

## Voting before election day

If you won't be able to get to a polling place on election day, there are a number of other ways you can vote.

### Pre-poll voting

From 2 October you can cast a pre-poll vote at one of the following centres:

#### Belconnen

Belconnen Community Centre, Swanson Court  
(Cnr Chandler St)

#### Canberra City

Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Ave

#### Downer

Downer Business Park, 2 Bradfield St

#### Gungahlin

Gungahlin Library, Cnr Hibberson & Gozzard Sts

#### Tuggeranong

Salvation Army Hall, Cnr Anketell St & Reed St North

#### Woden/Phillip

The Smith Family, Cnr Easty & Launceston Sts

These centres are open:

- from 9am to 5pm each weekday, except the public holiday, Monday 8 October
- from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 13 October, and
- from 9am to 8pm on Friday 19 October.

Pre-poll voting will also be available at the capital city office of each state and Northern Territory electoral commission during business hours.

## Postal voting

If you won't be able to get to a polling place or a pre-poll voting centre, you should apply for a postal vote.

You can apply:

- on-line at [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au)
- by calling Elections ACT on **6205 0033** or
- by completing an application form available from any ACT post office, electoral office, Canberra Connect or MyWay Centre.

## Mobile polling

If you are a patient in a hospital, a resident of a nursing home or a detainee at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, you may be visited by a mobile polling team during the week before polling day.

Contact your hospital, nursing home or prison for details, or phone Elections ACT on **6205 0033**.

## Plan how you want to vote in advance

Remember that distributing how-to-vote cards or any other political canvassing is banned within 100 metres of a polling place. This means you need to plan how you're going to vote before you arrive at the polling place.

You can visit the Elections ACT website at [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au)  
Call Elections ACT on **6205 0033** or email [elections@act.gov.au](mailto:elections@act.gov.au)

Further electoral information will be distributed to all Canberra households prior to the election.

Elections ACT is committed to making its information, services, events and venues accessible to as many people as possible.

### Translating and interpreting service

ENGLISH	If you need interpreting help, telephone:
ARABIC	: إذا احتجت لمساعدة في الترجمة الشفوية، إتصل برقم الهاتف:
CHINESE	如果你需要传译员的帮助，请打电话:
CROATIAN	Ako trebate pomoć tumača telefonirajte:
GREEK	Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στο
ITALIAN	Se avete bisogno di un interprete, telefonate al numero:
MALTESE	Jekk għandek bżonn l-għajnuna t'interpretu, ċempel:
PERSIAN	اگر به ترجمه شفاهی احتیاج دارید به این شماره تلفن کنید:
PORTUGUESE	Se você precisar da ajuda de um intérprete, telefone:
SERBIAN	Ako vam je potrebna pomoć prevodioca telefonirajte:
SPANISH	Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete, llame al:
TURKISH	Tercümana ihtiyacınız varsa lütfen telefon ediniz:
VIETNAMESE	Nếu bạn cần một người thông-ngôn hãy gọi điện-thoại:

**TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICE**  
**131 450**  
Canberra and District - 24 hours a day, seven days a week

### Alternative print format

If you have difficulty reading a standard printed document and would like to receive this publication in an alternative format – such as large print or audio – please phone **6205 0033**.

### National relay service (NRS)

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment you can call Elections ACT through the NRS.

### Speak and listen users:

Phone **1300 555 727** and ask for **(02) 6205 0033**.

### Internet relay users:

Connect to the NRS @ [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au) and ask for **(02) 6205 0033**.

**ACT Interpreter Service** for the deaf and blind **6287 4391**.

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# ACT election 2012

## The ACT Legislative Assembly Election

**Saturday 20 October 2012**

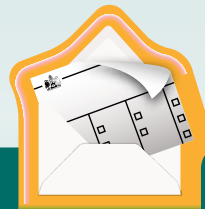
Information for voters

*Electoral rolls close 21 September!*

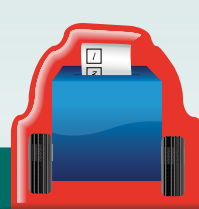
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Pre-poll voting



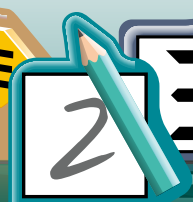
Postal voting



Mobile voting



Contact us



On 20 October 2012, there will be a general election of the 17 Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly has the power to make laws and form a government to administer the ACT. With your vote, you help to shape the future of the place where you live.

Get your enrolment into shape

Are you correctly enrolled to vote? If you're 18 or over, an Australian citizen (or a British subject who was on the electoral roll on 25 January 1984) and you live in the ACT, you can vote in this election. In fact, voting is compulsory. But first you have to be on the electoral roll.

Enrolment forms are available from [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au), any ACT post office, electoral office, Canberra Connect or MyWay Centre.

If you've changed address and haven't let us know, or if you've recently turned 18 and haven't yet enrolled, please do it now.

Not sure if you're correctly enrolled? You can check online at [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) or call 6205 0033.

