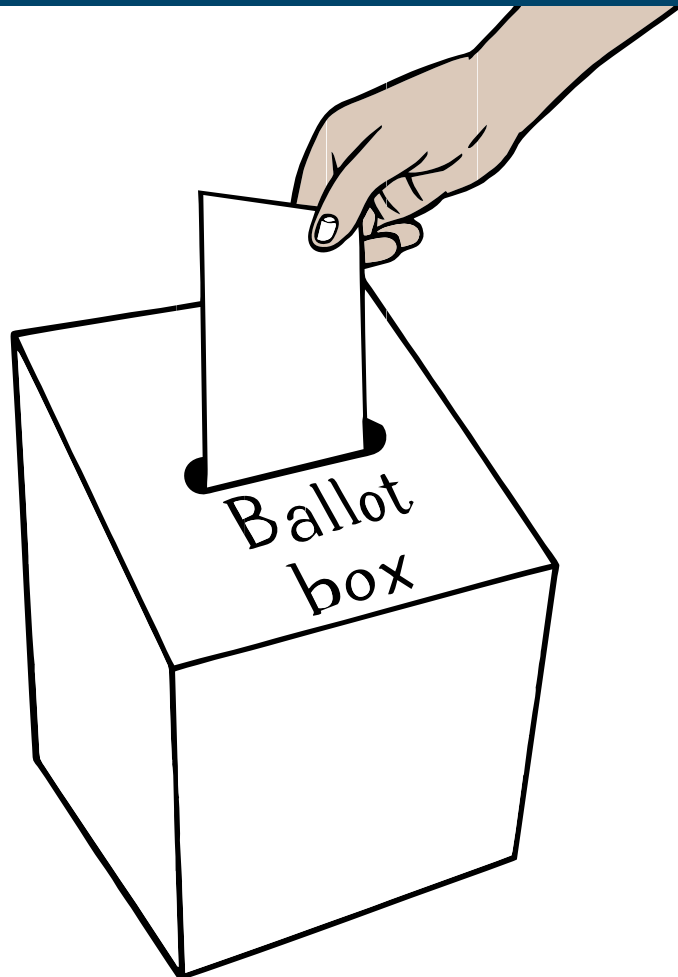


Easy English

# Vote in the 2022 Victorian State Election



Victorian Electoral Commission



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people of Victoria.



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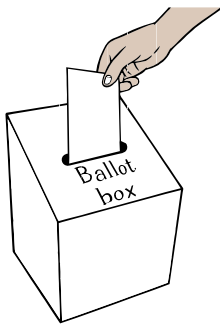
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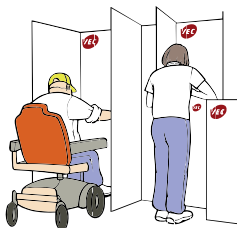
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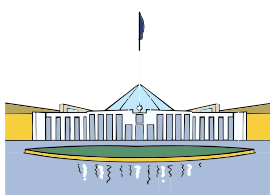


- how to become a candidate.

# About this book

## Australia's government

Australia has 3 types of government



- Federal Government

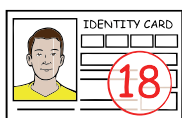


- State Government



- local council.

Your vote helps to decide who is in charge.



Every **Australian citizen** aged 18 years or older must enrol and vote.



You **must vote** at every Federal, State and local council election.

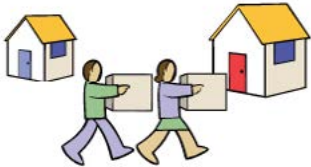
If you do **not** vote you may have to pay a fine.

# About enrolment

## Enrol to vote

You **must** tell the V.E.C if you have

- changed your address
- changed your name.



You must fill in an **enrolment form**.

