

# What happens if I do not vote?



## Apparent Failure to Vote Notice

We will send you a letter called an **Apparent Failure to Vote Notice**.



This is a letter saying we think you did not vote.

If you get this letter you must write back.



You can ask someone you trust to help you.



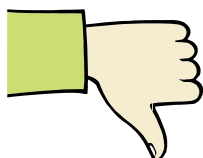
If you **did** vote

tick the option that says you did



and write about when and where you voted or posted your vote

**or**



if you did **not** vote

tick the option that says you did not vote



and write about why you did not vote.

If at the time of the election you:



- didn't have a place to live

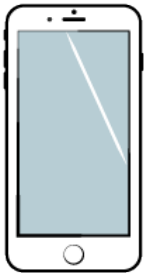


- were in prison, or



- were experiencing serious mental illness

talk to your support worker or phone the



Victorian Electoral Commission on 1300 551 575.

Return your letter to the VEC



you can email us your letter

**or**



post the letter back to us

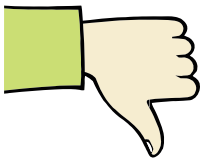
you do not need a stamp.



## Infringement Notice (a fine)

If you do not answer the first letter

or



you do not give us a good reason for why you did not vote



we may send you another letter called an **Infringement Notice.**



This is a fine for not voting in an election.

The fine for not voting is **\$99**

You must respond by the due date.

# How to respond to the letter

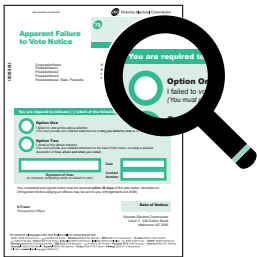
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- pay a fine



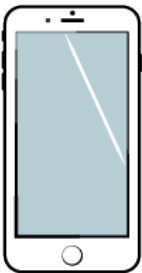
- ask to pay your fine in parts over time



- ask for a review



- choose to go to court



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## How to pay a fine



The **Infringement Notice (fine)** will list all the payment options.

You can pay:



- by Post Billpay at any Australia Post outlet



- using BPAY phone or internet banking



- posting a bank cheque or money order to the VEC using the reply-paid number shown on your notice.

Do not ignore your fine.



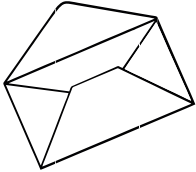
If you do not pay your fine or respond by the due date you will have to pay more money.



## Contact us

### Email

[cv@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:cv@vec.vic.gov.au)

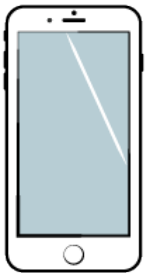


### Postal address

Victorian Electoral Commission

Reply Paid 76032

Melbourne VIC 8060



### Phone

1300 551 575



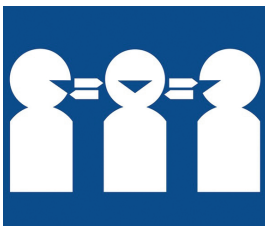
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If you are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have speech impairment phone National Relay Service

133 677 and ask for 03 8620 1100.

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



To speak to us in any other language  
phone (03) 9209 0112.