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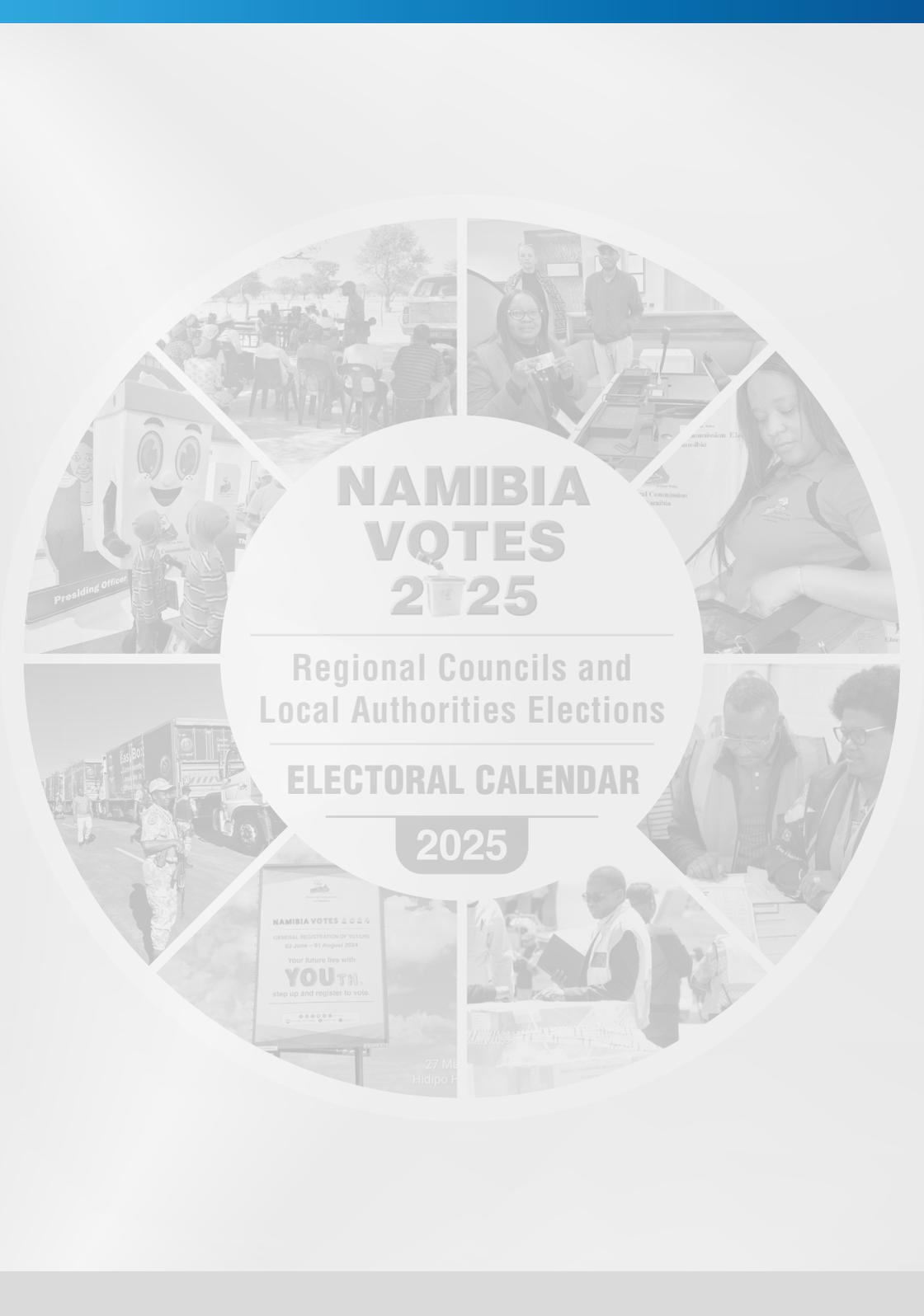
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GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

03 June - 01 August 2025

Your future lies with

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VISION

Our vision is to be a centre of excellence in electoral management.



MISSION

Our mission is to conduct and manage electoral and referenda processes for Namibian citizens with a view to uphold electoral democracy.



CORE VALUES



Secrecy of the vote

To respect and protect the voter's choice.



