

Removing someone from the electoral roll

In Australia, it is compulsory for all Australian citizens over 18 to enrol and vote in federal elections and referendums.

If you believe that someone is no longer able to understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting, the AEC will consider supporting evidence for this claim.

This is called an unsound mind objection and if approved will remove the individual from the electoral roll. Unsound mind objections must be submitted on an **AEC approved objection form** and certified by a **registered medical practitioner**.

This form should be used:

- Where a medical practitioner certifies agreement that an individual should be removed from the electoral roll as they no longer understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.
- To submit an objection of enrolment for one of the other reasons as outlined on the objection form.

This form should not be used:

- Where an individual has been diagnosed with a medical condition but is still capable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.
- To enrol or update details of an enrolled elector.

In order to complete this form, you will need:

- The enrolled address of the person you wish to remove from the electoral roll (this *may* differ to their current residential address).
- A registered medical practitioner in agreement with the objection.
- Your personal details (name, address, date of birth etc.).

Important things to know:

- When an unsound mind objection is submitted, the individual being considered for objection will be notified. The AEC will write to them explaining the reason for the objection and allow them to respond.
- This notice will include your name and address as the person who has made the objection. This includes silent electors who lodge objections.
- A separate medical certificate is not required if the medical certificate on page 2 of the form is completed in its entirety and signed by a medical practitioner.
- The medical practitioner who completes the medical certificate must be a registered general or specialist doctor. It cannot be signed by a nurse practitioner, dentist or allied health professional (physiotherapist, psychologist etc.).

Submitting completed objection forms:

- To submit a completed objection form please return the form online via: www.aec.gov.au/enrol/send-form.htm
- Objections under the unsound mind category do not require a monetary deposit to be submitted.

Please note that AEC forms and processes are periodically updated. This information is correct as of October 2024. Please check the AEC website (www.aec.gov.au) for up-to-date information.



Objection claim that an elector should not be enrolled

Instructions

1 Details of the elector who should not be enrolled

Elector's current name Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given name(s)

Elector's enrolled address
As shown on the electoral roll

State Postcode

Elector's current postal address (if known)
Leave blank if the same as enrolled address

State Postcode

Details of the elector who should not be enrolled:
These are the details of the person who you are requesting be removed from the roll. You will need their:

- Name
- Enrolled Address

2 Reason the elector should not be enrolled

Of unsound mind and incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting
Note: The medical certificate on the next page must be completed by a registered medical practitioner.

Other reason – list objection reason number from page 2.

Reason for objection: As this form is used for all objection types, only check this box for an unsound mind objection.

3 Details of the person lodging the objection

Your name Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given name(s)

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) / /

Residential address

State Postcode

Postal address
Leave blank if the same as residential address

State Postcode

Phone numbers Mobile Daytime ()

Email address

Your details: In this section you will need to provide:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Contact details

Note: Please be aware that your name and address will be provided on the notice of objection issued to the individual being considered for objection.

4 Declaration

- The information I have given is true and complete.
- I am aware that my name and address, and the reasons I have given for my objection, will be provided to the elector.
- I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Important – The Medical Certificate on the next page must be completed by a registered medical practitioner if you believe the enrolled person is of unsound mind and incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting

Signature of person making the objection

Please print and sign your form / /

Your Signature: For the objection to be processed you must provide your signature and date.

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Date rec. / /

Medical Certificate completed? No Yes

Deposit applies? No Deposit returned / /

Yes Deposit received / /

Receipt no.

Do not fill out any field in this section. This will be completed by Australian Electoral Commission staff.

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When to use this form

You can use this form to notify the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) of your objection to a person's enrolment if you believe a person whose name appears on an electoral roll is:

- of unsound mind, or
- not entitled to be enrolled for any of the reasons listed under 'Objection reasons' below.

The authorisation to collect the information on this form is contained in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Objection reasons

Reasons for making an objection are that you believe the person:

1. is of unsound mind and incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting
Note: If you are making an objection for this reason the medical certificate below must be completed by a registered medical practitioner.
2. does not live at the address shown on the roll and has not lived at that address for the last month
Note: An objection may not be made for this reason if the person is currently registered with the AEC as an Antarctic elector.
3. is not yet 16 years of age
Note: Persons may enrol when they are 16 but cannot vote until they are 18.
4. is not an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984
5. is enrolled more than once
6. has been convicted of treason or treachery and not pardoned.

Different reasons for objection to enrolment for State or Territory purposes may also apply.

Who can use this form?

To lodge an objection because a person is of unsound mind and incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting, you must be enrolled but not necessarily in the same division.

To object to a person's enrolment for any other reason, you must be enrolled in the same electoral division as the person named in your objection.

The objection process

When your objection is received we will write to the person you have named notifying them of your objection and stating the reason you have given. The person will be advised of your name and address. The person will be allowed 20 days to provide information to confirm their right to remain enrolled. If they are unable to do so, or if they do not respond within 20 days, their name will be removed from the electoral roll.

If your objection is considered to be frivolous or vexatious it will be dismissed without giving notice to the person you have named.

Lodging your objection

When you have completed this form lodge it with the Divisional Returning Officer for the division for which the person named in your objection is enrolled. You can check the name of your division at www.aec.gov.au/electorate

You must pay a deposit of \$2.00 for each objection, unless the reason for your objection is that the person is of unsound mind in which case no deposit is required.

If the person named is removed from the electoral roll as a result of your objection the deposit will be refunded.

For more information

Australian Electoral Commission
www.aec.gov.au or 13 23 26

What happens after I make an objection?

The person being considered for objection will be notified of the objection and provided the name of the person who has made the objection. They are given 20 days to respond to their right to remain enrolled. If the individual being considered for objection does not respond, they will be removed from the electoral roll.

Medical Certificate
Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 - s93(8)(a)

Medical practitioner's details – Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Full name

Address

State Postcode

Phone number ()

Medical practitioner's signature

I am a registered medical practitioner and consider that

Elector's family name

Given name(s)

Date of birth / /

is of unsound mind and incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.

/ /

The included Medical Certificate must be completed by a registered medical practitioner.

Medical practitioners' details:

- Name
- Address (medical practice address is allowed)
- Phone number

Name and date of birth of the **individual being considered for objection**.

Medical practitioner signature and date:
A completed form must be signed and dated for the objection to be processed. These details are not provided in the notice of objection.