



South African Consulate General
New York

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION - RSA GENERAL ELECTIONS

Dear South African Citizens

Out-of- Country Voter Registration

Kindly note, South African Citizens who wish to vote in the upcoming General Elections and in ensuring they will be able to vote on the day of the elections, are kindly requested to acquaint themselves with the information as per the directive of [Independent Election Committee \(IEC\)](#) of South Africa.

A South African citizen is entitled to apply to register to vote from outside of the RSA, and may do so at a **South African Embassy, Consulate and High Commission in accordance with the Electoral Act. To register to vote from abroad, eligible SA voters are encouraged to register online.** This period of registration is continuous until the proclamation date.

Only South African citizens who are not on the voters' roll are required to register.

NB. If a South African citizen is already registered to vote inside South Africa:

- You need not reregister to vote outside of the country.
- However, you will be required to complete an online **"NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION TO CEO FOR SPECIAL VOTES ABROAD" FORM** application to indicate that you will be voting outside of the country.
- The online **"NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION TO CEO FOR SPECIAL VOTE ABROAD" FORM** application will only be available on the IEC website on the date of proclamation for a period of 15 days thereafter.
- Citizens can also check to confirm if they are registered on the IEC website at www.elections.org.za

If you are a South African citizen residing in the United States and you are registered on the voters roll as per the IEC, you will need to wait until the date of the Elections is announced. You will then have to complete the **"NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION TO CEO FOR SPECIAL VOTES ABROAD" FORM**, which will only be online after the proclamation date. Do not expect to find the form before the date of the General Election is proclaimed, as it will not be available.

If you are not registered as a voter and not the IEC voters roll, and would like to apply for voter registration, you are kindly requested to follow the registration process. Most important you must provide an: (i) **original South African identity document or a smart identity card, and an original valid passport.** The applicant must provide an address (Suburb or Town as a minimum) where they are currently resident in the county of application. Proof of address is not required. In following the registration process, you may encounter challenges to upload your identity documents. Please ensure you crop out all background areas from your ID document and passport pictures before up-loading it.

Once again you are encouraged to register online, and if you encounter any challenges, you are most welcome to contact the Consulate for assistance. **If we unable to resolve your problem, the Consulate will be open for registration on Saturday, 27 & Sunday, 28 January from 08h00 to 17h00.** Should you be unable to apply during this period, the Consulate will be able to assist you telephonically during public hours (08:30 to 12:30) until the proclamation date, at which time the voter's role closes.

Please note that if you managed to register online successfully, there is no need to come to the Consulate on the 27-28 January.

We hope this information is helpful.

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