



Let's address the voters' roll together!

South Africa's 2019 elections are just around the corner. The Electoral Commission (IEC) is opening 22 600 voting stations on the weekend of 10 and 11 March 2018, 8am – 5pm, for South Africans to check and update their address on the voters' roll. First-time voters can also use the opportunity to register to vote.

1. Who should check their address details on the voters' roll?

The IEC is appealing to ALL 26 million registered South African voters to check and verify that their address is correctly captured on the voters' roll. As a registered voter, you will be asked to complete or update your address information on a REC 1 form if:

- You have no address on the voters' roll, or
- Your address is incomplete, or
- Your address has been incorrectly captured, or
- Your address is no longer current.

2. What documents must you bring to update your address or register on 10 & 11 March?

You need to bring your South African identity document (ID), that is:

- green bar-coded ID, or
- smartcard ID, or
- valid temporary ID certificate.

No documented proof of address is required.

3. How to find you correct voting station?

Call the IEC helpline on 0800 11 8000, or visit <http://maps.elections.org.za/vsfinder/> to locate your correct voting station using the IEC's Voting Station Finder App.

4. Can you register to vote on 10 and 11 March 2018?

Yes, the IEC invites all first-time voters to visit the voting station in their voting district on 10 and 11 March 2018 to apply for registration. All South African citizens aged 16 years or older may register as voters, although you have to be 18 or older to vote. Please remember to bring your valid South

African identity document (ID), that is, a green bar-coded ID, smartcard ID, or valid temporary ID certificate.

5. Can't get to your voting station on 10 & 11 March?

You must update your address (or register to vote) in the voting district in which you live. If you can't get to your correct voting station on 10 or 11 March, please visit the My IEC portal at <https://www.elections.org.za/MYIEC> where you can create a secure profile for yourself, check your address details, and provide or update your address.

6. How many voters doesn't the IEC have addresses for?

Despite all the IEC's efforts to since the 2016 Constitutional Court ruling requiring us to obtain addresses for all registered voters, there remain approximately 2.8 million voters out of 26 million on the voters' roll (+/- 11%) for whom the Electoral Commission has no address details. And there are about 3.5 million voters (+/- 14%) for whom we have a generic (village or suburb or township name only) address or details which may be incomplete.

7. Why has the IEC 'lost' voter addresses?

Prior to 2003 the law did not require the IEC to indicate an address for each voter on the voters' roll. After 2003, when the law changed, the IEC requested addresses, but these addresses were not always captured accurately and some of them were misplaced over time. We apologise to South African voters for the inconvenience of having to check and update their addresses.

8. Why does the IEC need your address?

To vote in South Africa's elections you must be registered to vote and feature on the voters' roll. Registration as a voter requires the capturing of your name and identity number on our voter registration system and the placement of each voter onto a specific segment of the voters' roll for the voting district in which they reside. That means each registration application must provide adequate address details of where the voter lives to allow the IEC to assign the voter to a specific voting district and ward. The voters' roll also helps the IEC to plan for an election and identify fraud as it tells us how many voters to expect in each voting district.

9. Will you be able to vote in future elections if the IEC doesn't have an address for you?

Yes, you will still be able to vote, but having up-to-date and accurate address information for voters is a legal requirement and improves the accuracy and credibility of the voters' roll, and thereby the integrity of elections. A political party or contestant may object to a segment of the voters' roll without addresses for registered voters, which could result in a court of law setting aside the results of an election. It is up to all voters and in their interest to make sure their registration details are up-to-date and accurate at all times.

10. Is this the first registration weekend for the 2019 elections?

The weekend forms part of ongoing efforts to enhance and update the voters' roll with the address details of all voters, where available, following the ruling of the Constitutional Court in June 2016. To meet the requirements of the Constitutional Court ruling regarding Sec 16 (3) of the Electoral Act, the IEC is required to obtain all available addresses or sufficient particularities of the location of voters' residence by June 2018.

11. When are the 2019 elections going to be held?

The date for the 2019 National and Provincial Elections will only be announced by the President in early 2019. In terms of the Constitution the elections must be held within 90 days of the expiry of the current term of the National Assembly and provincial legislatures. Their term expires on 6 May 2019, and the 90 day period ends on 5 August 2019, so the elections must take place between these dates.

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