

Federal Election 2010

The federal election will be held on Saturday 21 August 2010.

If you are overseas, you do not have to vote in the federal election but you should complete the overseas notification form at www.aec.gov.au or email the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on info@aec.gov.au

Should you wish to vote, you may vote either in person at the Australian High Commission, Pretoria, or by applying for a postal vote (either from the High Commission which should be quicker or from Australia). You will need to know which Australian address you are currently enrolled at in order to be issued with the correct ballot papers for your electorate. You can check at www.aec.gov.au/check or by calling +61 2 271 4411.

Voting in person

If you wish to vote in person, you may do so at the Australian High Commission, 292 Orient Street, Pretoria from Tuesday 10 August 2010 to Friday, 20 August 2010 (from 0830 to 1600). **Please note that you will not be able to cast your vote on polling day due to the time difference between Australia and South Africa.**

Postal votes

Alternatively, you can apply for a postal vote by going to www.aec.gov.au and completing an "Application for a postal vote" form. Postal vote applications may also be obtained from the Australian High Commission, Pretoria (in person, via email or by fax). The Australian High Commission will accept postal vote applications until 12 noon Thursday 19 August 2010. Your ballot papers will then be sent to you to complete and post back to the High Commission or to Australia. Only postal votes that are postmarked on or before 20 August will be accepted.

If you opt for a postal vote you should apply now so that we can get your ballot papers to you in time. We cannot, however, commence despatching postal vote's until we receive ballot papers in Pretoria. This is expected to be early August.

Please send completed postal vote applications to:

The Assistant Returning Officer

Australian High Commission

292 Orient Street

Arcadia 0083

Pretoria

South Africa

or Fax: +27 12 342 8442

or email: pretoria.info@dfat.gov.au

For more information on voting in Pretoria, you can contact the Australian High Commission by telephone on +27 12 4236110. More information on the Australian federal election is available from www.aec.gov.au, by calling +61 2 271 4411 or emailing info@aec.gov.au