

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

To vote in elections in South Africa you need to first register as a voter.

Who can register as a voter?

- You must be a South African citizen.
- You must have a South African green bar-coded identity document (ID), a smart ID card or a temporary ID certificate.
- You must be 16 years or older (but you will only be able to vote when you are 18 years or older).
- You have to register in person. Nobody can do it for you.

Once you have registered to vote, you do not need to re-register in future elections.

You will only need to re-register if:

- You have moved house and are living in a different voting district.
- You have been affected by the re-drawing of the voting district and/or ward boundaries.

REMEMBER: If you do not have your green bar-coded ID book or a smart ID card, you need to apply for one at the Department of Home Affairs.



Why should you register?

- You should register to be included on the national common voters' roll.
- If you don't register, you cannot vote (And if you don't vote, you are giving up a very important way of making your voice heard).
- It is your right and responsibility to register.



Where can you register?

- Register at your local Electoral Commission (IEC) office from Monday to Friday during office hours. Because registration is ongoing, you can register whether an election is taking place or not.
- Register to vote in person at a registration station in the voting district in which you live.
- The IEC opens its registration stations during registration weekends just before general elections.



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How does registration work?

- The barcode of your ID book or smart ID card or Temporary ID Certificate will be scanned. The registration official will place a receipt in your ID book or on a form. The receipt will show:
 - Proof of application
 - Your ID number
 - The voting district number of your voting station
 - Date and time of your application.
- You are then required to complete an IEC registration form. Please make sure that the address you provide is correct and complete.

REMEMBER:

- **You must provide sufficient details of where you live (a full residential address or a description of where you live) for the IEC to confirm that you are registering in the correct voting district.**
- **If you give false address information, it is a crime. You could go to jail for up to 10 years.**
- **Your ID will be checked when you vote to make sure that it is YOU.**



How to check if you are registered and that your voters' roll address is up to date

- Check at your local IEC office from Monday to Friday during office hours.
- SMS your ID number to 32810 (R1 per SMS).
- Go to the IEC website (www.elections.org.za) and follow the link "Am I registered to vote?"
- Before general elections, check the voters' roll at your voting station where you are registered to vote. You can do this during the voter registration weekends.
- As a registered voter you can visit the My IEC portal at <https://www.elections.org.za/MYIEC>, create a secure profile for yourself, check and update or provide your voters' roll address.
- You can also help family and friends to check; remember you will need their ID number, full name, address and cellphone number or email address to check and update their voters' roll address.
- Even if you are registered, remember to check that your voters' roll address is up to date.
- To find your correct voting station, insert your address in the Voting Station Finder app on the website at <http://maps.elections.org.za/vsfinder/> or call the contact centre.



About the Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission is an independent, impartial institution established by Chapter 9 of the Constitution. It manages national, provincial and municipal elections. It makes sure these elections are credible, free and fair.

National Office

Tel: 012 622 5700
info@elections.org.za
www.elections.org.za
Contact centre: 0800 11 8000 (during elections)

Contact Provincial Offices

Eastern Cape:	043 709 4200
Free State:	051 401 5000
Gauteng:	011 644 7400
KwaZulu-Natal:	031 279 2200
Limpopo:	015 283 9100
Mpumalanga:	013 754 0200
North West:	018 391 0800/5
Northern Cape:	053 838 5000
Western Cape:	021 910 5700

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