



# Elections for the ACT Legislative Assembly



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The next election for the ACT Legislative Assembly will take place in October 2024.

In the ACT our parliament is called the ACT Legislative Assembly. It has 25 Members who make the laws for the ACT. By voting in this election, you have an opportunity to choose who will represent you in the Assembly. Voting is your chance to help shape Canberra's future.

There are five [electorates](#) (election areas) in the ACT: Ginninderra, Brindabella, Kurrajong, Murrumbidgee and Yerrabi. Voters in each electorate vote for five Members to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

Check which electorate you are in by visiting [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au)

### Are you enrolled?

If you are an Australian citizen, living in the ACT and aged 18 or over, you must make sure you are correctly enrolled to vote.

Visit [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) to enrol to vote or to update your enrolment.



### Do you have to vote?

Yes. Voting in this election is compulsory if you are on the electoral roll (list of electors) for an address in the ACT and you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over. If you do not vote you may be fined.

Your vote is secret and only you will know who you voted for.





## Voting

You can vote in this election from **8 October 2024 until 19 October 2024**.

There are 10 early voting centres across the ACT open for 2 weeks before election day.

Another 40 polling places will open on the **last day** of voting – **19 October 2024**.

You can vote at any one of these polling places.

Visit [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) for polling locations.



## Opening hours:

- 🕒 Tuesday 8 October to Friday 11 October 2024: 10:30am – 6:30pm
- 🕒 Saturday 12 October 2024: 9am – 5pm
- 🕒 Monday 14 October to Thursday 17 October 2024: 10:30am – 6:30pm
- 🕒 Friday 18 October 2024: 9am – 8pm
- 🕒 Saturday 19 October 2024: 8am – 6pm

## Postal voting

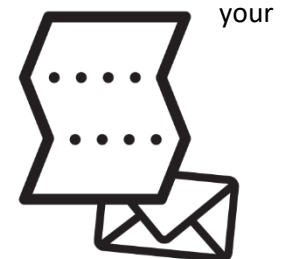
If you are unable to get to a polling place you may apply for a postal vote. A pack with your ballot paper will be sent to the address you write in the application.

You can apply for a postal vote from 15 July 2024. But we cannot send you ballot papers until 30 September 2024.

### Apply:

On-line: [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au)

Phone: 6205 0033





## Hospitals and nursing homes

If you are a patient in a hospital or a resident of a nursing home, you may be visited by an election team to take your vote during the week before election day.

Ask your hospital or nursing home if a polling team will be coming to visit.



## Voting on a computer



You can vote on a computer at early voting centres. Computer voting will have instructions in your language. It will also guide you through filling in your vote.

Visit [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) for early voting centre locations.

## Voting on paper

You can vote on paper at any polling place.

If voting on a paper ballot you must write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on in the squares next to the names of candidates, in the order that you want to vote for the candidates.

Write the number 1 next to the candidate you like the most.

Write the number 2 next to the candidate you like second most and so on.

Do not use ticks or crosses. And do not use the same number more than once.

You should put a number in at least five of the squares because there are five candidates to be elected. But you can number as many of the boxes as you choose. You can number every box or just one box. It is your choice.





## Assistance voting

If you need help at a polling place, ask the person wearing the **green vest**. They will be able to help you. They can even help you fill in the ballot paper with your choices.

### Contact us:

- **Address:** Nara Centre, 3 Constitution Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601
- **Postal address:** GPO Box 172, Canberra ACT 2601
- **Phone:** 6205 0033 (Translating & Interpreting Service 131 450)
- **Email:** [elections@act.gov.au](mailto:elections@act.gov.au)