Accountability

Account to Parliament and Namibian nation.



Non-Partisanship

To maintain political neutrality and refrain from deliberately advancing or prejudicing the interest of political parties, organisations and independent candidates.



Professionalism

Demonstrate the highest level of competence, skills and acumen in the delivery of its mandate.



Integrity

Uphold honesty and transparency in the electoral processes.



Inclusiveness

Involve stakeholders through broad consultation in the delivery of service.



Innovation

Enhance advanced ways of conducting electoral processes.



Respect for the rule of law

Adhere to the Constitution and legislation.



Service Mindedness

Develop and implement service delivery standards.



Accessibility

Ensure the practice of making electoral information, activities, and/or registration/polling venues accessible, meaningful, and usable for all our stakeholders including people with disabilities by providing equitable opportunities.



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KEY ELECTORAL ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINES : APRIL 2025 – MARCH 2026

Electoral Phase	Key Electoral Project	Key Electoral Activities	Timeline	
			Start	End
Pre-Election	1. Legal Framework and Reform and Compliance	a) Ensure application and compliance	01 Jan 25	30 Nov 25
		b) Facilitate consultations with MoJ on Electoral Amendment Bill and impact on Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) and Regional Councils and Local Authorities (RCLA) Elections	01 April 25	30 April 25
		c) Proclamation and gazetting of Dates for SRV	01 Jun 25	16 Jun 25
		d) Proclamation and gazetting of Nomination Period, Names of Returning Officers and Election Date	26 Sept 25	26 Sept 25
		e) Publication in Gazette - nominated candidates/parties, polling days and polling stations	05 Nov 25	05 Nov 25
		2. Stakeholders Engagement	a) Submission of Electoral Calendar to PLC	03 April 25
		b) PLC consultations - execution progress of the Electoral Calendar	03 April 25	30 Nov 25
		c) Review of established of registration/polling facilities	01 April 25	30 Jun 25
	3. Enhancement of Elections Management System Modules	a) Ensure review of Customized Software Applications – IMVRS	04 Feb 25	01 Jun 25
		b) System Integration & Testing Installation and Testing of enhanced Software (PPCM, Central Management, ERMS)	01 April 25	30 Jun 25
		c) Ensure induction of political party/candidate representatives on Candidate Nomination	25 Aug 25	29 Aug 25

Electoral Phase	Key Electoral Project	Key Electoral Activities	Timeline	
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Pre-Election <i>(Continued)</i>	4. Recruitment and Training	a) Selection and appointment of Supervisors of Registration (SoR)/registration officials	01 April 25	30 April 25
		b) Induction and training of SoR's	19 May 25	31 May 25
		c) Training of voter registration officials	14 Jul 25	22 Jul 25
		d) Recruitment and training of polling officials	01 April 25	08 Nov 25
	5. Voter and Civic Education	a) Launch of 2025 Electoral Calendar and Voter Education Campaign	25 Jun 25	25 Jun 25
		b) Voter education campaign for SRV and polling processes	25 Jun 25	23 Nov 25
	6. Registration of Voters	a) Dispatch of sensitive and non-sensitive registration materials	15 Jun 25	15 Nov 25
		b) Deployment of SRV Teams	01 Aug 25	03 Aug 25
		c) Conduct of SRV – 14 days	04 Aug 25	19 Aug 25
		d) Demobilization of teams	20 Aug 25	23 Aug 25
		e) Production of Provisional Voters Register for display and objections	25 Aug 25	08 Sept 25
		f) Publication in Gazette the availability of Provisional Voters' Register (Notice) with copies provided to registered Political Parties/Associations/Organisations	12 Sept 25	12 Sept 25
		g) Display and Objections against inclusion of names on Provisional Voters Register	12 Sept 25	15 Sept 25
		h) Objections-Representation to the Electoral Tribunal	12 Sept 25	02 Oct 25
		i) Last Day of ruling by Electoral Tribunal	02 Oct 25	02 Oct 25
		j) Appeals and Ruling by Electoral Court	06 Oct 25	14 Oct 25
		k) Publication for availability of Final Voters Register	24 Oct 25	24 Oct 25
		l) Release of Final Voters Register – Presented to Political Parties/Associations/Organisations	24 Oct 25	25 Oct 25

