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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission

# EARLY VOTE (BY POST) APPLICATION FORM

Western Australian Electoral Act 1907 s.90

Form 26

**ELECTOR TO COMPLETE – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK**

Surname			
Given names			
Residential address		Postcode	
Former surname (if recently changed)			
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
Contact number(s)	Home / Work or Mobile		
I am an elector for the district of:			
I request that voting material be sent to me at: (If the same as your residential address print 'As above')			
		Postcode	
I certify that I am entitled to apply for an early ballot paper pursuant to the Electoral Act as indicated overleaf. (If you fail to indicate your eligibility overleaf your application may be rejected)			
Signature or mark of applicant		Date	
		/ /	
<b>Please Note:</b> If you are unable to sign your name, make your mark on the application form above and then have it witnessed below. A witness can be any person over the age of 18 who is not a candidate in the election. A person granted Power of Attorney <b>CANNOT</b> sign this application in that capacity.			
Authorized witness to sign (only if applicant makes a mark)		Date	
		/ /	
<b>FOR ISSUING OFFICER USE ONLY</b>		Place of Issuing:	
Signature		Date received	

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN EARLY VOTE?

An elector is **only** entitled to apply for an early vote if, **on polling day**, the elector (to qualify, tick the applicable box):

- will be more than 8 kms from a polling place between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm; or
- will be absent from the State of Western Australia or will be travelling throughout the hours of polling which will prevent him/her from voting; or
- has a serious illness or infirmity; or
- has emergency duty or employment; or
- is approaching maternity; or
- is caring for a person who is ill or infirm or
- whose residence is not shown on the electoral roll (section 51B); or
- is a member of a religious order that precludes voting on a Saturday.

***If you do not meet one of the above criteria, you may not be eligible for an early vote.***

## COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Complete and sign the attached form overleaf after the election has been announced and return it to the Western Australian Electoral Commission via the following methods;

**Posted to:** *Western Australian Electoral Commission, PO Reply Paid 316 PERTH WA 6841. (No Postage stamp needed)*

**Faxed to:** (08) 9214 0480 or

**Scanned and emailed to:** [waec@waec.wa.gov.au](mailto:waec@waec.wa.gov.au)

Once your application is received and processed, ballot papers will be sent to you by post.

Applications must be received at the Commission no later than 6.00 pm on the Thursday prior to polling day, late applications **cannot** be processed.

If posting, please make allowance for Australia Post delivery periods.

**Please Note:** It is an offence under Part VII of the *Electoral Act 1907* s181(d)(e)

- 1) For any person to either directly or indirectly attempt to acquire an early ballot paper by gift or purchase.
- 2) For any elector to directly or indirectly attempt to give away, sell or part with the possession of an early ballot paper.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries please contact the Western Australian Electoral Commission:

**Enquiry Line:** 13 63 06 **Email:** [waec@waec.wa.gov.au](mailto:waec@waec.wa.gov.au)

**Web site:** <http://www.waec.wa.gov.au>

**Fax:** (08) 9214 0480

**Telephone Typewriter (TTY):** (08) 9214 0487

**Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS):** 13 14 50

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Before completing this application you should consider if you are able to vote in person at an early voting centre. Early voting centres will be open for voting at least sixteen days prior to polling day. See our website [www.waec.wa.gov.au](http://www.waec.wa.gov.au) for information on early voting centre locations and times.

## HOW IS MY APPLICATION PROCESSED?

When the election is announced, applications for Early Voting (by post) can be lodged.

Complete your application then post, fax or scan and email to the Western Australian Electoral Commission.



### Please note:

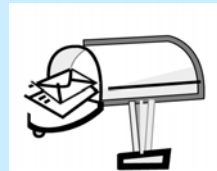
Your application cannot be processed until the electoral rolls and the ballot papers have been printed.

**At least 17 Days prior to Polling Day:**  
Processing of your application begins.



**At least 13 Days prior to Polling Day:**  
Ballot paper envelopes are printed, packed with the ballot papers and instructions then sent to Australia Post for delivery.

**At least 12 Days prior to Polling Day:**  
Ballot papers start to arrive in letter boxes.



**At least 10 days prior to Polling Day:**  
All voting packages are posted out the same day the application is received at the Commission.



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