



Voting Kit

ACT Election 2020



Easy English

2020



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- The hard word is in **blue**
- We will write what the hard word means

You **can** get help with this book.

You **can** get someone to help you



- read this book
- know what it says
- find more information

This toolkit is about



- the **ACT Election**



- how to find information about **who to vote for**



- some ideas to help you decide who to vote for.



For information on



- how to enrol to vote in the ACT Election

- how to vote



Elections ACT has an Easy English Guide.

You can find it here



https://www.elections.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1080643/Accessible-pdf-EE-Guide-26-08-16-FINAL.pdf



ACT Election

The **ACT Election** is

OCTOBER 2020						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- **Saturday 17 October 2020**

The election is when **we** choose who will be in the **ACT Legislative Assembly**.

The **ACT Legislative Assembly**



- is the group of people who make the laws for Canberra.



- forms the **ACT Government**.



On election day, people in the ACT will **vote**.



When you **vote**, you help choose who is part of the ACT government.



It is your right to vote.

When you vote, you show



- your voice matters



- you have power.

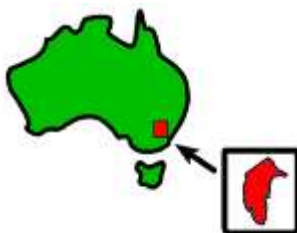
You **must** vote if you



- are over the age of **18** years



- are an Australian citizen



- live in the ACT.



Who can I vote for?

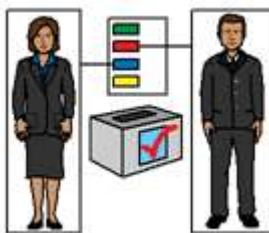
Who you vote for is **your decision**.



You vote for **political parties** and **candidates** in your **electorate**.

A **political party** is a group of people who

- share the same ideas
- agree on how government should run in the ACT.



A **candidate** is a person who wants to be part of the ACT Legislative Assembly.

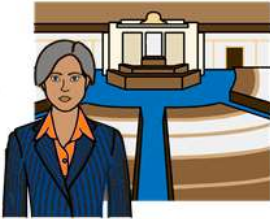


An **electorate** is an area you live in.



Each electorate has different candidates you can vote for.

Your vote helps choose your **local members** of the ACT Legislative Assembly.



Your **local members** are the people who will speak for you and your area in government.

You can find your electorate at



- https://www.elections.act.gov.au/electoral_boundaries/which_electorate_am_i_in

or



- call Elections ACT

(02) 6205 0033



My electorate is



Who are the candidates in my electorate?



You can find information about who you can vote for



- in your letterbox – candidates often send pamphlets



- on posters at the side of roads



- on TV and radio



- in newspapers



- on the internet



You can find out online here

https://www.elections.act.gov.au/political_parties/register_of_political_parties



Find some candidates in your area.

Labor



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Liberal



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Greens



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Others



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My Electorate has many candidates.

How can I decide who to vote for?

Before you vote in an election, it is a good idea to think about



- what is important to you



- what things you want the ACT government to **change**.



This information can help you decide **who** you want to vote for.

Topics that might be important to you



- health



- disability



- jobs



- education



- environment



- transport



What is important to me?

Think about what is important to you.

Example



Work is important to me because I want to earn money and be in the community.

Write down some things that are important to you.



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What things do I want the ACT Government to change?

Think about some things that you want the government to change here in Canberra.

Example



I want the government to make places easy for me to get to, so I can join in.

Write down some things you want the ACT Government to **change**.

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How can I find out which candidates have the same ideas as me?



Candidates have **different ideas** and **promises** about how they can make Canberra a better place.

To find out what candidates in your electorate **promise** to do, you can



- go to the website of a candidate



- phone a candidate



- talk to a candidate if you see one in your area.

Elections ACT has contact information of all the candidates here



https://www.elections.act.gov.au/political_parties/register_of_political_parties

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