

Colac Otway Shire Council postal election

Your council, your vote



You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for Colac Otway Shire Council in October 2020. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Colac Otway Shire Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

State-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Colac Otway Shire **AND**
- you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Colac Otway Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll **OR**
- you have lived at your current residential address within Colac Otway Shire for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

Council-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- not a State-enrolled voter within Colac Otway Shire.

You are automatically enrolled for this election if you were enrolled as a non-resident owner at the most recent election for your local area. This includes any by-elections held since the last general election.

If your circumstances have changed since the most recent election and you are no longer a non-resident owner of that property, you will not be automatically enrolled for this election. Depending on your circumstances, you may still be eligible to apply to be enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter.

Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property in Colac Otway Shire since the last election or by-election and you are not automatically enrolled **OR**
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Colac Otway Shire **OR**
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in Colac Otway Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for the tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Colac Otway Shire **OR**
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates to Colac Otway Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within Colac Otway Shire.

How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Colac Otway Shire Council on (03) 5232 9400 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (03) 5232 9400.

Thinking about standing for election?

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate for Colac Otway Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Colac Otway Shire Council **AND**
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected **AND**
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

Enrolment closes

4 pm Friday 28 August

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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