

ELECTORAL COMMISSION**NO. 372****06 MARCH 2019****AMENDMENT TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION REGULATIONS, 1998**

The Electoral Commission has, in terms of section 100 of the Electoral Act 73 of 1998, made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[] Words or phrases in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions or deletions from existing enactments; and

_____ Words or phrases underlined with a solid line indicate insertion in existing enactments

SCHEDULE**Contents****Definitions**

1. In this Schedule, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- 1.1. "the Act" means the Electoral Act, 1998 (Act No. 73 of 1998);
- 1.2. "the Regulations" means the Voter Registration Regulations, 1998, published under GN R1340 in GG 19388 of 16 October 1998, as amended by GN R912 in GG 21558 of 6 September 2000, GN R15 in GG 25894 of 7 January 2004, GN R847 in GG 27956 of 23 August 2005, GN R821 in GG 36961 of 22 October 2013 (as corrected by GN R816 in GG 36960 of 25 October 2013), and GN R970 in GG 37134 of 6 December 2013; and
- 1.3. any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act and/or the Regulations shall have that meaning.

Amendment of Regulation 1

2. Regulation 1 is amended by –

2.1. the insertion of the following definition after the definition of ‘municipal electoral officer’ –

“My IEC portal’ means a secure online business application located on the official website.”

2.2. the insertion of the following definition after the definition of ‘name’ –

“official website’ means the website of the Commission accessible at <http://www.elections.org.za>.”

Amendment of Regulation 2

3. Regulation 2 is amended by–

3.1. the substitution for sub-regulation (1) of the following sub-regulation:

*“(1) A person who applies for registration as a voter must submit his or her identity document and provide the details of his or her place of ordinary residence to a registration officer at a place identified by the chief electoral officer, which registration officer shall simultaneously record the applicant’s name, identity number and place of ordinary residence electronically on the voters’ roll **[complete an application form similar to Appendix 1 and-***

(a) the applicant must in person submit the completed application form, together with his or her identity document, to a registration Officer at a place identified by the chief electoral officer within the voting district or in respect of the voting district where he or she is ordinarily resident; or

(b) a person in the Republic who is by reason of physical disability unable to travel to a place so identified, may, by means of an application made on a form similar to [Appendix 2](#), apply to the municipal electoral officer to be visited by a registration officer to whom he or she may then in person submit the application form for registration as a voter and his or her identity document, or

(c) in person submit the application form, together with his or her identity document, to a registration officer visiting places in the voting district where the applicant is ordinarily resident, in order to facilitate applications for registration; or

(d) a person who is absent from the Republic may in person submit the application form similar to [Appendix 7](#), his or her identity document and valid South African passport to a registration officer, appointed for that purpose, at a South African embassy, high commission or consulate for inclusion in the international segment of the voters' roll]."

3.2. the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (1)–

"(1A) If it is not possible for a registration officer to simultaneously record the applicant's name, identity number and place of ordinary residence electronically on the voters' roll, a person who applies for registration as a voter must complete an application form similar to Appendix 1 and, where necessary, Appendix 1A and–

(a) the applicant must in person submit the completed application form, together with his or her identity document, to a registration officer at a place identified by the chief electoral officer within the ward or in respect of the ward where he or she is ordinarily resident; or

(b) a person in the Republic who is by reason of physical infirmity or disability, or pregnancy unable to travel to a place so identified, may apply to be visited by a registration officer to whom he or she may then in person submit the application form for registration as a voter and his or her identity document, by causing an application made on a form similar to Appendix 2 to be delivered to the municipal electoral officer of the municipality where the applicant is ordinarily resident, or

(c) in person submit the application form, together with his or her identity document, to a registration officer visiting places in the ward where the applicant is ordinarily resident, in order to facilitate applications for registration; or

(d) a person who is absent from the Republic may in person submit the application form similar to [Appendix 7](#), his or her identity document and valid South African passport to a registration officer, appointed for that purpose, at a South African embassy, high commission or consulate for inclusion in the international segment of the voters' roll."

