



Australian Capital Territory

The ACT Legislative Assembly Election

ELECTION GUIDE

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Future

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Your official election guide from
the ACT Electoral Commission



The ACT Election at a glance

When is the election?

The election for the 17-member ACT Legislative Assembly will be held on Saturday 16 October. Polling places will be open from 8am until 6pm on polling day.

Do you have to vote?

If you're on the electoral roll for an ACT address and you are 18 or over, you must vote in this election. Voting is compulsory.

Why voting is important.

The Legislative Assembly has the power to make laws and form a government for the ACT. By voting in this election you have an opportunity to choose who will represent you in the Assembly. When you vote, you help to shape Canberra's future.

Voting on election day.

You can vote at any polling place in the ACT between 8am and 6pm.

No how-to-vote cards at polling places.

Political canvassing, including handing out how-to-vote cards, is banned within 100 metres of a polling place at ACT elections. This means you will need to plan how you want to vote before you go to the polling place.

Voting before election day.

If you can't get to a polling place on election day, you can cast a pre-poll vote at a pre-poll centre in Belconnen, Tuggeranong, Woden or Civic, or you can apply for a postal vote. You can also vote interstate.

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In the ACT, we have a system of rotating candidates' positions on the ballot paper, called Robson rotation. There are sample ballot papers enclosed with this booklet.

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To record a valid vote, write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and so on, in the squares on your ballot paper in order of your choice. No ticks or crosses please, and don't use the same number twice.

Electronic voting.

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At this election computerised voting will be available at pre-poll centres and some polling places.

How the votes are counted.

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The votes are counted using the Hare–Clark proportional representation system which was chosen by ACT voters at a referendum in 1992.

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There are three electorates—Brindabella, Ginninderra and Molonglo—and 17 members of the Legislative Assembly, seven from Molonglo, five from Brindabella and five from Ginninderra. There is a map showing the electoral boundaries on page 11 of this booklet.

Where to go to vote.

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There is a complete list of polling places and addresses on pages 12–13. Pre-poll and interstate voting centres are listed on page 14.

Voting on election day.

Election day is Saturday 16 October. The easiest way to vote is to go to your nearest polling place (see the list on pages 12 and 13 of this booklet). All polling places are open from 8am to 6pm. You don't have to go to a polling place in your own electorate.

Assistance with voting.

Polling officials are there to help you. If you have any difficulty with voting or if you need help to fill in your ballot papers, just ask. If you prefer, you can ask a friend, relative or a candidate's scrutineer to help you. If you make a mistake on your ballot paper, just take it back to the polling official who gave it to you and ask for another.

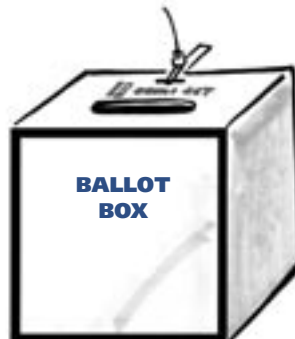
If you need help with electronic voting, just ask a polling official.

Some polling places have officials who speak other languages besides English. Phone Elections ACT on 6205 0033 for details. Polling places with suitable access for disabled people are marked with the symbol ♿ in the list on pages 12–13 of this booklet. Polling place staff will be happy to provide any assistance you need.

No how-to-vote cards at polling places.

Remember that political canvassing, including distributing how-to-vote cards, is banned within 100 metres of a polling place.

This means that you need to plan in advance how you want to vote as no how-to-vote information will be available outside the polling place.



Voting before election day.

If you can't get to a polling place on election day, there are several other ways of casting your vote.

PRE-POLL VOTING

You can cast a pre-poll vote any weekday between now and the election, and also on Saturday 9 October. Addresses and opening hours of the four pre-poll voting centres can be found on page 14 of this Election Guide.

POSTAL VOTING

If you can't get to a polling place, you can apply in writing for a postal vote.

Application forms are available from any ACT Post Office, ACT Government Shopfront or ACT electoral office, or any Australian overseas mission. Applications can also be printed from the Elections ACT website at www.elections.act.gov.au

If you are overseas, your postal vote application must reach Elections ACT by 8 October. If you are in Australia, your application must be in by 14 October. To make sure your ballot papers arrive in time, get your application in as soon as you can.

