

Non-residential rolls

Information for councils*

What is a non-residential roll?

There are two non-residential rolls:

- the *roll of non-resident owners of rateable land*, and
- the *roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees*.

These two rolls are combined with the residential roll to form the *roll of electors* for a council area, which is used during an election. The residential roll is the list of people who live in the council area and are eligible to vote in elections

Why do non-residential rolls exist?

The non-residential rolls provide people who are non-resident owners, occupiers and rate-paying lessees of rateable land within the council area an opportunity to have a say in who is elected to council.

Who manages the non-residential rolls?

It is the responsibility of the general manager of the council to maintain the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land and the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees.

After each election, the non-residential rolls lapse. Then as soon as is practicable, the general manager prepares new rolls for the next election and keeps them updated. If you applied to be on a roll previously and are still qualified to be on that roll, you should be included on the new roll.

Is it compulsory to be on a non-residential roll if I am eligible to be?

No.

Is it compulsory to vote if I am on a non-residential roll?

No, if you are on a non-residential roll, you do not have to vote and will not receive a fine for not voting. It is still compulsory that you vote in the area where you are on the residential roll.

Can I enrol and vote more than once in the same council area?

- No. If you are a resident of a council area then you are not permitted to also enrol as a non-resident in that area.
- Non-residents who own, occupy, or pay rates on multiple parcels of land in the same area may only be enrolled once for that area. This also applies to corporations, trustees and joint/several owners, occupiers and rate paying lessees of multiple parcels of land – they may nominate only one person to be enrolled on each non-residential roll, if eligible.

Who is eligible to be on a non-residential roll?

You must be eligible to vote at Federal or State elections to be on a non-residential roll. Your eligibility must be based on land within the council area and must not only be used as a car park.

To be on the *roll of non-resident owners of rateable land*, you must be:

- the sole owner of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several owners of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who own the rateable land, or
- the lessee of the land from the Crown and the land is rateable Crown land.

To be on the *roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees*, you must be:

- the sole occupier or ratepaying lessee of rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several occupiers or ratepaying lessees of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who occupy or are the ratepaying lessee of the rateable land,

and have the legal right to occupy the land, or be responsible for paying all or part of the rates on the land for 3 years following the date you apply to be on the roll.

Use the **Form for individual owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees** or **Form for nomination of an elector by joint/several, corporate or trustee owners, occupiers or ratepaying lessees** to apply to be on a non-residential roll. The general manager of the council will advise you within 7 days if your enrolment was accepted.

How can I check what roll I am on?

You can check your residential enrolment at check.aec.gov.au or by calling the AEC on 13 23 26.

Contact your local council to check whether you are enrolled on a non-residential roll.

Can I inspect the non-residential rolls?

The general manager should make the latest copy of the non-residential rolls available for public inspection during office hours at the office of the council, once it has been prepared.

Contact the council in which you are applying for enrolment if you have questions or concerns about your non-residential enrolment.

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