

17. Q: Can a person register as an elector after 16 July every year?

A: If the registration form reaches the Electoral Registration Officer by 16 July, information provided therein will be processed for inclusion in the provisional registers of electors to be published on or before 27 August that year. If the registration form reaches the Electoral Registration Officer after 16 July, information provided therein will be processed for inclusion in the provisional registers of the following year.

How to change registered particulars?

18. Q: If I wish to make changes to my registered particulars as recorded in the registers, what should I do?

A: You may notify the Home Affairs Department in writing by post to 30th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or by fax on (852) 2591 6392. Please state clearly in the letter your name, identity card number, principal residential address, the name of your Indigenous Village or Existing Village, the name of the Rural Committee, daytime contact phone number and the particulars you would like to amend and personally sign the letter. Alternatively, you may report such changes on a voter registration form and submit the form to the Home Affairs Department by post or by fax. You may also report your new address or changes of registered particulars via the GovHK website (<http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/housing/moving/coa.htm>) if you are holding a valid personal digital certificate.

Remarks: The notification of changes to registered particulars should reach the Electoral Registration Officer on or before 9 September, in order to ensure the accuracy of the final registers of electors, which is published on or before 20 October that year.

How to cancel my registration?

19. Q: If I wish to cancel my registration for the Village Representative Election, what should I do?

A: You may notify the Home Affairs Department in writing by post to 30th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, or by fax on (852)2591 6392. Please state clearly in the letter your name, identity card number, application reference number, postal address and the name of your registered Village and personally sign the letter.

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A: A person is disqualified from being registered as an elector for a Village if the person —

- (i) is found under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136) to be incapable, by reason of mental incapacity, of managing and administering his property and affairs; or
- (ii) is a member of the armed forces of the People's Republic of China or any other country or territory.

Enquiries

Should you have any enquiries, please contact us through our hotline: (852) 2152 1521 or our email: rre@had.gov.hk. You may also visit the Rural Representative Election website at www.had.gov.hk/rre or contact our District Offices in the New Territories. The addresses and telephone numbers of the District Offices are provided overleaf.

This information pamphlet serves only as a general reference. You are advised to refer to the original legislation or seek legal advice in case of doubt.

Addresses and Enquiry Numbers of the Home Affairs Department and its District Office

Home Affairs Department

30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2152 1521 Fax: (852) 2591 6392
Email: rre@had.gov.hk

New Territories

Islands District Office

20/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central
Tel: (852) 2852 3649 Fax: (852) 2815 2291

Kwai Tsing District Office

2/F, Kwai Hing Government Offices Building,
166-174 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Chung
Tel: (852) 2425 4602 Fax: (852) 2489 1083

North District Office

3/F, North District Government Offices,
3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling
Tel: (852) 2675 1843 Fax: (852) 2675 0747

Sai Kung District Office

6/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O
Tel: (852) 3740 5360 Fax: (852) 2792 9440

Sha Tin District Office

G/F, Sha Tin Government Offices,
1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin
Tel: (852) 2158 5388 Fax: (852) 2695 4305

Tai Po District Office

G/F, Tai Po Government Offices Building,
1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po
Tel: (852) 2654 1262 Fax: (852) 2652 1187

Tsuen Wan District Office

1/F, Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building,
174-208 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan
Tel: (852) 2492 5096 Fax: (852) 2412 0244

Tuen Mun District Office

2/F, Tuen Mun Government Offices,
1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun
Tel: (852) 2451 1151 Fax: (852) 2450 3014

Yuen Long District Office

4/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long
Tel: (852) 2470 1134 Fax: (852) 2474 7261

Hong Kong & Kowloon

Central and Western District Office

Unit 5, G/F, The Center,
99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2189 2819 Fax: (852) 2815 2155

Eastern District Office

G/F, Eastern Law Courts Building,
29 Tai On Street, Sai Wan Ho
Tel: (852) 2886 6531 Fax: (852) 2568 7295

Southern District Office

G/F, Ocean Court,
3 Aberdeen Praya Road, Aberdeen
Tel: (852) 2814 5720 Fax: (852) 2873 5261

