






## FAQ - ELECTIONS AND VOTING



What can I do if I receive a letter advising of a non-voter fine?	 Respond to the notice. Avoid the fine! Explain if you were travelling, unwell or giving birth.
Will I get fined for the years that I have not been enrolled to vote?	 You will not be fined for not enrolling in the past. Fines only occur if you're on the roll and you fail to vote and you do NOT have a valid or acceptable reason for not voting. You will receive a letter from the AEC asking you to explain why you didn't vote at the last election only. AEC does NOT apply retroactive fines.
I have just moved house. I plan on living there permanently. What should I do?	 Update your enrolment. It's important to update your enrolment details each time your situation changes to make sure you're able to vote in your correct electorate and your vote counts.
Is it compulsory to enrol?	 Yes, it is compulsory for all Australian citizens who have turned 18 and have lived at their residential address for a period of one month to enrol.
Why is it important to keep your enrolment up to date?	 To maintain an accurate electoral roll for the AEC which means every eligible citizen is able to vote in the electorate to which they're entitled.

Does the AEC protect personal enrolment information for people on the electoral roll?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) takes commitment to privacy seriously. It protects personal information on the electoral roll under the Privacy Act 1988.
Can I vote early or by post?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes to both! <input type="checkbox"/> Voting in person at an early voting centre <input type="checkbox"/> Postal voting.



### Fines (Know This!)

Respond to AEC communications if you do find yourself in this situation. Those that have multiple instances of not voting with no responses to AEC communications may be fined.

#### Federal elections (AEC):

-  Around \$20 fine if you don't vote (and don't respond)
-  Not accumulated, nor referred to SPER.

#### State/Local elections (ECQ):

-  Higher fines (if unpaid)
-  Can lead to further action.

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