

**ELECTORAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS)
(RURAL REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION) REGULATION
(Cap. 541 K)
(Section 23)**

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

(Please read the attached explanatory notes (notes) before completing this Notice)

To: Electoral Registration Officer (*Note 4*)

I hereby give you notice that I object to:

- the registration of the following person as an elector in the final register for Existing Villages in respect of _____ Village.
- the registration of the following person as an elector in the final register for Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages in respect of _____ Village.
- the registration of the following person as an elector in the final register for Market Towns in respect of _____ Market Town.
- Please tick “✓” where appropriate.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON IN RESPECT OF WHOM THE OBJECTION IS MADE AS FOLLOWS:

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)	Principal Residential Address (<i>Note 6</i>)

The grounds in support of my objection are as follows (you must provide sufficient information about the objection to inform the Revising Officer, the Electoral Registration Officer and the person in respect of whom the objection is made of the grounds of the objection) (*Note 3*):

I attach evidence or documentary proof to support this objection.

I confirm that the particulars entered in this form are true and accurate. I have read Note 16 regarding s. 32(1)(e) of Cap. 541K. I understand that a person who in any notice of objection, makes any statement which the person knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is incorrect in a material particular or knowingly omits any material particular from such an application, response, reply, request or notice commits an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine at level 3 and to imprisonment for 2 years.

PARTICULARS OF OBJECTOR (Note 5):

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS): _____

Type of Identity Document: _____

Identity Document Number: _____

Residential Address: _____

Correspondence Address (if different from Residential Address): _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number (if any): _____

Email Address (if any): _____

(Date)

(Signature of Objector)

To: Revising Officer

Notice of Objection

In connection with my objection lodged on _____(Date),

- (1) I * will / will not appear at the hearing.
- (2) I * will / will not be represented by an authorized person (the person may be a legal practitioner or any other person) at the hearing. I attach herewith the relevant authorization in writing.
- (3) * I / My legal representative / My authorized representative * can speak fluent Cantonese / can only speak a dialect or language other than Cantonese. An interpreter is required (please state clearly the relevant dialect or language: _____)^.
- (4) I * will arrange _____(number) witness(es)# / will not arrange any witness to attend the hearing to give evidence on my objection. The information of the witness(es) is / are as follow:

a) _____(Name) _____(Tel. No.)
He or she * can speak fluent Cantonese / can only speak a dialect or language other than Cantonese. An interpreter is required (please state clearly the relevant dialect or language: _____)^.

b) _____(Name) _____(Tel. No.)
He or she * can speak fluent Cantonese / can only speak a dialect or language other than Cantonese. An interpreter is required (please state clearly the relevant dialect or language: _____)^.

Name of Objector (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____ Signature of Objector : _____
Daytime Tel No. : _____ Fax No. (if any) : _____
Email Address (if any) : _____ Date : _____

* Please delete whichever is inapplicable.

The objector should liaise and arrange the witness(es) to attend the hearing to give evidence on his/ her objection by himself/ herself.

^ The objector must make the request for interpretation service to the Registry for Rural Representative Election Appeals to Revising Officer (Revising Officer's Registry) at least 2 working days before the hearing date. Please note that the Revising Officer's Registry can only arrange an interpreter when circumstances warrant.

For ERO/ AERO Use Only (祇供主任及助理主任辦事處職員使用)

District: Is / K&T / N / SK / ST / TM / TP / TW / YL Appeal No.: 2024 年第 號

Name of the Person in respect of whom the objection
is made/ the Person Being Objected to (PBO) : _____

Application No. at RREMIS : _____

Contact Telephone Number of the PBO : _____

Correspondence Address of the PBO : _____

Fax Number of the PBO : _____

Email Address of the PBO : _____

Name, Post and Tel. No. of Responsible DO Staff : _____

Remarks

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EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR COMPLETING A NOTICE OF OBJECTION

1. According to s. 23(1) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Rural Representative Election) Regulation (Cap. 541K) (“Regulation”), this Notice of Objection (“Notice”) should be used for lodging an objection if you consider that any person whose name is recorded in a provisional register is not eligible to be registered:
 - (a) as an elector; or
 - (b) in the division of an Existing Villages register in which that person’s name is recorded; or
 - (c) in the part or division of an Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages register in which that person’s name is recorded; or
 - (d) in the division of a Market Towns register in which that person’s name is recorded.