When your application is received your ballot paper will be mailed to you. When you receive it, fill it out, have another person witness your signature and mail it back to Elections ACT.

Note: Postal ballot papers must be posted before polling day and they must reach Elections ACT by 22 October.

MOBILE POLLING

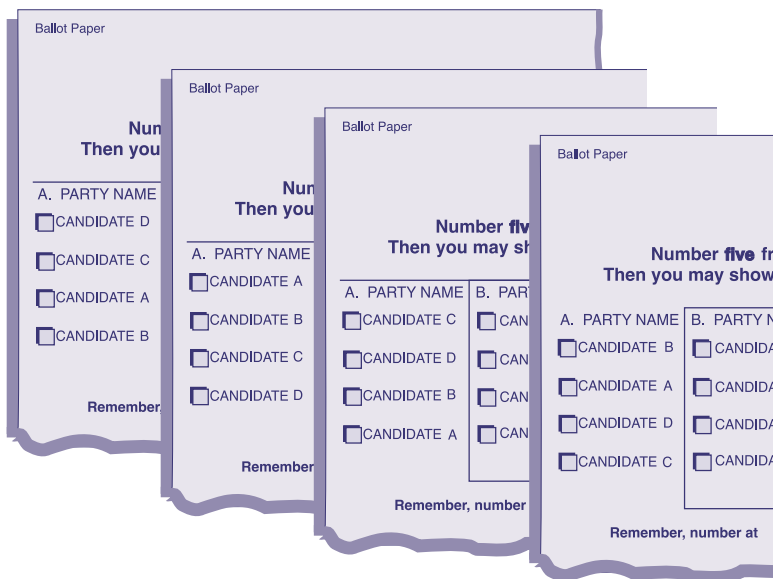
If you are a patient in a hospital or a resident of a nursing home you may be visited by a mobile polling team. Contact your hospital or nursing home for details or phone Elections ACT on 6205 0033.

About your ballot paper.

A feature of the ACT electoral system is the Robson Rotation method of rotating the positions of candidates within each column on the ballot paper.

Candidates' names are printed in different positions within a column on each ballot paper. The order of the names on your ballot paper may be different from the order on the ballot paper given to the voter next to you. This means that no candidate has the advantage of appearing in the top position on every ballot paper.

By combining Robson Rotation with the ban on canvassing within 100 metres of a polling place, the ACT electoral system places in your hands the opportunity to consider each candidate and vote for candidates by name in the order of your choice.



How to fill in your ballot paper.

To record a valid vote, write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and so on, in the squares in the order of your choice. Don't use the same number twice.

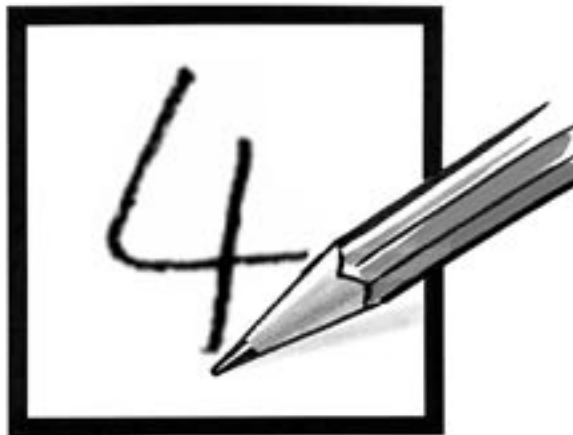
Remember, use numbers only! One of the most common mistakes is for people to use ticks and crosses on their ballot papers. This means that their vote can not be counted.

You should fill in at least as many squares as there are vacancies in your electorate: seven for Molonglo, five for Brindabella or Ginninderra.

If you don't fill in this many squares (even if you vote for only one candidate) your vote will still be counted. However, to make the most of your vote, we suggest you continue to fill in the squares until all your preferences are recorded. You may fill in every square if you wish.

If you don't vote for any candidates, your vote will be informal.

If you make a mistake on your ballot paper, just return it to a polling official and ask for another.



