

2021 Legislative Council General Election – registration for electors to return from Mainland to Hong Kong to vote ends today

The 2021 Legislative Council General Election (2021 LCGE) will be held on December 19. To enable eligible geographical constituency (GC) and functional constituency (FC) electors who are now in the Mainland to return to Hong Kong to vote on the polling day and be exempted from the quarantine requirements after fulfilling certain criteria, polling stations at three boundary control points (BCPs), namely Heung Yuen Wai, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line control points, will be set up. Eligible GC and FC electors who are in the Mainland and wish to cast their votes at one of the three BCP polling stations can register through the online registration system (www.reo-form.gov.hk/preregistration.htm). The deadline for registration is 6pm today (December 8). Late registrations will not be processed.

A spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) said today, "The arrangement (the Arrangement) for electors to return from the Mainland to Hong Kong to vote in the 2021 LCGE is only applicable to GC and FC electors and is not applicable to the electors of the Election Committee constituency (ECC). If an elector of the ECC is now in the Mainland, he/she should plan his/her trip to return to Hong Kong in advance or return to Hong Kong via the Return2hk Scheme with a view to casting his/her votes on the polling day."

After submitting the application for registration, electors will be assigned a reference number. The REO will issue a notification of the registration result to the elector via SMS and/or email within three days to confirm whether they have successfully registered to vote at the specified BCP polling station. An elector could only vote at the BCP polling station under the Arrangement upon receiving the notification. If electors arrive at any other non-chosen BCP polling stations, they will not be allowed to vote. When registering through the online registration system, electors will also need to choose to vote at a specified timeslot (each hour will be counted as one slot) on the polling day so as to facilitate the corresponding arrangement and crowd management by the relevant departments.

If a registrant would like to change the opted polling station after submitting the pre-registration, he/she may submit a fresh application to supersede his/her previous application by 6pm today. A registrant may also change back to vote at his/her original polling station in Hong Kong through the online application system by 6pm today. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If a registrant would like to confirm his/her status as an elector,

he/she may log in to the Online Voter Information Enquiry System (www.voterinfo.gov.hk) or call the REO's hotline (2891 1001) to ascertain whether he/she is a registered elector. For details of the Arrangement, please visit the dedicated website (www.elections.gov.hk). For enquiries, please email to reoeng@reo.gov.hk or call the REO's hotline (2891 1001).