Wan Chai District Office

G/F, 2 O'Brien Road, Wan Chai
Tel: (852) 2575 2477 Fax: (852) 2572 7471

Kowloon City District Office

LG/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom
Tel: (852) 2621 3401 Fax: (852) 2621 3199

Kwun Tong District Office

G/F, The Grande Building,
398 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong
Tel: (852) 2342 3431 Fax: (852) 2797 8521

Sham Shui Po District Office

G/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po
Tel: (852) 2728 0781 Fax: (852) 2387 9805

Wong Tai Sin District Office

Unit 201, 2/F, Lung Cheung Office Block,
138 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin
Tel: (852) 2322 9701 Fax: (852) 2352 1841

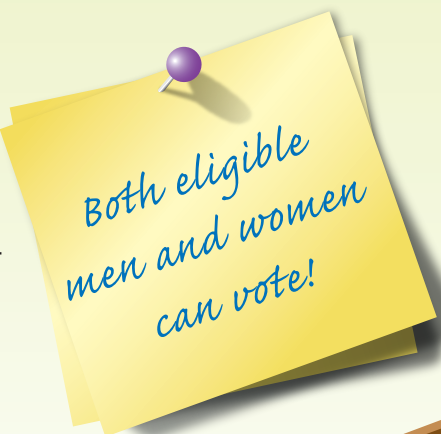
Yau Tsim Mong District Office

G/F, Mong Kok Government Offices,
30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok
Tel: (852) 2399 2111 Fax: (852) 2397 3425

Village Representative Election Register Now as an Elector

Registers of electors for Village Representative Election are compiled annually.

If you have not registered as an elector but wish to have your name entered in this year's registers, please submit your application on or before **July 16**.



Eligibility Requirements for Electors

A. Village Representative Elections for Existing Villages

1. Q: Who is eligible to be registered as an elector for an Existing Village?

A: A person is eligible to be registered as an elector for an Existing Village if the person meets all of the following criteria —

- (i) the person is a resident of the Village;
- (ii) the person has been a resident of the Village for the three years immediately before the date of application for registration;
- (iii) the person has reached 18 years of age or will reach 18 years of age on or before the next coming 20 October following the person's application for registration;
- (iv) the person is a Hong Kong permanent resident; and
- (v) the person is not disqualified from being registered as an elector for a Village under section 16 of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576).

2. Q: What does a “resident” mean?

A: In relation to an Existing Village, a “resident” means a person whose principal residential address is in the Village.

3. Q: What does a “principal residential address” mean?

A: In relation to a person, a “principal residential address” means the address of the dwelling place at which the person resides and which constitutes the person's sole or main home. The principal residential address should be registered if the person has more than one residential address.

Please note that if registered electors of the Resident Representative Election no longer reside in the Village for which they are registered, or the principal residential addresses recorded in the register of electors are no longer the addresses of their sole or main homes, they cease to be eligible to be registered as electors. It is an offence if they vote in an election.

4. Q: What does a “permanent resident” mean?

A: Please contact the Right of Abode Section of the Immigration Department for enquiries (Tel.: (852) 2824 6111).

5. Q: I wish to register as an elector for the Resident Representative Election. What should I do if I am not sure my principal residential address belongs to which Existing Village?

A: You may make reference to the maps showing the boundaries of Existing Villages available at the District Office to which your dwelling place belongs or the Rural Representative Election website at http://www.had.gov.hk/rre/eng/village_map/index.html.

B. Village Representative Elections for Indigenous Villages/Composite Indigenous Villages

6. Q: Who is eligible to be registered as an elector for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village?

A: A person is eligible to be registered as an elector for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village if the person meets all of the following criteria —

- (i) the person is an indigenous inhabitant of the Village, or a spouse or surviving spouse of an indigenous inhabitant of the Village;
- (ii) the person has reached 18 years of age or will reach 18 years of age on or before the next coming 20 October following the person's application for registration;
- (iii) the person holds a valid identity document; and
- (iv) the person is not disqualified from being registered as an elector for a Village under section 16 of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576).

7. Q: What does an “indigenous inhabitant” mean?

A: In relation to an Indigenous Village that existed in 1898, whether or not the name the Village now has is the same name it had in 1898, an indigenous inhabitant means a person who was in 1898 a resident of the Village, or a person who is descended through the male line from a person who was in 1898 a resident of the Village.

