

Registration of poll particulars extended to July 15

The following is issued on behalf of the Electoral Affairs Commission:

Under the Particulars Relating to Candidates on Ballot Papers (Legislative Council and District Councils) Regulation (Cap. 541M), candidates in the Legislative Council (LegCo) geographical constituency, LegCo functional constituency and District Council (DC) elections may apply to have certain registered particulars printed on the ballot papers for easier identification by electors.

The Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Ordinance 2021 has been published in the Gazette and came into effect on May 31. According to the amended Regulation, the statutory cut-off date for the 2021 annual registration cycle has been extended from April 15 to July 15. Bodies or persons wishing to register or amend their registered particulars with the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) in the 2021 registration cycle can now hand in their applications by July 15. Upon approval of the applications by the EAC, the specified particulars may be used in the geographical constituency and functional constituency elections in the LegCo General Election scheduled for December this year.

Applications submitted on or before the original deadline (April 15) have been processed. In accordance with the Regulation, approved specified particulars have been included in a register made available for public inspection at the EAC's website (www.eac.hk). Bodies or persons concerned are not required to make another application in respect of the specified particulars that have been approved and included in the register.

"Although applications can be submitted at any time during the year, only those applications submitted on or before the statutory cut-off date of July 15 will be processed within the 2021 registration cycle. Applications submitted after July 15 will only be processed in the 2022 registration cycle," a spokesman for the EAC said today (June 15).

Application forms are available at the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) and all District Offices. They can also be downloaded from the EAC's website.

The EAC will carefully consider all applications in accordance with the criteria and procedures stipulated in the Regulation. Details of all successful applications will be gazetted and open to public inspection at the REO during office hours. The public can also view the information at the EAC's website.

For enquiries concerning the application procedures, please call the REO hotline on 2891 1001.