Enrolments for this election close on 21 September 2012.



RU over 18?



Australian citizen



Moving house

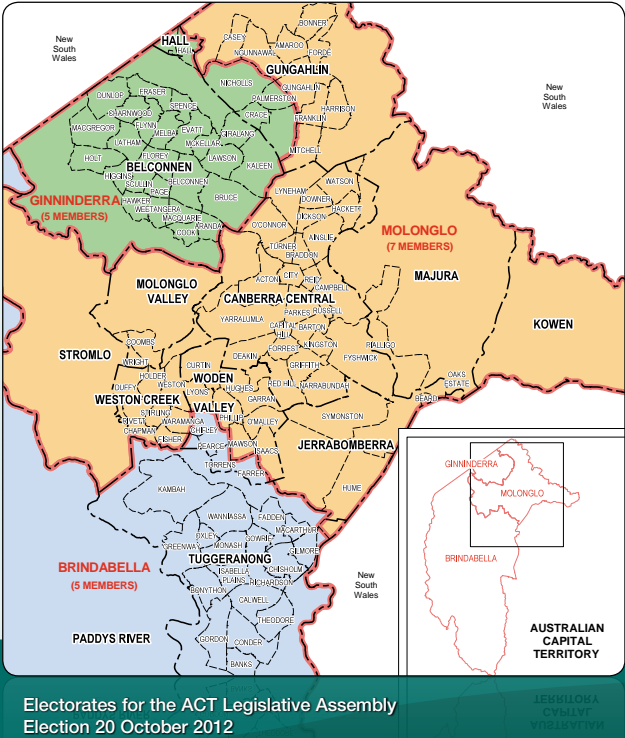
Electorates in the ACT

There are 3 electorates for ACT elections: Brindabella, Ginninderra and Molonglo.

The electorate of **Brindabella** will elect 5 Members. It comprises Tuggeranong, the Woden suburbs of Chifley, Farrer, Pearce and Torrens and the southern rural areas of the ACT.

The electorate of **Ginninderra** will also elect 5 Members. This electorate comprises Belconnen, Hall and the Gungahlin suburbs of Crace, Nicholls and Palmerston.

The electorate of **Molonglo** will elect 7 Members. It comprises Gungahlin (excluding the suburbs of Crace, Nicholls and Palmerston), North Canberra, Canberra City, South Canberra, Weston Creek and Woden (excluding the suburbs of Chifley, Farrer, Pearce and Torrens).



The electoral system in the ACT

You will vote using the Hare-Clark proportional representation system chosen by ACT voters in 1992.

To be elected under this system, a candidate must receive a set number of votes (a quota). First preference votes marked by voters are counted first, then second, third and later preferences are counted as needed to elect the candidates most preferred by voters, until all seats for that electorate are filled.

An important feature of the ACT system is the method of rotating the position of each candidate on the ballot paper. This is known as Robson rotation.

Candidates' names will be listed in party group columns and ungrouped candidate columns, but within each column candidates will be listed in a different order on each consecutive ballot paper. With Robson rotation, no candidate has the advantage of appearing in the same position on every ballot paper.

For you, the voter, this means that the order of candidates listed on the ballot paper you receive may be different from sample ballot papers, published lists or how-to-vote cards you have seen.

Ballot Paper

Electorate Number five  
You may then show as many

A PARTY NAME

☐ Candidate A

☐ Candidate B

☐ Candidate C

☐ Candidate D

☐ Candidate E

Remember

Ballot Paper

Number five  
You may then show as many

A PARTY NAME

☐ Candidate D

☐ Candidate E

☐ Candidate A

☐ Candidate B

☐ Candidate C

Remember

Ballot Paper

Electorate Number five  
You may then show as many

A PARTY NAME

☐ Candidate C

☐ Candidate A

☐ Candidate D

☐ Candidate B

☐ Candidate E

Remember

Write numbers and make your vote count

When you vote in the election for the ACT Legislative Assembly, make sure your vote counts.

To record a valid vote, write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 etc in the squares in the order of your choice – no ticks or crosses. Be careful not to use the same number twice.

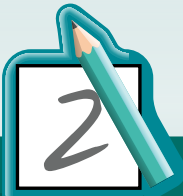
You should fill in at least as many squares as there are vacancies in your electorate – five in the electorates of Brindabella and Ginninderra and seven for Molonglo. But, to make sure that you get the maximum value from your vote, you can continue to fill in the squares, until all your preferences are recorded.

Electronic voting


At the 2012 Legislative Assembly election, electronic voting will again be available in certain polling places in the ACT.

If you choose to vote electronically you will be issued with a barcode instead of a ballot paper. This barcode will give you secure access to an easy-to-use screen with voting instructions on how to record your vote. See the Electoral Commission's website at [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) for more information on electronic voting.

Electronic voting will be available at the six pre-poll voting centres in Belconnen, Canberra City, Downer, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and Woden from 2 October until polling day.



Numbers in squares



Electronic voting