad u baahan tahay macluumaad faahfaahsan oo intaas ka badan iyo caawimada mutarjumka, wac (03)9209 0108.

Español (Spanish)

Si necesita información más detallada y la asistencia de un intérprete, llame al teléfono (03) 9209 0109.

Türkçe (Turkish)

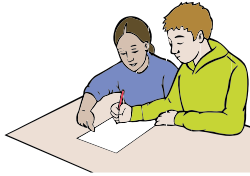
Daha ayrıntılı bilgi edinmek istemeniz ve bir çevirmene gerek duymanız durumunda, (03)9209 0110 numaralı telefonu arayın.

Việt-ngữ (Vietnamese)

Nếu quý vị cần thêm thông tin chi tiết và sự giúp đỡ của thông dịch viên, hãy điện thoại số (03) 9209 0111.



More information



Talk to

- peer educators

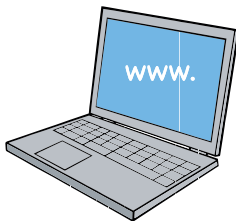
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- prison staff.



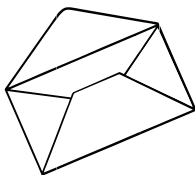
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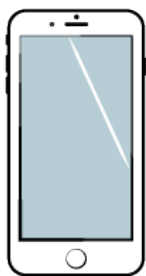
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Phone

131 832

+ 61 3 8620 1100 (from outside Victoria)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have speech impairment phone National Relay Service 133 677 and ask for 03 8620 1100.



For speech-to-speech relay phone 1300 555 727 and ask for 03 8620 1100.



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