

GUIDELINES: VOTER REGISTRATION ABROAD

1. VOTER REGISTRATION ABROAD

1.1 A citizen of the RSA is entitled to apply to register to vote from outside of the RSA, and may do so at a South African Embassy, Consulate and High Commission in accordance with the Electoral Act. In order to apply to register to vote from abroad, a RSA citizen needs to do so either in person or online. During the registration process, the RSA citizen must provide:

- their original RSA citizenship identity document or smart identity card or valid temporary identity certificate, and
- their original valid RSA passport.

2. Hours of Operation

Voter registration weekend will be **27 and 28 January 2024**.

Office hours over the registration weekend - 08:00 to 17:00.

3. The Registration Process

3.1 To apply for registration, applicants must in person submit the completed application form (REC1/OC form), together with their original Green bar-coded identity document, valid Temporary Identity Certificate (TIC - valid for 2 months) or Smart Identity Card and their original valid passport to the Special Voting Officer at Missions where registration services will be rendered. REC1/OC form will be obtained on arrival at the Mission.

3.2 Only South African citizens who are not on the voters' roll are required to register.

3.3 **NB.** If a South African citizen is already registered to vote inside South Africa:

- They need not reregister to vote outside of the country.
- They however will be required to complete an online "NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION TO CEO FOR SPECIAL VOTES ABROAD" FORM application to indicate that they will be voting outside of the country.
- The online "NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION TO CEO FOR SPECIAL VOTE ABROAD" FORM application will be available on the IEC website on the date of proclamation for a period of **15 days** thereafter.
- Citizens can also check to confirm if they are registered on the IEC website at www.elections.org.za.

4. Eligibility to Register

4.1 To be eligible to register abroad, a person must:

- a) Be a South African citizen.
- b) Be 16 years of age or older; (They only vote when they are 18).

- c) Possess an original valid:
 - green bar-coded identity document, or
 - a valid Temporary Identity Certificate (valid for 2 months); or
 - a Smart Identity Card;
- d) Possess an original valid South African passport.
- e) Submit in person the application form, the identity document, and the passport, to the Special Voting Officer.

4.2 Please note: Only a original green bar-coded ID, a valid Temporary Identification Certificate (TIC) or a Smart Identity Card are accepted for registration purposes. No other document will be accepted.

5. Citizens can also register themselves online on the following website:
www.elections.org.za