Get an enrolment form

- from the V.E.C
- online at **[vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)**

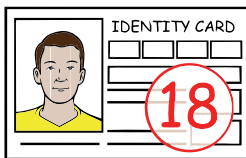


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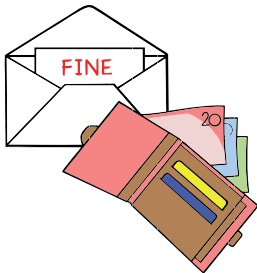


**Do I have to vote?**

**Yes.**



You **must** vote in the Victorian State election if you are an Australian citizen aged 18 years or older.



If you **do not** vote you may be sent a letter.

You will be asked why you did **not** vote.

**You may have to pay a fine.**

# About voting



## Why should I vote?

To vote means you

- have your say
- help to choose who is representing you.

Voting is your right.

Voting gives you power.

# State election

## When is the Victorian State election?

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The Victorian State election is held every 4 years.

It is held on the last Saturday in November.

The next Victorian State election is on  
**Saturday 26 November 2022.**

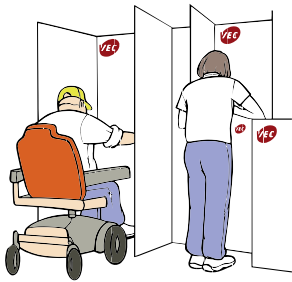
## You will hear about election day



- on social media
- on television
- online
- on radio
- in newspapers.



# State election



## How do I vote in the State election?

Go to an early voting centre in the two weeks before election day.

Or

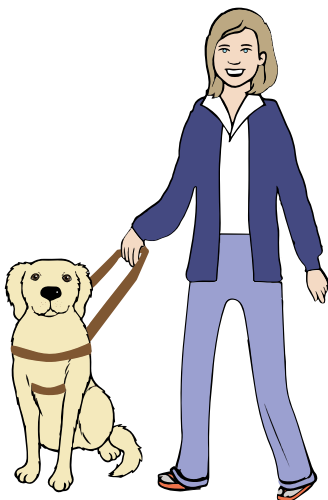
Go to a voting centre on election day.



If you **cannot** get to a voting centre you can vote by post.

You can vote by telephone if you

- are blind or have low vision
- have a physical disability and you are unable to complete a ballot paper without help
- have to stay at home because you have Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- are affected by a bushfire or flood.



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# Our State Government

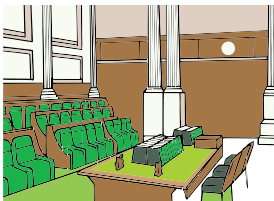


## State Parliament

For a Victorian State election you vote for people in 2 parts of the Victorian State Parliament.

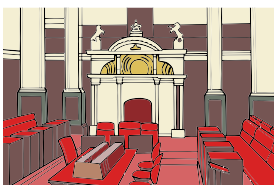
You will vote on 2 different ballot papers.

## The 2 parts of the Victorian State Parliament are



- **Legislative Assembly**

It is also called the Lower House (or District).



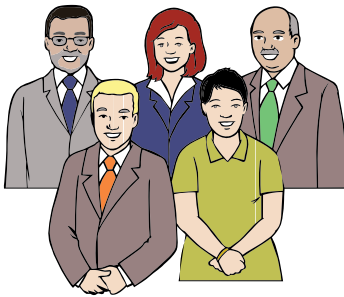
- **Legislative Council**

It is also called the Upper House (or Region).

Votes help people get elected. Elected people are called **Members of Parliament**.

The Members of Parliament are the people who will speak for you in Parliament.

# Our State Government



## Victorian State Government

Each Member of Parliament has a seat in Parliament House.

The group of people who win the most seats in the **Legislative Assembly** or **Lower House** become the Victorian State Government.

The leader of this group is called the Premier. The Premier and their group are the Victorian State Government.

The State Government is in charge of Victoria.



# Our State Government

**The people elected to Parliament make laws about**



- schools



- hospitals



- police and prisons



- ambulance and fire services

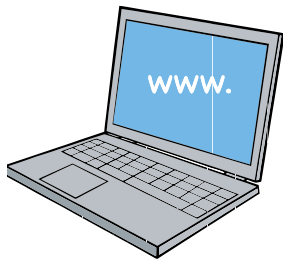


- trams, trains and buses.