8. Q: What are valid identity documents?

A: Generally speaking, valid identity documents include —

- (i) identity card*;
- (ii) supporting documents for application/replacement of an identity card;
- (iii) supporting documents for amending registered information on an identity card; or
- (iv) certificate of exemption for holding an identity card (under special circumstances, the Immigration Department will issue a Certificate of Exemption to a person who has difficulty attending in person to register or apply for the issue of an identity card or for the renewal of an identity card, such as the aged, the infirm or the disabled).

* If you do not have a Hong Kong Identity Card, you may use other identity document acceptable as proof of your identity (e.g. passport). Please attach a copy of such identity document to the application form (the photocopies should include the front cover of the identity document and its other pages indicating the personal particulars, identity document number, photograph, as well as the expiry date of the document).

9. Q: Is a married daughter eligible to be registered as an elector for an Indigenous Village?

A: If the person is descended through the male line of an indigenous inhabitant and meets all the eligibility requirements of electors for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village, she is eligible to be registered as an elector for the Village.

10. Q: If my spouse and I are indigenous inhabitants of two different Villages, are we eligible to be registered as electors for both of these two Indigenous Villages?

A: No. According to section 15(7) of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), a person who is eligible to be registered as an elector for two or more Indigenous Villages (including Composite Indigenous Villages) may be registered for only one of those Villages of that person's choice.

11. Q: Can I register as an elector in both Indigenous Inhabitant Representative Election and Resident Representative Election?

A: If you are an indigenous inhabitant or a spouse of an indigenous inhabitant and have also been residing in an

Existing Village for the three years immediately before the date of application for registration up to now, and the address of the dwelling place at which you reside in the Village is your principal residential address, you may submit two separate voter registration forms (one in red and one in green) to register as an elector for both the Indigenous Inhabitant Representative Election for the Indigenous Village concerned and Resident Representative Election for the Existing Village.

C. General Enquiry

12. Q: If I will reach 18 years of age after the registration deadline (16 July), am I eligible to be registered as an elector for the Village Representative Election?

A: According to section 15(4)(c) or 15(5)(b) of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), if you will reach 18 years of age on or before the next 20 October following your application for registration and meet all other eligibility requirements for electors, you are eligible to be registered as an elector for the Village Representative Election. Your name will be entered in the registers of that year.

13. Q: Can I submit application(s) for voter registration on behalf of my spouse or other family members?

A: The applicant should complete the application form in person. If necessary, you may, with prior consent of your spouse or other family members, fill in the application forms for them. However, the completed form should be personally signed by the applicant to declare that the particulars entered are true and accurate.

14. Q: How can I check whether I am a registered elector or not?

A: You may visit the Rural Representative Election website at www.had.gov.hk/rre and check your status by following the steps as provided on the website. You may also bring along your identity documents and inspect the registers of electors at the Home Affairs Department or the relevant District Offices in the New Territories.

15. Q: If I have registered as an elector before, do I need to register again?

A: If there is no change of registered particulars, it is not necessary for a registered elector to register again every year. However, if there is any change of registered particulars, such as the principal residential address, postal address and marital status, you should notify the Home Affairs Department or the relevant District Offices as soon as possible.

According to the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), an elector for an Existing Village must be a resident of the Village, has been residing in the Village for the three years immediately before the date of application for registration and must be a Hong Kong permanent resident. An elector for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village must be an indigenous inhabitant of the Village or a spouse or surviving spouse of an indigenous inhabitant of the Village. Any change of registered particulars mentioned above will affect a registered elector's eligibility to remain registered.

How to register as an elector?

16. Q: How do I obtain and submit a voter registration form?

A: People residing in Hong Kong may obtain the voter registration forms from the Home Affairs Department or the Public Enquiry Service Centres of the respective District Offices. People living outside Hong Kong may obtain the registration forms from offices of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in their places of residence. The completed form may be returned in person or by post, fax or electronic means to the Home Affairs Department or the respective District Offices on or before 16 July.

The forms can also be downloaded from the Rural Representative Election website at www.had.gov.hk/rre. (Enquiry hotline: (852) 2152 1521; Email address: rre@had.gov.hk.)