Electoral Phase	Key Electoral Project	Key Electoral Activities	Timeline	
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Election	7. Observer Accreditation and Nomination of Candidates	a) Observers and Media invitation and accreditation process	01 Aug 25	31 Oct 25
		b) Proclamation: Commencement of Nomination period	26 Sept 25	26 Sept 25
		c) Last Day of Nomination: Independent Candidates (Returning Officers)	14 Oct 25	14 Oct 25
		d) Final Day of Nomination: Political Parties/Associations/Organisations Public Sitting - (Returning Officers)	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 25
	8. Polling	a) Procurement, design, printing and delivery of Ballot Papers	16 Jun 25	31 Oct 25
		b) Verification and signing of Sample Ballot Papers by authorized political parties/Associations/Organisations and candidates' representatives	23 Oct 25	23 Oct 25
		c) Dispatch of sensitive electoral materials	02 Nov 25	09 Nov 25
		d) Issuance of Duplicate Voter Registration Cards (Sect 35)	17 Nov 25	23 Nov 25
		e) Special Voting (Election Officials & Police Officers)	24 Nov 25	24 Nov 25
		f) Demobilization of Teams (Special Voting)	25 Nov 25	25 Nov 25
		g) Deployment of Teams (Election Day)	23 Nov 25	25 Nov 25
		h) Election Day	26 Nov 25	26 Nov 25
		i) Counting of votes and collation of election results at constituency level	26 Nov 25	29 Nov 25
		j) Demobilization of Teams	27 Nov 25	29 Nov 25
k) Final verification, collation, determination and announcement of National Election Result	30 Nov 25	30 Nov 25		
Post-Election	9. Electoral Process Assessment	a) Performance assessment and post-election review	16 Dec 25	28 Feb 26
		b) Compilation of Performance Assessment and Post-Election Report	01 Mar 26	31 May 26

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REGIONAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS

Regional Council Elections

Regional Councils elections are conducted according to the majoritarian or first-past-the post electoral system. In this system, the candidate with the most votes wins. Therefore, he/she will be elected to the Regional Council. For the Regional elections, voters can only vote in the constituency in which they are registered.

A person may be nominated to contest the regional council election as follows:

- (a) As a candidate for election as a member of a regional council if nominated as a member of a registered political party, by the political party, or
- (b) As an independent candidate whose nomination is supported by at least 150 registered voters in the constituency for which the nomination is intended.

Local Authorities Elections

The Local Authorities elections are conducted in terms of the proportional representation system. The seats in the local authority council are allocated in proportion to the number of votes received. The more votes received by the party, organization or association contesting in the elections, the more seats it will receive. During these elections:

Registered voters vote for the political party, organization or association of their choice. The party, organization or association appoints its representatives to the local authority on the proportional list system.

Local Authority Councilors are elected to serve the people in the various local authorities such villages councils, towns councils and municipalities. Windhoek is the biggest local authority in the country.

Determination of seats for Local Authorities election

The formula used to calculate the number of seats a political party/association has obtained is based on determining a quota per seat. The quota is obtained by dividing the total number of valid votes counted by the number of seats available. To determine the seats for each party, the total votes recorded per party is divided by the quota.

FOR EXAMPLE: The number of votes counted in respect of a Local Authority election is 8350 and there are 7 seats. The quota shall be 8350 divided by 7, equal 1193 votes per seat.

Please Take Note:

Some parties may not get a seat during the first round when this calculation is done, but may get a seat from the second round using a surplus method as demonstrated in the section on National Assembly elections.

Historical voter turnout for the Regional Councils and Local Authorities elections

Regional Council Elections

Category/ Election Year	1992	1998	2004	2010	2015	2020
Registered Voters	470,006	534,278	952,308	1,172,060	1,051,471	1,408,670
Number of votes cast	381,041	213,433	547,756	449,548	384,258	526,373
Voter turnout	81.1%	40%	57.5%	38.4%	36.5%	38.3%

Local Authority Elections

Category/ Election Year	1992	1998	2004	2010	2015	2020
Registered Voters	156,795	188,302	359,152	418,292	410,045	451,870
Number of votes cast	128,973	63,543	163,398	140,313	162,491	195,072
Voter turnout	82.3%	33.8%	45.5%	33.5%	39.6%	43.2%



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SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (SRV)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Supplementary Registration of Voters?

The Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) is provided for in terms of Section 38 of the Electoral Act No.5 of 2014, as amended. This process provides for the registration of persons who qualify to be registered as voters and who have not or could not be registered during the last General Registration of Voters (GRV) in which a voter's register was prepared.

The SRV is also intended to register persons who are eligible to be registered as voters in respect of any new local authority area established after the last GRV. The SRV is conducted before the holding of any election in order to accord all eligible persons who are not registered as voters a chance to register as voters.

2. When will the Supplementary Registration of Voters be conducted?

The SRV will be taking place from 4-19 August 2025 in all the 121 constituencies and 59 Local Authorities countrywide.

3. For which elections do I register during the Supplementary Registration of Voters?

You register to vote in the Regional Councils and Local Authorities (RCLA) Elections during the SRV scheduled for 4-19 August 2025.

4. Do I need to register again if I lost or misplaced my voters card?

No, you do not need to register anew, but only apply to be issued with a duplicate Voters Registration card at any registration point within the constituency or local authority area in which you are resident.

5. If I lose or misplace my voters card between the period after the end of the SRV and polling day, can I still apply for a duplicate voter's card?

Yes, you can apply to be issued with a duplicate voter's card during the period for the issuance of duplicate cards as determined by the ECN before polling day. In terms of the Electoral Act, no duplicate voter registration card may be issued on any day declared as an Election Day.

6. What is the purpose of a Supplementary Registration of Voters?

The purpose is register any eligible person who have since turned 18 years of age and is eligible to register as a voter; any person who relocated to another constituency/local authority area from the initial constituency/local authority where the voter was registered; those whose voter registration cards are lost or damaged; and any other applicant who qualify for registration.

7. Who should register this time around/or during the SRV?

All Namibian citizens who are 18 years and above and are not in possession of any valid voter's cards will be required to register to the SRV.

8. What are the requirements to register as a voter?

In order to register, you should be 18 years or older, a Namibian citizen and be able to provide proof of your identity. In order to register as a voter for the Local Authority elections, you need to be a resident of that particular local authority for twelve consecutive months or more.

9. How do I prove eligibility to register as a voter?

In order to register as a voter, an applicant should be able to provide proof of Identify, Age and Namibian Citizenship by providing one or a combination of the following documents:

- a) The Namibian Identity Document, or
- b) The old Namibian Identity Document, or
- c) A valid green Namibian Passport, or
- d) A Namibian Citizenship Certificate, Birth Certificate of Namibia or any other country and sworn statements by two registered deponents, or
- e) A Namibian birth certificate or a Birth Certificate of any other country and a sworn statement under oath in which the applicant affirms that he/she is a Namibian citizen and has not renounced his or her citizenship as well as statements under oath or affirmation by two registered deponents, or
- f) New Namibian driver's license together with a Namibian Birth Certificate or a birth certificate with any other country and a sworn statement under Oath in which the applicant affirm that he/she is a Namibian Citizen and has not renounced his or her Namibian Citizenship.

10. How do I proof residence for 12 consecutive months in a local authority through municipal and telecom accounts?

You can proof your residence in a local authority by providing your municipal or telecom account of July 2024 and July 2025 to show that you have lived there for twelve consecutive months;

OR

You can provide proof of residence by presenting a rental contract indicating the duration of your stay at the place of residence.

OR

Persons residing at places of higher institutions, barracks or other institutional establishments are able to prove residence by submitting any supporting documents of the institution in question.

11. Is my 2024 Voters Card still valid?

Yes, your Voter registration card of 2024 is still valid and you do not need to re-register.

12. I am a resident in a Local Authority, but during the 2024 General Registration of Voters could not register for the Local Authority elections and my card is written LA Not Applicable, do I need to re-register?

Yes, you may apply at any registration point in your constituency and local authority area in order to register for the local authority elections provided that you meet the requirements of having lived in that particular local authority area for 12 consecutive months or more.

13. Can I register anywhere I find myself?

No, you can ONLY register in the constituency and local authority in which you are resident.

14. Can I register online?

No. In order to register as a voter, the law requires that you need to present yourself at a registration point within the constituency in which you are a resident.