# Voting centre information



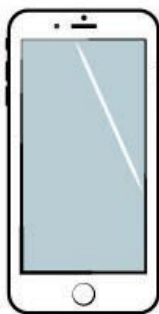
**Where is my voting centre?**



To find out where your voting centre is go to the V.E.C website.

The website is **vec.vic.gov.au**

**Or**



Phone 131 832 to speak to someone at the V.E.C.

## What to do at the voting centre



The election staff will mark your name off the list.

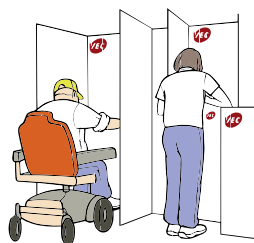
You will get a ballot paper for the  
Legislative Assembly (District).

You will get a ballot paper for the  
Legislative Council (Region).

You must vote on **each** ballot paper.

Directions	Ballot Paper	Sample Metropolitan Region	Election of 5 members of the Legislative Council				
<p>For your vote to count, you must vote in either one of the two ways described below.</p> <p><b>Either</b></p> <p>Place the number 1 in one, and one only of these squares to indicate your choice.</p>	<p>A</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>B</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>C</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>D</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>E</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>F</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>G</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Party Name</p>

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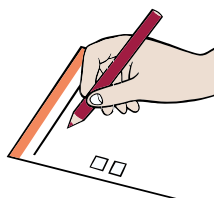


## What must I do to vote?

Take your ballot papers to the voting screen.

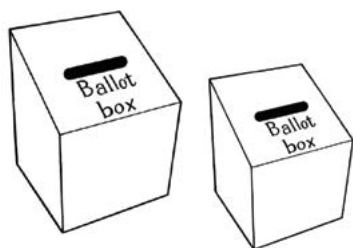


You can ask election staff, a family member or a carer to help you fill out your ballot papers.



Follow the instructions on your ballot papers.

Fill in each ballot paper using **numbers only**.



Take your finished ballot papers to the ballot boxes.



Election staff can help you put your ballot papers in the ballot box.

# Voting

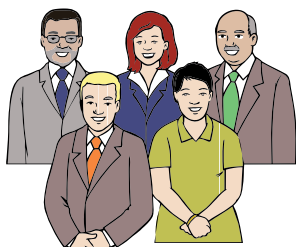


## Who do I vote for?

People who want to be in State Parliament are called **candidates**.

Each person has different ideas.

You need to pick the person you think will do the best job.



Some people belong to a political party.

Some people don't belong to a political party and are called **independent** candidates.

# Voting



## How do I get more information about each candidate?

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You can find out who your candidates are on the VEC website after 11 November.

You can telephone the candidate and talk to them.

You can ask these people for written information about their ideas.

How-to-vote cards from candidates are given out at the voting centre.

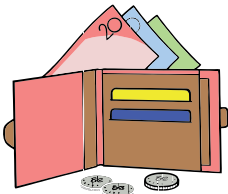
# Become a candidate

## How do I become a candidate?

You must be enrolled to vote in Victoria.



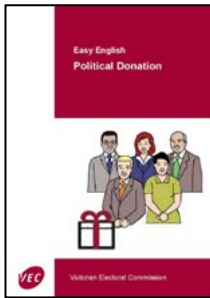
You must fill out a form. This form says you want to be a candidate.



You must pay \$350. You get this money back if you win or get enough votes.

You must tell the V.E.C if you get any money, gifts or services for your election campaign.

# Become a candidate



Read the Easy English guide about Political Donations to learn more.



Some people cannot be a candidate.



Ask the V.E.C for more information.

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# Meanings

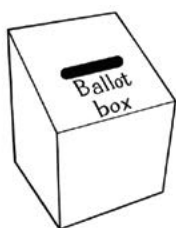
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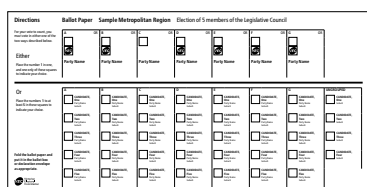
**Australian citizen** — a person who was born in Australia.