2. **A separate Notice in the specified form must be used for each person in respect of whom the objection is made .**

3. **You must provide sufficient information about the objection so as to inform the Revising Officer, the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) and the person in respect of whom the objection is made of the ground of objection in this Notice.** While not attempting to be exhaustive, the following are some examples:
 - (a) in the case of registration as an elector for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village, the person in respect of whom the objection is made is not an indigenous inhabitant or a spouse/ surviving spouse of an indigenous inhabitant of that village.
 - (b) in the case of registration as an elector for an Existing Village/ a Market Town, the person in respect of whom the objection is made has not been a resident of that Village/ Market Town for the 3 years immediately before the date of application to be registered as an elector.
 - (c) in the case of registration as an elector for an Existing Village/ a Market Town, the person in respect of whom the objection is made has moved out of the concerned Village/ Market Town, or his/ her sole or main principal residential address no longer falls within the boundary of Existing Village/ Market Town as recorded in the register.
 - (d) the person in respect of whom the objection is made is disqualified from being registered as an elector due to the following circumstances:
 - (i) having been found under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136) to be incapable, by reason of mental incapacity, of managing and administering his/ her property and affairs; or
 - (ii) serving as a member of the armed forces of the People’s Republic of China or any other country or territory.

For details of eligibility for registration as an elector, please refer to ss. 15 and 16 of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576).

4. You must deliver this Notice **in person¹ not later than 9 September 2024² (Monday to Friday: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; other than Saturday and a general holiday)** at:

- (i) Office of the ERO (Home Affairs Department, 30th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong); or
- (ii) Office of the relevant Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) (District Office of the District in which the relevant Rural Committee (that the concerned Village/Market Town belongs to) is located).

Addresses of the New Territories District Offices

Islands District Office
20th Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Kwai Tsing District Office
Kwai Tsing Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
2nd Floor, Kwai Hing Government Offices Building,
166 - 174 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories

North District Office
North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
Ground Floor, North District Government Offices,
3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories

Sai Kung District Office
Sai Kung Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
Ground Floor, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories

Sha Tin District Office
Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
Ground Floor, Sha Tin Government Offices,
1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories

Tai Po District Office
Tai Po Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
Ground Floor, Tai Po Government Offices Building,
1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, New Territories

Tsuen Wan District Office
Tsuen Wan Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
1st Floor, Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building,
174 - 208 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

Tuen Mun District Office
Tuen Mun Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
2nd Floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices,
1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories

¹ In accordance with s. 23(2A) of Cap. 541K, if the objector is in custody within the meaning of s. 2(1) of the Electoral Procedure (Rural Representative Election) Regulation (Cap. 541L), a notice sent by post by the objector is deemed to be a notice delivered by the objector in person. Being "in custody" means a person who is (a) serving a sentence of imprisonment; (b) detained by the Correctional Services Department on remand; or (c) otherwise detained by any law enforcement agency under any lawful authority. "Law enforcement agency" means (a) the Customs and Excise Department; (b) the Hong Kong Police Force; (c) the Immigration Department; (d) the Independent Commission Against Corruption; or (e) any other department of the Government of which any officer is empowered by any Ordinance to exercise a power of arrest.

² According to s. 23(3) of Cap. 541K, the notice of objection must be lodged on or before 9 September of the current year. Hence, the notice of objection must be delivered to the office of the ERO/ the relevant AERO by the objector in person not later than 6 p.m. on 9 September 2024 (Monday).

