

2023 provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists for geographical/functional constituencies and Election Committee subsectors released today

The 2023 provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists for geographical constituencies (GCs), functional constituencies (FCs) and Election Committee subsectors (ECSSs) were released today (August 1). The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) appeals to members of the public to check their registration status and particulars, including their new District Council geographical constituencies (DCGCs), through the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk). Members of the public may also inquire via the REO hotline at 2891 1001 during office hours. For enquiries, they should contact the REO on or before August 25.

Compilation of provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists

The 2023 provisional register for GCs contains about 4 329 700 registered electors. In the 2023 voter registration cycle, there are about 31 300 new registration applications and about 657 900 applications for updating particulars from registered electors of GCs. Moreover, the records of about 31 000 and about 81 100 electors have been removed by entering on the omissions list due to death and as a result of other inquiry processes respectively.

As for FCs, the provisional register contains about 205 800 registered electors. The figure has factored in newly registered electors, electors with a change in the FC registered, and electors entered on the omissions lists due to death or as a result of other inquiry processes, etc.

As for ECSSs, the provisional register contains about 7 600 registered voters. The figure has factored in newly registered voters, voters with a change in the ECSS registered, and voters entered on the omissions lists due to death or as a result of other inquiry processes, etc.

"The REO has earlier mailed confirmation notices for new registration or change of registration particulars to the relevant electors/voters. Those who have provided mobile phone numbers or email addresses would have received the messages concerned," a spokesman for the REO said.

DCGCs

The District Councils (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (the Ordinance) was published in the Gazette and came into effect on July 10. The delineation of

DCGCs for the 2023 District Council Ordinary Election also came into effect on the same day. In accordance with the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547) as amended by the Ordinance, the boundaries of the 18 districts remain unchanged and there are 44 DCGCs in the 18 districts. Electors may check their DCGCs by visiting the voter registration website.

Prompt reply to reminding letters if requested

For electors/voters entered on the omissions lists, if they receive a reminding letter from the REO asking for a response, they should submit the reply slip or provide supplementary information as instructed as early as possible. The envelopes of the reminding letters are beige in colour and with a message, "Immediate action required. Your voting right is at stake" printed in red. Recipients must reply on or before August 25 as per the letter's instructions so that they may, with the Revising Officer's approval, resume their registration status and be included in the final registers of electors/voters.

Lodging statutory claims and objections

Any electors/voters entered on the omissions lists; any individuals/bodies who have applied for registration but no such record is in the relevant provisional register(s); or any registered elector/voter with incorrect particulars recorded in the relevant provisional register(s), may lodge a claim in person with the REO. Also, anyone considers an individual/body in the provisional register(s) not eligible to be so registered may lodge an objection in person with the REO. The statutory period for lodging claims or objections ends on August 25. The Revising Officer will consider the evidence provided by the applicant and make a ruling according to law.

The specified forms for lodging claims and objections can be downloaded from the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk/en/voter/appeal.htm) or obtained from the REO (8/F, Treasury Building, 3 Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, or 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon) and all Home Affairs Enquiry Centres.

Information on the hearings of the claims and objections will be uploaded to the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk/en/voter/appeal.htm) before the day of the hearing for reference by the persons concerned and members of the public.

Arrangements for inspection of provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists

All individuals or body electors may check their registration status and particulars, including whether they have been entered into the omission lists, through the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk). Besides, the provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists for GCs, FCs and ECSSs are available for inspection by specified persons from today until August 25 at the REO's two offices, located at 8/F, Treasury Building, 3

Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, and 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

According to the law, only bodies/organisations meeting the specified requirements and members of the press who are subscribers of the Government News and Media Information System are entitled to inspect a copy of provisional registers and omissions lists of individual electors/voters for GCs, FCs and ECSSs. Only the first Chinese character or the first word of the name (depending on the language in which the name is recorded) of an individual elector/voter, his/her registered residential address and constituency/subsector are shown on the registers and omissions lists for inspection. A copy of the registers for FCs and ECSSs, which contains only the entries of corporate electors/voters, is available for inspection by the public.

The REO will provide four inspection time slots (one hour and 30 minutes per slot) on each working day (Mondays to Fridays, excluding public holidays) from today to August 25. Appointments to inspect may be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Each person may reserve one inspection time slot per day.

Appointments to inspect may be made by calling 2891 4082 or 2891 2070 from 9am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays, except public holidays. Upon initial reservation by phone, applicants are required to complete and return an REO-issued reservation form by a specified deadline to confirm the reservation.

Other information

More statistical information about the provisional registers is available on the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk).

The REO will publish the final registers of electors/voters on or before September 25.