

# Enrolling to vote

An Easy Read guide



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## How to use this guide



Electoral Commission SA (ECSA) wrote this guide.

When you see the word 'we', it means ECSA.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

### **Bold**

We have written some words in **bold**.

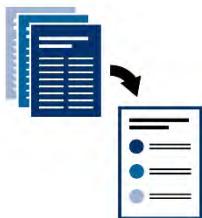
### Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these **bold** words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 14.



This Easy Read guide is a summary of another guide. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other guide on our website at [ecsa.sa.gov.au](http://ecsa.sa.gov.au).



You can ask for help to read this guide.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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## What is this voting guide about?



When you **enrol**, we put your name on a list of people who can **vote**.



When you vote, you help choose who is part of the parliament.



You vote for the person you want to win the election.

You might vote in an election for:



- the South Australian Parliament



- the Australian Parliament



- your local council.

## Enrolling to vote

You must enrol to vote if you:



- have lived in South Australia for at least one month



- are over 18 years old



- are an Australian **citizen**.



A citizen is someone who has the **rights** and freedoms of the country where they live.



Your rights are rules for how you can expect other people to treat you.



You can vote if you:

- have enrolled
- are over 18 years old
- are an Australian citizen.



You might get a fine if you don't:

- vote.

## How to enrol

### What is on the enrolment form?



You must fill in a form when you enrol to vote.

You need to fill in all your personal information, like your:

#### Name



- name



- date of birth



- address



- phone number



- email address.



You must sign the form too.



You need to fill in information from one **identity document.**



Identity documents are documents that:

- show who you are
- have your personal information on them.

This can be your:



- driver's licence



- passport.



You can also get another person who is enrolled to:

- sign the form
- tell us who you are.

## Where can you get the form?



You can fill out a form on our website.



[ecsasa.sa.gov.au](http://ecsasa.sa.gov.au)



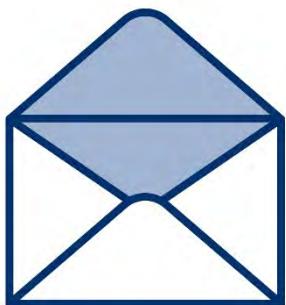
You can call us to ask for a paper form.



**1300 655 232**



We will send you a form.



We will also send you an envelope to put the form in.



It will have our address on it so you can send the form back to us.

## What happens after you have filled out the form?



We will send you a letter.

Our letter will say you:



- have enrolled



- can vote.

## What if your information changes?

You must fill out a new form if you change your:



- name



- address.

## Word list

This list explains what the **bold** terms in this document mean.



### Citizen

A citizen is someone who has the rights and freedoms of the country where they live.



### Enrol

When you enrol, we put your name on a list of people who can vote.



### Identity document

Identity documents are documents that:

- show who you are
- have your personal information on them.



### Rights

Your rights are rules for how you can expect other people to treat you.



### Vote

When you vote, you help choose who is part of a government.

## Contact us



If you speak a language other than English, you can call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS).



**131 450**



If you have trouble hearing or speaking, you can contact the National Relay Service.



**133 677**



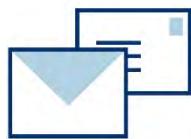
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