Yuen Long District Office
 Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
 Ground Floor, Yuen Long District Office Building,
 269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

5. You must furnish your particulars at the space provided in this Notice.
6. “Principal residential address” refers to the address of the dwelling place at which the person resides and which constitutes the person’s sole or main home.
7. **The ERO or AERO may require you to identify yourself by presenting your identity document. You should therefore bring your identity document with you when you deliver this Notice.**
8. The ERO or AERO will forward your notice of objection to the Revising Officer for his/her determination. The Revising Officer will be an eligible person appointed by the Chief Justice.
9. The Revising Officer will, by a notice of hearing, inform you and the person in respect of whom the objection is made of the date, time and place for holding a hearing as regards the objection to which your Notice relates. The hearing will be held **between 30 August 2024 and 23 September 2024**. Both you and the person in respect of whom the objection is made may appear at the hearing either in person or be represented by a legal practitioner or any other person (authorized in writing by you or the person in respect of whom the objection is made). Whether or not you appear or are represented at the hearing, you may make written representations to reach the Revising Officer **not later than 1 day before the hearing date** at one of the following locations :

Location	Address	Business Hours
Office of the ERO	Please see para 4(i) above	Monday to Friday : from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; other than Saturday and a general holiday
Office of the relevant AERO	Please see para 4(ii) above	ditto
The Registry for Rural Representative Election Appeals to Revising Officer	4 th floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	Monday to Friday : from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday : from 9 a.m. to 12 noon ; other than a general holiday

10. If you submit the written representation to the Revising Officer on the hearing day, the Revising Officer may decide not to accept your written representation. Please make sufficient copies of the written representation for distribution to all the relevant parties attending your hearing for their reference. This arrangement also applies to the person in respect of whom the objection is made.
11. Pursuant to section 2(3) of the Rural Representative Election (Registration of Electors) (Appeals) Regulation (Cap. 576A), if you do not appear at the hearing, are not represented at the hearing by a legal practitioner or an authorized representative, and do not make written representations to reach the Revising Officer not later than 1 day before the hearing date, and the ERO does not make representations to the Revising Officer at the hearing, the decision of the ERO to which your notice of objection relates shall stand.

12. Pursuant to section 2(3A) of Cap. 576A, if you do not appear at the hearing and are not represented at the hearing by a legal practitioner or an authorized representative, the Revising Officer may make a ruling dismissing your objection, whether or not you have made representations in writing regarding the objection.
13. To facilitate the parties concerned to attend the hearings and enable the relevant parties and members of the public to obtain information about the hearings as soon as possible, the ERO will post information about the hearings, including the names of the objector and the person(s) in respect of whom the objection is made, case number, date, time and place of the hearing, on the Rural Representative Election website (www.had.gov.hk/rre). The relevant information will be removed from the website on or after 7 October 2024.
14. These notes are for general guidance only. You should also refer to the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) and the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541), and the subsidiary legislation made under these Ordinances. The relevant legislation can be found on the Hong Kong e-Legislation website (www.elegislation.gov.hk) and is on sale at the Publications Sales Unit of the Information Services Department.
15. For any enquiries, please call the Rural Representative Election Hotline at 2152 1521.
16. **Offences and Penalties**
According to the Regulation, a person who in any notice of objection, makes any statement which the person knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is incorrect in a material particular or knowingly omits any material particular from such an application, response, reply, request or notice commits an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine at level 3 and to imprisonment for 2 years [s. 32(1)].

Personal Information Collection Statement

Purpose of Collection

17. The personal data and other related information provided by you by means of this Notice will be used by this Department, the ERO and other relevant government departments and organizations for voter registration and election related purposes. The information in respect of your objection (including your name, the name(s) of the person(s) in respect of whom the objection is made, case number, date, time and place of hearing) will be published on the Rural Representative Election website according to the arrangement detailed in paragraph 13 above. The provision of personal data and other related information by means of this Notice is entirely voluntary. However, if you do not provide adequate and accurate data, this Department may not be able to process your Notice.

Transfer of Information

18. The information provided by you will be provided to the Revising Officer, and where necessary, may also be provided to other authorized departments/ organizations/ persons or law enforcement agencies for the purposes of voter registration, election and all purposes related thereto in accordance with the relevant Ordinances and/ or subsidiary legislation.

Access to Personal Data and Enquiry

19. You have the rights to request access to and to request the correction of the personal data and other related information you supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Such personal data requests and enquiries should be made in writing to the ERO (Address: 30th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).