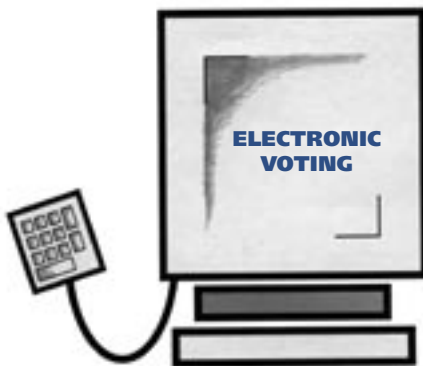
Electronic voting.

Electors at certain polling places will have the option of voting electronically. Computerised voting will be available on polling day at the following eight polling places:

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| ■ BELCONNEN* | Canberra Revival Centre, 12 Chandler St |
| ■ CANBERRA CITY* | Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Ave |
| ■ MELBA | Mt Rogers Community School, Alfred Hill Drive |
| ■ NGUNNAWAL | Ngunnawal Primary School, Unaipon Avenue |
| ■ RICHARDSON | Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs Close |
| ■ TUGGERANONG* | Salvation Army Hall, corner of Ankatell Street and Reed Street North (opposite the Hyperdome) |
| ■ WESTON | Weston Primary School, Hilder St |
| ■ WODEN* | Level B3, Callam Offices, Easty St |

Those polling places marked with an asterisk* will also be open from Monday 27 September as pre-poll centres (see *page 14*).

At polling places where electronic voting is available it will also be possible to vote using a traditional paper ballot.



Key steps in the electronic voting process.

- 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 voting screen.
- When you swipe your barcode you will see a ballot paper for your electorate on the screen.
- By using direction keys on a key pad you can move to each candidate.
- As you select the candidates you wish to vote for, preference numbers will be automatically listed for you, starting with your first preference.
- When you have completed your selection and pressed the FINISH key, you will be able to see a list of the candidates you have chosen in the order you have ranked them.
- If you wish to change your selection you can simply go back and correct it.
- If you are happy with your selection, swipe your barcode a second time and your vote will be securely recorded.
- The barcode must be deposited in the ballot box as you leave the polling place. Each barcode can be used only once.

Electronic voting instructions will be available in a number of community languages, and special audio facilities will be available to enable sight-impaired electors to vote electronically.

Votes cast electronically will be stored securely and combined with the results from paper ballots.

Further information about electronic voting is available at the Commission's website www.elections.act.gov.au

How the votes are counted.

Your vote is counted according to the preferences you indicate on your ballot paper. First preference (number 1) votes are counted first, then your later preferences (numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and so on) are counted as described below.

To be certain of election under the Hare–Clark system, a candidate must obtain a set proportion (or quota) of the votes for his or her electorate. Any candidate whose votes equal or exceed a quota is elected.

A quota is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{total number of valid votes}}{\text{number of vacancies} + 1} + 1$$

The quota in the two 5–member electorates is one-sixth, plus one, or roughly 16.67% of the valid votes. The quota in the 7–member electorate is one eighth, plus one, or roughly 12.5% of the valid votes.

A candidate may reach the quota simply by receiving first preference (number 1) votes, or by receiving a combination of first preference votes and votes transferred from other candidates who have been elected or excluded.

If a candidate has more votes than the quota, and not all vacancies have been filled, the surplus votes of that candidate are distributed to other candidates according to the preferences indicated on those ballot papers.

If, after all the surplus votes have been distributed, vacancies remain to be filled, the candidate with the fewest total votes is “excluded” and his or her ballot papers are distributed to continuing candidates according to the preferences shown by voters.












































After ballot papers are distributed from an excluded candidate, the total votes for each continuing candidate are recalculated to determine whether any candidate has now received votes equal to or greater than the quota. The process of distributing surplus votes from elected candidates and excluding the candidate with the fewest votes continues until all vacancies are filled.









































Which electorate are you in?





Polling Places


POLLING DAY POLLING PLACES Open 8am to 6pm.

