



## Our Vote **Our Future**

### INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS

## We're looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work at the next federal election.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) employs approximately 80 000 polling officials for each federal election. We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take advantage of these job opportunities.

### Applying for a position

To apply for a temporary position with the AEC, you will need to complete the Registration of Interest form at [www.aec.gov.au/election-staff](http://www.aec.gov.au/election-staff)

Alternatively, you can request a printed copy from any AEC office or AEC Indigenous Community Engagement Officer in your state or territory.

### Your skills and experience

To apply for a temporary position, you will need to provide details of your skills, knowledge and experience so we can consider what job you may be suitable for.

We recommend using plain English, short sentences and one or two examples of your experience, for example:

#### **SAMPLE RESPONSE** *Customer service and communication skills*

I am an active member of my community. I volunteer at the school canteen and coach the local netball team. I believe people should be treated with respect and for this reason I am always polite and approachable. My work as a coach demonstrates my ability to communicate well with parents and students. This includes explaining good game technique and speaking with my students to make sure they avoid dehydration or injury.

We also encourage Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to identify in the *Other Information* section of the form.

## Positions available

Indigenous applicants can register their interest for temporary positions in any available category including—Temporary Office Assistants, Polling Officials and/or Voter Information Officers (VIOs).

An Indigenous VIO is an identified role in selected locations who helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voters on election day. If you are interested in this position, you should include details about your knowledge and experience with Indigenous communities on the Registration of Interest Form and tick the 'Inquiry Officer' box.

## Getting the job

You will be contacted by the AEC if your application is successful. Suitable training and instructions are provided depending on the type of job you are offered.

You will need access to an email address and the Internet to be considered for election work. Pay rates vary depending on the type of role undertaken.

## Character clearance

If you are offered a position, you may be required to complete a character clearance which includes agreeing to a police check and providing certified copies of your identity documents. This does not mean you will be excluded from the selection process..

## Contacts for Indigenous applicants

For further advice or support with the application process, visit **[www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous)** or contact an AEC Indigenous Community Engagement Officer in your state or territory.

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<b>New South Wales</b>	(02) 9375 6317	Indigenous-NSW@aec.gov.au
<b>Victoria</b>	(03) 9285 7142	Indigenous-VIC@aec.gov.au
<b>Queensland</b>	(07) 3834 3465	Indigenous-QLD@aec.gov.au
<b>Western Australia</b>	(08) 6363 8025	Indigenous-WA@aec.gov.au
<b>South Australia</b>	(08) 8237 6517	Indigenous-SA@aec.gov.au
<b>Tasmania</b>	(03) 6235 0516	Indigenous-TAS@aec.gov.au
<b>Northern Territory</b>	(08) 8982 8021	Indigenous-NT@aec.gov.au
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