

2024 provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists for geographical/functional constituencies and Election Committee subsectors released today

The 2024 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 through "iAM Smart", the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk) or inquire via the REO hotline at 2891 1001 during office hours. For enquiries, members of the public may contact the REO on or before August 25.

Compilation of provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists

The 2024 provisional register for GCs contains about 4 207 500 registered electors. In the 2024 voter registration cycle, there are about 18 900 new registration applications and about 138 000 applications for updating particulars from registered electors of GCs. Moreover, the records of about 29 900 and about 112 500 electors have been removed from the provisional register 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 197 700 registered electors. The figure has factored in newly registered electors, electors with a change in the FC registered, and electors entered on the omissions list due to death or as a result of other inquiry processes, etc.

As for ECSSs, the provisional register contains about 8 600 registered voters. The figure has factored in newly registered voters, voters with a change in the ECSS registered, and voters entered on the omissions list due to death or as a result of other inquiry processes, etc.

"The REO has earlier mailed to the relevant electors/voters to confirm their new registration or change of registration particulars. Those who have provided mobile phone numbers or email addresses would have received the messages concerned. All SMS messages issued by the REO will start with the prefix '#' in the sender ID for identification," a spokesman for the REO said.

Prompt reply to reminding letters if requested

Electors/voters entered on the omissions lists will receive a reminding letter from the REO to confirm their eligibility. 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 by scanning the QR code or log on to the website (www.reo-form.gov.hk), or provide supplementary information by email, post or fax so that they may, with the Revising Officer's approval, keep their registration status and be included in the final registers of electors/voters. In addition, the REO will contact individual electors/voters on the omissions lists by phone to remind them to confirm their eligibility as soon as possible. For any enquiries, members of the public may call REO's hotline (2891 1001) during office hours.

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 found 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 who 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.html) or obtained from the two offices of the REO (8/F, Treasury Building, 3 Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, and 29/F, Standard Chartered Tower, Millennium City 1, 388 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon) or the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of respective District Offices.

Information on the hearings of the claims and objections will be uploaded to the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk/en/voter/appeal.html) before the day of the hearing for reference by 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 omissions lists, through "iAM Smart" or the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk).

Notices on the inspection of the provisional registers of electors/voters and omissions lists were gazetted for promulgation today. According to law, a copy of provisional registers and omissions lists containing entries relating to individuals may only be shown in accordance with the statutory requirements, and made available for inspection by specified persons only. A copy of provisional registers and omissions lists containing entries of corporate electors/voters (i.e. without entries relating to individuals) may

be inspected by any member of the public. For details and arrangements regarding the inspection, please refer to www.reo.gov.hk/en/voter/checkvrstatus/registers.html.

Other information

Related statistical information about provisional registers of electors/voters has been uploaded to the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk).

The REO will publish the final registers of electors/voters on or before September 25. Next year will be an election year. The REO will contact persons who had registered before but lost their registration status for some reason by email and phone to invite them to re-register as electors.