Important Notes

1. The notice of hearing shall specify the date, time and place fixed for the hearing. You may appear in person at the hearing and make representations to the Revising Officer regarding your objection.
2. If you wish to appear in person and to be represented by an authorized person (the person can be a legal practitioner or any other person) at the hearing, please inform the authorized person of the date, time and place of the hearing as specified in the notice of hearing and attend the hearing as scheduled.
3. If you do not wish to appear in person but to be represented by an authorized person (the person can be a legal practitioner or any other person) at the hearing, please inform the authorized person (who have to produce your written authorization) of the date, time and place of the hearing as specified in the notice of hearing and attend the hearing as scheduled.
4. The objector and the person in respect of whom the objection is made may apply for a review of the ruling made by the Revising Officer **not later than 4 days** after the date on which the notification of ruling is given by hand immediately after the hearing, by post or facsimile transmission.
5. In general, the hearings will be conducted in Cantonese. If you/ your legal representative/ your authorized person(s)/ your witness(es) who give(s) evidence on your objection speak(s) dialect/ language other than Cantonese and require(s) an interpreter, you must make the request to the Registry for Rural Representative Election Appeals to Revising Officer (Revising Officer's Registry) **at least 2 working days** before the hearing date. Please note that the Revising Officer's Registry can only arrange an interpreter when circumstances warrant.
6. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, an "Extreme Condition" announcement or a black rainstorm warning signal is issued, the Judiciary will announce through the radio/ television and the Government's Press Releases webpage that the hearings of all courts/ tribunals will be adjourned, and the court/ tribunal registries and offices will also be closed. The hearings of claims and objections before the Revising Officer will be adjourned and the Revising Officer's Registry will also be closed. In general, resumption of hearing and re-opening of Revising Officer's Registry will be as follows:

Arrangement on Resumption of Hearing

- (a) If the signal is lowered or cancelled at or before 6 a.m. on a working day (i.e. Monday to Friday), the Revising Officer will resume hearing at the usual time in the morning.
- (b) If the signal is lowered or cancelled between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. or at 11 a.m. on a working day (i.e. Monday to Friday), the Revising Officer will resume hearing at 2:30 p.m. Therefore, if you are supposed to attend the hearing that morning, you are required to attend the hearing at 2:30 p.m. on that day.
- (c) If the signal is lowered or cancelled after 11 a.m. on a working day (i.e. Monday to Friday), hearings will remain adjourned for the whole day. If you are supposed to attend the hearing on that day, you are required to attend the hearing at 9:30 a.m. the next working day or the day and time specified by the Revising Officer's Registry.
- (d) If hearings remain adjourned for the whole day on a Friday and you are supposed to attend a hearing on that day, you are required to attend the hearing at 9:30 a.m. the next working day, i.e. a Monday, which is not a public holiday or the day and time specified by the Revising Officer's Registry.

Arrangement on Re-opening of Revising Officer's Registry

- (e) If the signal is lowered or cancelled at or before 6 a.m. on a working day (i.e. Monday to Saturday), the Revising Officer's Registry will open as usual in the morning.
- (f) If the signal is lowered or cancelled after 6 a.m. on a working day (i.e. Monday to Saturday), subject to the circumstances prevailing at the time, the Revising Officer's Registry will generally aim to re-open either at the usual time in the morning or within two hours after the lowering or cancellation of the signal. However, the Revising Officer's Registry will in any event remain closed if the signal is lowered or cancelled two hours or less before the normal closing hour.

You should note the announcements on radio and television about the re-opening time of the court/ tribunal registries and offices and the resumption of court hearings, which are also applicable to the hearings of claims and objections before the Revising Officer and the Revising Officer's Registry. You may also view the announcement (upon issue) available on the Government's Press Release webpage (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia>). If you have further enquires on the resumption of hearings before the Revising Officer and other related matters, please call the Rural Representative Election Hotline at 2152 1521 or the Revising Officer's Registry at 2835 1806. If you are unable to attend the resumed hearing due to inclement weather, you should inform the Revising Officer's Registry direct at 2835 1806 or via the Rural Representative Election Hotline at 2152 1521 as soon as possible so that your legal rights will not be affected.

Home Affairs Department
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