



# What happens on election day?

## Finding a place to vote

On election day, some local schools, halls, and community centres are used as places to vote — these are called polling or voting places. You'll see signs outside to help you find them.

Most voting places are open from 8am to 6pm on election day, which is always on a Saturday.

Mobile voting teams visit many remote communities in the weeks before election day.

At election time, you can find out where your nearest voting place is at [aec.gov.au](https://aec.gov.au) or call the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on **13 23 26**.

## Outside the voting place

When you arrive, you might see ads from political candidates and parties asking you to vote for them. People may give you 'how-to-vote' cards. These cards show you how to vote for that candidate or political party. It's up to you if you want to take these cards or not.

You don't have to follow the suggestions on the cards. It's your choice who you vote for.

## Inside the voting place

Once inside, you might need to wait for someone to help you. A voting person will ask for your name and address, and if you've already voted in this election.

Then, you'll get ballot papers which you use to fill out your vote. You can fill them out privately in the voting area, or ask a family member, friend, or voting person for help if you need it.

Once you've filled out the ballot papers, drop them into the security-sealed ballot boxes near the door. All votes are safely transported and never left unattended during counting.

Thanks for participating.

## Why is voting important to you?

Voting is important for many different reasons. It could be about putting your views forward; helping your family and community; wanting a seat at the table; or having a say about who represents you in Parliament. Whatever your reason, the AEC can help with the process.

To practise voting, scan the QR code or visit [aec.gov.au/voting/how\\_to\\_vote/practice/](https://aec.gov.au/voting/how_to_vote/practice/)



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