

The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) provides a range of services to assist electors to vote at a State Election.

ENROLMENT

All eligible citizens must be enrolled to vote.

To enrol to vote, or update any of your enrolment details, electors can complete an enrolment form, which is available from the WAEC website, Post Offices, any Electoral Commission office, or by calling the WAEC on 13 63 06.

If an elector is unable to understand the significance and process of voting or cannot vote due to a physical incapacity, and a medical practitioner confirms this in writing, then the elector is not required to be enrolled to vote in State Elections. The medical practitioner needs to complete an Objection to Electoral Enrolment Medical Certificate form. For more information or to obtain a form please call 13 63 06.

TRANSLATED INFORMATION

Information on voting in languages other than English is available on the WAEC website (elections.wa.gov.au). Multilingual Guides are available in every polling place, and provide information on how to complete the ballot papers in 26 commonly spoken languages in WA.

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Internet: elections.wa.gov.au

National Relay Service (NRS)

TTY: 133 677 then ask for 08 9214 0400

Speak & Listen: 1300 555 727 then ask for 08 9214 0400

Internet relay: Connect to the NRS (www.relayservice.com.au) then ask for 08 9214 0400

iVote Website: elections.wa.gov.au/ivote

iVote Helpdesk: 1300 6 iVote (1300 64 86 83)

Assistance for Electors at a State Election



EARLY VOTING

Technology Assisted Voting (iVote)

If an elector cannot vote without assistance because the elector is blind or has low vision, has a disability or has literacy needs, the elector is eligible to register for Technology Assisted Voting (iVote) (voting via internet or touch tone telephone from your home or from any location). For further details visit: elections.wa.gov.au/ivote or telephone 1300 6 iVote (1300 64 86 83) during the election period.

Using Paper Ballot Papers

Alternatively, such electors may apply to be registered as a general postal voter. Following registration, ballot papers are automatically posted to the elector's address at every election. Application forms are available at Post Offices, the WAEC website or by contacting the WAEC on 13 63 06.

Another option is to vote in person before the day of the election at an early voting location. These locations are advertised on the WAEC website before each election.

For more information about eligibility for a postal vote, general early vote or voting early in person, please contact the WAEC on 13 63 06 or visit the WAEC website.

MOBILE POLLING

Mobile polling teams visit many hospitals and special institutions in the days before an election to enable temporary and permanent residents and/or patients to vote.

Mobile polling locations are advertised on the WAEC website and in "The West Australian" newspaper. The date and time that mobile polling will take place will also be publicised at each location.

DRIVE-IN POLLING PLACES

Drive-in polling places are provided at selected locations in the metropolitan area for use by electors with limited mobility. If an elector has limited mobility, they can stay in their car and complete their ballot papers, with assistance from Polling Place Officials or another person if required.

SERVICES AT THE POLLING PLACE

Reserved parking bays that enable easier access for electors with limited mobility are available at most polling places.

Polling places that can be accessed by wheelchairs are advertised with the symbol of access. A small number of polling places have a temporary ramp installed to enable wheelchair access on the day of the election.

If an elector is unable to enter a polling place due to a disability or limited mobility, upon request, a Polling Official can take the ballot papers to the elector (if close by the polling place) for them to complete. The Polling Official, or another person, can also provide the elector with assistance to complete the ballot papers if required.

Alternatively, registering for Early Voting – Technology Assisted Voting (iVote) may be a

more convenient option, allowing an elector to vote from home or from any location.

Desktop voting screens are available at every polling place. These voting screens are at a height that can be used by a person using a wheelchair. The desktop voting screens also enable electors to vote sitting down if required.

Audio loops are available at a selection of polling places to assist electors with a hearing impairment. The hearing or listening aid will need to be switched to 'T' to use the audio loop. Polling places with audio loops are advertised with the symbol of access for hearing loss.

All polling places have hand-held magnifying sheets, which are available upon request, to enlarge the text on the ballot papers. A limited number of polling places also have desk top CCTV or video magnifiers available.

POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

Polling places with drive-in polling, CCTV, video magnifiers, wheelchair access or audio loops will be advertised on the WAEC website before the election, and in "The West Australian" newspaper on the day of the election.