15. Can Namibians in the Diaspora register for Local Authority elections?

No, Namibians abroad do not qualify to register for local authority elections. Section 23 of the Electoral Act, provides that Namibian citizens temporarily residing outside the country to register and vote for Presidential and National Assembly elections only.

16. Is voter registration information confidential?

Yes, voter information is solely collected for purpose to determine a voter's eligibility in order to enable a voter to vote on the day of election. However, Voter registration information becomes open for public scrutiny once the Provisional Voters Register is displayed for a certain period of time for inspection by the public to authenticate eligibility. Therefore, it is important that each eligible voter must give the correct information about their name, age, gender, residential address and other personal details.

17. Is there provision for registration of voters in prisons and hospitals?

Every Namibian citizen aged 18 and above has the right to take part in electoral activities and thus can register as voters. Hospital patients can be registered provided that the place of confinement is within constituency/local authority they reside.

In addition, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) sets up registration points at police holding cells and prisons across the country to facilitate registration for person's incarcerated, whether such period of imprisonment has been served or is being served.

18. Is there provision for persons with disabilities to register as voters?

The Namibian Constitution provides for the registration of all citizens who have attained the age of 18 or older to register.

19. Can persons with domicile status or those with permanent residence register as voters?

Voter registration is exclusively for Namibian citizens. Individuals from other countries with domicile status or permanent residency are not eligible to take part in Namibia's electoral processes.

20. If I miss the registration deadline, will there be other opportunities before elections?

No. The registration of voters only takes place during a certain time limit as determined by the Commission. Once you miss the opportunity to participate during the SRV period as proclaimed, it becomes impossible to do so prior to the elections.

21. What happens to those that turns 18 after the publishing of the Provisional voter's register?

Person's turning 18 years of age after the due date for registration will only be able to register during any subsequent voter registration processes prior to any election.

22. Will there be an extension of the SRV in order to cater for persons who miss out on the registration process during the SRV?

No, there will not be an extension to the SRV once the period of registration has ended on the 19th of August 2025. This is due to the fact that the Commission is required by law to prepare and publish a provisional voters register (PVR) 30 days before the conduct of the RCLA elections.

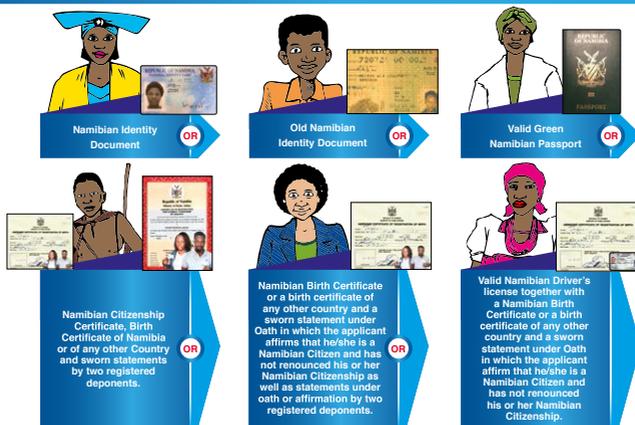
SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

04 - 19 AUGUST 2025

REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER AS A VOTER

PROOF OF IDENTITY, AGE AND NAMIBIAN CITIZENSHIP

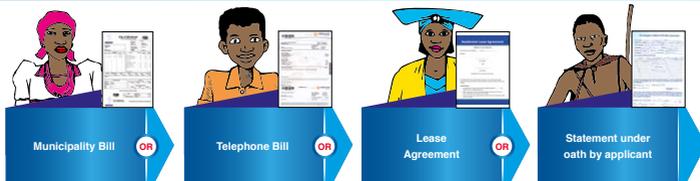
In order to register as a voter, an applicant should be able to provide Proof of Identity, Age and Namibian Citizenship by providing **one** or a **combination** of the following documents:



REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER AS A VOTER: LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION

PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS

In order to register as a voter in a local authority, an applicant should be able to provide the following documents:



In respect of proof of residence and registration of **Defence Force, Police and Namibia Correctional Services Members**, the applicant must produce the following documents:



In respect of **proof of residence and registration of persons at schools or higher education institutions**, the applicant must produce the following documents:



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