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|  | AINSLIE | Ainslie North Primary School, Majura Avenue |
|  | AINSLIE | Ainslie Baker Gardens Pre-School, Baker Gardens |
|  | AMAROO | Amaroo Primary School, Katherine Ave |
|  | ARANDA | Aranda Primary School, Banambila St |
|  | BARTON | Telopea Park High School, New South Wales Cres |
|  | BELCONNEN | Lake Ginninderra College, Emu Bank |
|  | BELCONNEN | Canberra Revival Centre, 12 Chandler St |
|  | BONYTHON | Bonython Primary School, Hurtle Ave |
|  | BRADDON | Ainslie Primary School, Elder St |
|  | BRUCE | Calvary Hospital, Haydon Dr |
|  | CALWELL | Calwell High School, Casey Cres |
|  | CAMPBELL | Campbell Primary School, Chauvel St |
|  | CANBERRA CITY | Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Ave |
|  | CHAPMAN | Chapman Primary School, Perry Drive |
|  | CHARNWOOD | St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Lhotsky St |
|  | CHIFLEY | Melrose Primary School, MacLaurin Cres |
|  | CHISHOLM | Chisholm Primary School, Hambidge Cres |
|  | CONDER | Charles Conder Primary School, Tom Roberts Ave |
|  | CURTIN | Curtin Primary School, Theodore St |
|  | DEAKIN | CGGS Junior School, Grey St |
|  | DICKSON | Daramalan College, Cowper St |
|  | DOWNER | Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place |
|  | DUFFY | Duffy Primary School, Burrinjuck Cres |
|  | EVATT | Evatt Primary School, Heydon Cres |
|  | EVATT | Miles Franklin Primary School, Alderman St |
|  | FADDEN | Fadden Primary School, Hanlon Cres |
|  | FARRER | Farrer Primary School, Lambrigg St |
|  | FLOREY | St Francis Xavier College, Barnard Crct |
|  | FLYNN | Flynn Primary School, Bingle St |
|  | FRASER | Fraser Primary School, Tillyard Drive |
|  | GARRAN | Canberra Hospital, Yamba Drive |
|  | GILMORE | Gilmore Primary School, Heagney Cres |
|  | GIRALANG | Giralang Primary School, Canopus Cres |
|  | GORDON | Gordon Primary School, Knoke Ave |
|  | GOWRIE | Gowrie Primary School, Jeffries St |
|  | GRIFFITH | O'Connell Centre, cnr Stuart St and Blaxland Cres |
|  | GUNGAHLIN | Gungahlin Community Centre, Gungahlin Town Centre |
|  | HALL | Hall Primary School, Hoskins St |
|  | HIGGINS | Higgins Primary School, Fullagar Cres |
|  | HOLDER | St Judes Primary School, Mulley St |
|  | HOLT | Holt Primary School, Beaurepaire Cres |
|  | HUGHES | Hughes Primary School, Kent St |
|  | ISABELLA PLAINS | Isabella Plains Primary School, Ellerton Ave |

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|  | KALEEN | Kaleen Primary School, Ashburton St |
|  | KALEEN | Maribyrnong Primary School, Alberga St |
|  | KAMBAH | Village Creek Primary School, Kingsmill St |
|  | KAMBAH | Taylor Primary School, Marconi Cres |
|  | KAMBAH | Urambi Primary School, O'Halloran Crct |
|  | KAMBAH | Mt Neighbour Primary School, Boddington Cres |
|  | LATHAM | Latham Primary School, O'Loughlen St |
|  | LYNEHAM | Lyneham Primary School, Hall St |
|  | LYONS | Lyons Primary School, Tarraleah Cres |
|  | MACGREGOR | Macgregor Primary School, Hirschfeld Cres |
|  | MACQUARIE | Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Cres |
|  | MAWSON | Mawson Primary School, Ainsworth St |
|  | MELBA | Mt Rogers Community School Melba Campus, Alfred Hill Dr |
|  | MONASH | Monash Primary School, Corlette Cres |
|  | NARRABUNDAH | Narrabundah Primary School, Kootara Cres |
|  | NGUNNAWAL | Ngunnawal Primary School, Unaipon Avenue |
|  | NGUNNAWAL | Ngunnawal Neighbourhood Centre, Yarrowonga St |
|  | NICHOLLS | Gold Creek Primary School, Kelleway Ave |
|  | OAKS ESTATE | Oaks Estate Community Hall, 2 William St |
|  | O'CONNOR | St Joseph's Primary School, Boronia Dr |
|  | PAGE | St Matthew's School, Stutchbury St |
|  | PALMERSTON | Palmerston Primary School, Kosciuszko Ave |
|  | PEARCE | Melrose High School, Marr St |
|  | RED HILL | Red Hill Primary School, Astrolabe St |
|  | REID | Reid Uniting Church Hall, 54 Coranderk St |
|  | RICHARDSON | Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs Close |
|  | RIVETT | Rivett Primary School, Bangalay Cres |
|  | SCULLIN | Southern Cross Primary School, Ross Smith Cres |
|  | THARWA | Tharwa Primary School, North St |
|  | THEODORE | Theodore Primary School, Lawrence Wackett Cres |
|  | TUGGERANONG | Salvation Army Hall, Cnr Anketell St and Reed St North |
|  | TURNER | Turner Primary School, Condamine St |
|  | WANNIASSA | Wanniassa Primary School, Sternberg Cres |
|  | WANNIASSA | Wanniassa Hills Primary School, Langdon Ave |
|  | WARAMANGA | Arawang Primary School, Nemarang Cres |
|  | WATSON | Majura Primary School, Knox St |
|  | WEETANGERA | Weetangera Primary School, Southwell St |
|  | WESTON | Weston Primary School, Hilder St |
|  | WODEN | Callam Offices, Easty St |
|  | YARRALUMLA | Yarralumla Primary School, Loftus St |

