

Provisional register and omissions list for Rural Representative Election available for inspection today

The 2020 provisional register and the omissions list for the Rural Representative Election (RRE) are available for inspection by eligible organisations/persons during ordinary business hours from today (August 21) to September 9. Members of the public may visit the RRE Voter Registration Information Enquiry System through the Rural Representative Election website (www.had.gov.hk/rre) to check their own registration particulars and whether they are listed on the omissions list. They may also call the RRE hotline on 2152 1521 during ordinary business hours to check the above-mentioned information.

The names and relevant particulars of electors recorded in the Existing Villages register, the Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages register and the Market Towns register will be available for inspection. Particulars of persons who are no longer eligible for registration as electors will be shown on the omissions list.

Anyone who considers a registered person not eligible for registration may lodge a notice of objection at the office of the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or the relevant Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) (the office addresses are set out in the form) during ordinary business hours on or before September 9. Objections must be lodged in person.

Anyone who has made an application for registration but whose name is not recorded in the provisional register, or is included in the omissions list, or who has a claim to make about his or her particulars in the register, may lodge a notice of claim in person during the above-mentioned period.

Those whose principal residential address is not in Hong Kong may submit a notice of claim by post, fax or electronic means (an electronic record authenticated by a digital signature). He or she may also lodge in person, or authorise a person in writing to lodge on his or her behalf, a notice of claim at the office of the ERO or the relevant AERO during ordinary business hours on or before September 9 (Hong Kong time).

The specified forms for notices of objection and notices of claim can be obtained from the ERO office and the AERO offices at the relevant District Offices. They can also be downloaded from the RRE website.

To enhance transparency and assist the persons concerned and members of the public to attend the hearings, information on the hearings of the claims and objections (including the date, time and venue of the hearings, and the names of the claimants/objectors/electors being objected to) will be uploaded

to the RRE website before the day of the hearing.

A full copy of the provisional register and the omissions list will be placed at the office of the ERO located at the Home Affairs Department (HAD), 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, while a copy of the specific divisions of the provisional register and the omissions list for a rural area that belongs to the rural committees concerned will be placed at the offices of the AEROs in the respective New Territories District Offices (NTDOs). In accordance with the judgment of the judicial review case handed down by the Court of Appeal on May 21, 2020, and the order made at the hearing on May 27, 2020 (Case no. CACV 73/2020), members of the press (for operational considerations, the HAD adopts the list of subscribers of the Government News and Media Information System), political parties (i.e. political bodies/organisations which meet the specified requirements), Heung Yee Kuk, respective Rural Committees for the relevant Rural Areas, indigenous inhabitants of the relevant Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages and residents of the relevant Existing Villages or Market Towns for a purpose related to the election, can inspect the aforementioned provisional registers of electors and the relevant omissions list during ordinary business hours from August 21 to September 9.

Eligible organisations/persons may make appointments to inspect the registers of electors by calling the RRE hotline during ordinary business hours starting from today. Upon completion of the initial reservation by phone, the applicant is required to fill in and return an official reservation form to the HAD by a specified deadline to confirm the reservation.

The ordinary business hours of the HAD and NTDOs for inspection of the provisional register and the omissions list are from 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays).

For further details, please call the RRE hotline or visit the RRE website.