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Category A

If the applicant was previously to enrol in a division then Category A entitled must be selected, even if they did not actually enrol in the named division. For prisoner enrolment, the division is the one where they were entitled to enrol when they began serving their sentence.

Applicants can select Category A even if they never enrolled in the nominated division, provided they qualified for enrolment by living there at least a month. By completing and signing the enrolment application, they declare that they are eligible for special provision enrolment for that division.

The applicant nominates a claimed address in the division and, if the address is a real place of living, it must be accepted for enrolment.

Category B

An applicant may apply for enrolment in a division where any of their next of kin is enrolled.

Category B can only be selected where the applicant has never been entitled to enrol in any division. This applies, for example, if someone has not resided in a division for at least a month since turning 17, or since becoming a citizen. For prisoner enrolment, it applies if the person was not entitled to enrol when they began serving their sentence.

The applicant must provide the name of their next of kin, who must be currently enrolled in the division where the applicant is applying for enrolment.

If the application is for itinerant enrolment or enrolment from outside Australia the applicant must also provide a statement detailing why this category was chosen and not category A.

Applicants can nominate any address in the division, provided it is a real place of living. If no address is nominated or is not a real place of living, then the next of kin's address must be used.

Category C

An applicant may apply for enrolment in the division where they were born.

Category C can only be selected if neither category A nor B applies.

If the application is for itinerant enrolment or enrolment from outside Australia the applicant must also provide a statement detailing why this category was chosen and not category A or B.

Applicants can nominate any address in the division, provided it is a real place of living. If they cannot provide an address, then the AEO, for enrolment from outside Australia or Itinerant enrolment, or the DRO in the case of prisoner or Norfolk Island enrolment, decides which address to use.

Category D

A person may apply to enrol in the division with which they have the closest connection.

Category D can only be selected if none of the previous categories apply.

If the application is for itinerant enrolment or enrolment from outside Australia the applicant must also provide a statement detailing why this category was chosen and not category A, B or C.

Applicants can nominate any address in the division, provided it is a real place of living. If they cannot provide an address, then the AEO, for enrolment from outside Australia or Itinerant enrolment, or the DRO in the case of prisoner or Norfolk Island enrolment, decides which address to use.

Note: For prisoner enrolment, itinerant enrolment and enrolment from outside Australia, category D can only apply to persons born outside Australia.

Note: A Norfolk Islander can only apply under categories A - D for a division **in a State**. If the applicant has no connection with a division in a State then they can apply under Category E or F.

Category E and F

These categories apply to Norfolk Island electors only. Category E is the division of Canberra in the ACT, and category F is the division of Solomon in NT. Note that an enrolment address is not required for either of these categories.

Note: in determining the appropriate enrolment division for a Norfolk Island elector, consideration must be given to their most recent enrolment. Example: a person whose most recent enrolment was in a Territory may select category E or F.

Checking RMANS: Prisoner, Norfolk Island Applications

If an applicant for Prisoner or Norfolk Island enrolment nominates category B, C or D, check RMANS for current or previous enrolments. If one is found, the DRO has the authority to change the application to Category A.

Checking RMANS: Itinerant, Enrolment from Outside Australia Applications

If an applicant for Itinerant enrolment or Enrolment from Outside Australia nominates category B, C, or D, check RMANS for current and previous enrolments. If one is found, include the information in the report to the AEO.

The DRO should not amend the application in any way. Only the AEO can amend the application so that category A applies because of previous enrolment.

Inactive or Unenrollable Address Nominated

If an applicant has nominated an address that has been made inactive or unenrollable on the AREG due to a change in land use, the address that is used for enrolment will be determined by using the information in the AREG.

For example: a house number has been made inactive due to the construction of units on the site. The applicant should be enrolled for unit 1 of the address. As the elector is enrolled under a special provision, their name won't appear on any public document at the 'enrolled' address, nor will the elector's name appear on any CRU mailings to the address.

If the address has been made inactive due to other events; for example: the residence is now demolished and a shopping centre constructed with no residence attached, the applicant should be enrolled for an address as close as possible to the address claimed.