 *electronic voting*

 *full wheelchair access*

 *assisted wheelchair access*

Pre-poll voting centres

These centres are open:

- from 9am to 5pm each weekday, except the public holiday, Monday 4 October
- from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 9 October; and
- from 9am to 8pm on Friday 15 October.

They will also open on polling day as ordinary polling places.



BELCONNEN

Canberra Revival Centre, 12 Chandler Street



CANBERRA CITY

Riley Hall, Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue

Please note: On Saturday 9 October (federal election day) the Canberra City pre-poll centre for the ACT Election will be located at the Reception Room, ACT Legislative Assembly, London Circuit)



TUGGERANONG

Salvation Army Hall, corner of Ankatell Street and Reed Street North (opposite the Hyperdome)



WODEN

Level B3, Callam Offices, Easty Street
(access from Easty and Callam Streets)

Note Electronic voting is available at these polling places. See *pages 8–9*.

Interstate voting centres

Voting will be available at the following state and territory electoral authorities during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 3 October. Voting is not available at offices of the Australian Electoral Commission.

New South Wales

State Electoral Office,
Level 20,
Maritime Trade Towers,
207 Kent Street, Sydney

Queensland

Queensland Electoral
Commission,
Level 6, Forestry House,
160 Mary Street, Brisbane

Victoria

Victorian Electoral
Commission,
505 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne 3000

Northern Territory

NT Electoral Office,
2nd Floor,
AANT Building
79-81 Smith Street,
Darwin

South Australia

SA State Electoral Office,
134 Fullarton Rd,
Rose Park, Adelaide

Tasmania

Tasmanian Electoral Office,
Level 2,
Telstra Centre,
70 Collins Street, Hobart

Western Australia

Western Australian
Electoral Commission,
Level 2,
111 St Georges Terrace,
Perth

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or email us at

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You can also visit the Elections ACT website at:

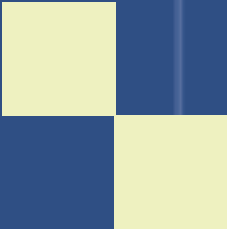
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| ENGLISH | If you need interpreting help, telephone: |
| ARABIC | إذا احتجت لمساعدة في الترجمة الشفوية ، إتصل برقم الهاتف : |
| CHINESE | 如果你需要传译员的帮助，请打电话： |
| CROATIAN | Ako trebate pomoć tumača telefonirajte: |
| GREEK | Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στο |
| ITALIAN | Se avete bisogno di un interprete, telefonate al numero: |
| PERSIAN | اگر به ترجمه شفاهی احتیاج دارید به این شماره تلفن کنید: |
| PORTUGUESE | Se você precisar da ajuda de um intérprete, telefone: |
| SERBIAN | Ако вам је потребна помоћ преводиоца телефонирајте: |
| 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: |

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