

Postal vote application

Local government elections

How do I apply?



Online

You can apply online at elections.nsw.gov.au. Applications must be received before 5pm on Monday 29 November 2021.



By post

Complete this form and post it to:
NSW Electoral Commission
c/o Centralised Postal Vote Count Centre (CPVCC)
Locked Bag 5051, ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015

Instructions to complete this form

1. Complete all details in BLOCK letters using a blue or black pen.
2. Use a tick (✓) where it is applicable.
3. You must tick at least one of the reasons in the “Application details” section that applies to you.
4. You must sign the application. Your application will not be accepted if it is not signed or is incomplete.

Note: The information you provide must be true and complete. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence carrying a monetary penalty or imprisonment or both.

What happens next?

- The NSW Electoral Commission will process your application and will attempt to contact you about the outcome of your application (if you have provided your contact details).
- Postal Vote Packs will be sent out from the week beginning 8 November 2021.
- The Postal Vote Pack will contain ballot paper(s), instructions, a postal vote certificate envelope and a reply paid envelope. Once completed, this pack must be received back by 6pm, Friday 17 December 2021.

Post your vote as soon as possible to allow for Australia Post delivery periods.

General Postal Voters

If you are registered as a General Postal Voter, you do not need to complete this application. Your postal vote pack will be sent automatically to the address you have chosen. To check if you are a GPV or to send your postal vote pack to a different location call 1300 135 736. To find out if you are eligible to register as a general postal voter and to apply, you can also visit the Australian Electoral Commission website.

General postal voters automatically receive ballot papers in the mail for federal, state and local government elections.

Privacy

The NSW Electoral Commission requires the personal information in this form to make a decision about whether you are eligible to vote by post and for other election-related purposes. Your information will only be disclosed by the NSW Electoral Commission if lawfully required or authorised in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* or other legislation. We may also use the information to contact you about this application and your eligibility to vote by post or other voting options at future elections.

Political parties and candidates may also send out postal vote applications directly to voters, which are sometimes accompanied by their electoral material and a reply paid envelope. If you choose to return your completed application to the party or candidate, they must forward your form to the NSW Electoral Commission for processing. Please note, however, the NSW Electoral Commission does not control what a party or candidate does with any personal information it may collect from your application form. You do not have to send your application form back to the party or candidate. Instead, you can choose to return it directly to the NSW Electoral Commission via the methods noted above. You do not have to use a form that is sent to you by a party or candidate. You can apply to the NSW Electoral Commission directly, visit elections.nsw.gov.au.

Further information

For more information visit the NSW Electoral Commission at: elections.nsw.gov.au or phone **1300 135 736**.

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Sections 313 & 314 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Please refer to page 1 of this application form for instructions on how to apply.

Applicant details

I am applying for a postal vote as a person on the (only tick one):

RESIDENTIAL ROLL OR NON-RESIDENTIAL ROLL (ROLL OF OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS OR RATE PAYING LESSEES)

SURNAME

GIVEN NAME(S)

DATE OF BIRTH DD / MM / YYYY

ENROLLED ADDRESS

SUBURB/LOCALITY STATE POSTCODE

MOBILE CONTACT NO. DAYTIME CONTACT NO.

EMAIL

Providing an email and telephone number allows us to contact you about any issues with your application.

Where would you like your ballot papers sent?

TO THE ABOVE ENROLLED ADDRESS OR SEND TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS (COMPLETE BELOW)

ADDRESS

SUBURB/LOCALITY STATE POSTCODE

COUNTRY

Application details

The reason(s) I am applying to vote by post is (a minimum of one box)

I am unable to attend a polling place on election day because:

- I will be outside my ward or council area
- I will be more than 8km from a polling place
- I will be travelling
- I am a resident in a hospital, aged care facility or retirement village
- I am seriously ill, disabled or approaching childbirth (or caring for someone who is)
- I have religious beliefs that prevent me from attending
- I am in prison or a correctional centre
- I will be working
- I am a silent elector. **Note:** You must already be registered with the AEC as a silent elector
- I am a person with a disability
- I believe that attending will pose a risk to my personal safety or the safety of my family
- I am self isolating because of COVID-19
- I believe that attending a polling place will pose a risk to my or another person's health or safety because of the COVID-19 pandemic
- I am enrolled for an election for the City of Sydney

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DD / MM / YYYY

DATE

Please tick if you are completing or signing this application on behalf of the above elector who is unable to sign and complete this application without assistance or is under a religious obligation not to sign and complete this application with his or her own hand.

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED DD / MM / YYYY

RESULT: ACCEPTED REJECTED

REJECTION REASON