Or

A person who was born overseas but now lives in Australia. This person has made a special promise to follow all the laws of Australia. This person has become an Australian citizen.



**Ballot box** — a box in the voting centre where you put your filled-in ballot paper.



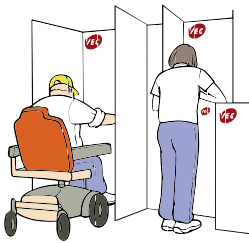
**Ballot paper** — a sheet of paper you write your vote on.



**Candidate** — a person who wants to represent you in Parliament.

# Meanings

**Democracy** — a country where people have the right to vote for who is in charge.



**Election** — choosing someone or making a choice by voting.

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**Election day** — the Saturday when voting centres are open 8 am to 6 pm.

**Election official** — a person who works at elections.



**Enrol** — put your name on a list to vote.

**How-to-vote card** — a page of information about candidates and how to vote for them. These are given out at voting centres.

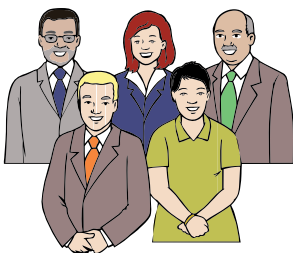
# Meanings

**Independent** — by yourself. An independent person in Parliament does not belong to a group or political party.



**Political donation** — a donation that could be

- money
- gifts
- services
- people's time or premises given to a candidate or political party.

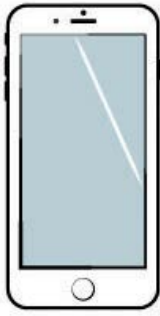


**Political party** — a group of people who have similar ideas about things.



**Postal vote** — you can vote before the election. Often you will vote at home. You will send your vote back in an envelope before election day.

# Meanings

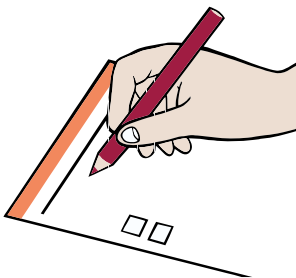


**Telephone voting** — You can vote by telephone if you

- are blind or have low vision
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**Victorian State Government** — the largest group of people in State Parliament is called the Victorian State Government. The State Government is in charge of Victoria.

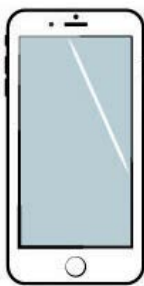
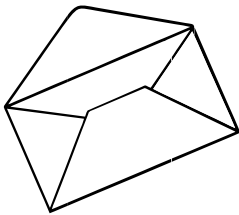
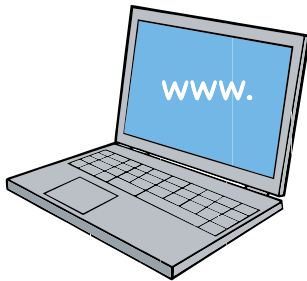


**Victorian State Parliament** — a group of people who are chosen by the people in Victoria to represent them.

**Vote or voting** — to make your choice on your ballot paper.

**Voting centre** — the place you go to vote.

# More information



## Contact us

You can get more information from the Victorian Electoral Commission.

**Website** [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

**Email** [info@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vec.vic.gov.au)

## Postal address

Victorian Electoral Commission,  
Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

## Phone

131 832

+ 61 3 8620 1100 (from outside Victoria)

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment phone the 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.

# How do I get this information in another language?

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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 podrobnije 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.

## Thuojjäŋ (Dinka)

Na koor yin lek juëc ci kek cuiir ku kuwoŋy de athok /raan ë thok waaric, yuöpe (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)

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# How do I get this information in another language?

## 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.

## All other languages

For enquiries in all other non-English languages phone our interpreting service on (03) 9209 0112.

## Other Easy English Guides available from the VEC:

- Enrolling and voting for people out of home
- Political donations
- What happens if I do not vote?

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Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000



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