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Voting in the Referendum: Non-residents

If you are not a resident of the Central Coast, you may still be entitled to vote at upcoming Local Government Elections (including referendums) and be placed on the nonresidential roll, provided you are an Australian Citizen and you own, occupy or lease a rateable property (where the property is not your primary residence). Registration is not compulsory for non-residential voters.

Who is eligible to vote as a nonresident in the Referendum?

Central Coast Council ratepayers who are Australian Citizens and are either:

- 1. not residents of Central Coast Council, or
- occupiers and rate-paying lessees of rateable property where the property is not their primary residence,

are entitled to vote as non-residents at the upcoming Constitutional Referendum on 4 September 2021 and can apply to be placed on a non-residential roll.

Applying to vote as a non-resident

To apply for inclusion on the roll of nonresident owners of rateable land or the roll of occupiers and ratepaying lessees for Central Coast Council you need to complete one of the following forms:

- Form for individual owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees
- Form for nomination of an elector by joint/several, corporate or trustee owners, occupiers or ratepaying lessees

These forms are available on the <u>Referendum</u> page on Council's website. The applicable form must be completed in the presence of an eligible witness and returned to Council by **6 pm Monday 26 July 2021** marked to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer C/O the Unit Manager Governance and Risk.

Verifying applications for inclusion on non-resident rolls

Within seven days of receiving the completed form, in accordance with <u>section 303(2) of the</u> <u>Local Government Act 1993</u>, Council will make a decision as to whether the claim is allowed or disallowed as far as Council is concerned and advise the applicant.

Council will create and provide the nonresidential rolls to the NSW Electoral Commission by 6 pm Tuesday 3 August 2021 for verification.

The non-residential rolls will contain the name, address, date of birth, gender and other details as required in order to determine who has an entitlement to vote.



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Once these non-residential rolls are verified by the NSW Electoral Commission, who will either:

- confirm that those on the lists are able to be enrolled on the non-residential rolls; or
- advise that those on the lists are not able to be enrolled on the non-residential rolls.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner will then confirm the outcome of the NSW Electoral Commission verification process with the applicant directly.

Appealing a decision

Any applicant dissatisfied with the decision made can, pursuant to <u>section 303(3) of the</u> <u>Local Government Act 1993</u>, make an application to <u>NSW Civil and Administrative</u> <u>Tribunal</u> either via their <u>website</u> or via phone on 1300 006 228.

Key dates and timelines

- The Constitutional Referendum will be held on **Saturday 4 September 2021**
- Deadline to apply for non-residential roll is **6pm, Monday 26 July 2021**

Related resources

- <u>Referendum webpage</u>
- Local Government Act 1993

Ask us a question

If you have any further questions about the non-residential rolls, please contact Central Coast Council at

Election.Enquiries@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

