

Provisional register and omissions list for Rural Representative Election released today

The 2023 provisional register and the omissions list for the Rural Representative Election (RRE) were released today (August 25). Members of the public may log into the RRE Voter Registration Information Enquiry System through the RRE website (www.had.gov.hk/rre) to check their own registration particulars, as well as to check from the website whether they are listed on the omissions list, from today to September 9. They may also call the RRE hotline at 2152 1521 during ordinary business hours of the above-mentioned period to check the relevant information.

Lodging statutory claims or objections

Any person who considers a registered person not eligible for registration may lodge a notice of objection in person with the office of the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or the relevant Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) (Officers' office) (the office addresses are set out in the form) during ordinary business hours on or before September 8.

Any person who has been determined by the ERO as not eligible to be registered, or whose application for registration was not considered further by the ERO, or who has made an application for registration but whose name is not recorded in the relevant provisional register, or whose name is included in the omissions list, or who has a claim to make about his or her particulars in the provisional register, may lodge a notice of claim in person during the above-mentioned period.

If the principal residential address of the person who makes the claim is not in Hong Kong, he or she may lodge a notice of claim in person, or authorise a person in writing to lodge on his or her behalf during the above-mentioned period. He or she may also deliver a notice of claim to the Officers' office by post, by fax or by electronic means (an electronic record authenticated by a digital signature) on or before September 9 (Hong Kong time).

The specified forms for lodging a notice of objection or a notice of claim can be obtained from the Officers' office. They can also be downloaded from the RRE website.

Upon receiving the notice of claim or the notice of objection, the Revising Officer will hear the case as soon as practicable within the statutory deadline. To enhance transparency, and assist persons concerned and members of the public to attend the hearings, information about 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.

Arrangements for inspection of provisional register and omissions list

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). Pursuant to sections 19 and 22 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Rural Representative Election) Regulation (Cap. 541K) (the Regulation), specified persons, including members of the press (means persons who subscribe to the Government News and Media Information System maintained by the Director of Information Services), political parties (i.e. political bodies/organisations which meet the specified requirements under the Regulation), Heung Yee Kuk, respective Rural Committees for the relevant Rural Areas, indigenous inhabitants of the relevant Indigenous Villages or Composite Indigenous Villages and residents of the relevant Existing Villages or Market Towns for purposes relating to the RRE, can inspect the aforementioned provisional registers of electors and the relevant omissions list during ordinary business hours from August 25 to September 8.

Specified persons who wish to inspect the registers of electors and the omissions lists may make appointments by calling the RRE hotline or the relevant NTDOs during ordinary business hours from today to September 8.

The ordinary business hours of the HAD and NTDOs in respect of the above matters are from 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday (except general holidays).

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