Amendment of Regulation 3

4. Regulation 3 is amended by substituting it for the following regulation –

"(1) A registered voter or a person who has applied for registration as a voter and whose name or ordinary place of residence has changed, must apply to have that change recorded in the voters' roll, must do so by completing an application form similar to Appendix 1 and, where necessary, Appendix 1A and–

- (a) *submitting it, together with his or her identity document, in person to a registration officer at a place identified by the chief electoral officer within the ward or in respect of the ward where he or she is ordinarily resident; or*
- (b) *submitting it, together with his or her identity document, in person to an official at an office of a municipal electoral office; or*
- (c) *if he or she is, because of a physical infirmity or disability, or pregnancy, unable to travel to such an office, causing the application form to be submitted to an official at the office of a municipal electoral officer by someone else who must, when doing so, submit his or her own identity document to the official.*
- (d) *provided that if he or she is ordinarily resident outside the Republic, such voter must complete an application form similar to [Appendix 7](#) and submit it in person together with his or her identity document and valid South African passport at a South African Embassy, high commission or consulate.*

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) above, a registered voter or a person who has applied for registration as a voter and whose place of ordinary residence has changed, and who must apply to have that change recorded in the voters' roll or application form, may do so by electronically updating the details of his or her place of ordinary residence on the My IEC portal."

Amendment of Regulation 5

5. Regulation 5 is amended by –

5.1. the substitution for sub-regulation (d) of the following sub-regulation –

"(d) cause the notification to be displayed on public notice boards at the offices of the provincial electoral officer and the municipal electoral office for the area in which that person had his or her last known ordinary residence[.]; or"

5.2. the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (d) –

"(e) the most convenient method available, including short message system (SMS) and electronic mail."

Amendment of Regulation 11

6. Regulation 11 is amended by substituting it for the following regulation:

"When recording a change of ordinary place of residence in terms of section 9(3) of the Act, or when changing the registration details in terms of section 11(1) of the Act, the chief electoral

officer must ensure that the voter concerned is registered in [the] a voting district within the ward in which he or she is ordinarily resident at that time."

Appendices



7. Appendices 1, 4, 6, and 7 of the Regulations are hereby substituted by the corresponding appendices in Annexures A, B, C and D.
8. Annexure E is inserted as Appendix 1A to the Regulations.

Short title and commencement

9. These Regulations are called the Amendment to the Voter Registration Regulations, 2019, and shall come into operation on the date of publication hereof in the *Gazette*.

Annexure A

APPENDIX 1

+ REC 1		Electoral Commission APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER		+ 	
<p>The Chief Electoral Officer must compile and maintain a national common voters' roll. The personal information required below is for purposes of achieving this legal requirement and will not be used for any other purpose as required by the Protection of Personal Information Act, No. 4 of 2013.</p>					
COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS					
I am a South African citizen and hereby apply to be registered as a voter:					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>① PERSONAL DETAILS</p> <p>ID Number </p> <p>Date of Birth </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: x-small;"> Day Month Year </div> <p>Surname </p> <p>Names </p> <p>Details of disability (If applicable) </p> <p>② Cellphone Number </p> <p>E-Mail Address </p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  <small>REC 1 - M ENGLISH</small> </div> </div>					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>③ PHYSICAL ADDRESS - Complete only one of the two options below:</p> <p>I ordinarily reside at the following address:</p> <p>OPTION1: GENERALLY URBAN TYPE ADDRESS</p> <p>Street Number Flat No / House No </p> <p>Flat / Complex Name </p> <p>Street Name </p> <p>Suburb </p> <p>Town </p> <p>Street Postal Code </p> <p>OPTION2: GENERALLY RURAL TYPE ADDRESS</p> <p>Street Number (If available) House No/Farm No/ Plot No </p> <p>Village/Farm Name </p> <p>Tribal Authority/Admin Area </p> <p>Town </p> <p>Street Postal Code </p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right; font-size: x-small;"> <p>ENGLISH</p> <p>This form is available in all official languages on request.</p> </div> </div>					
<p>④ POSTAL ADDRESS (If different from above) </p> <p>Postal Code </p>					
<p>⑤ DECLARATION</p> <p>I confirm that the address is correct; I am not aware of anything that would disqualify me as a voter and I am aware that making a false declaration is a criminal offence.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p> <p>Temporary Identification Certificate </p> <p>Registration Date </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: x-small;"> Day Month Year </div> <p>Voting District Number </p> <p>Registration Officer ID Number </p> <p>Registration Officer Signature </p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> <p>Paste Zip Zip sticker here</p> </div> </div>					
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