

Submit voter registration applications for geographical and/or functional constituencies by May 2

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) today (April 22) appealed to eligible persons/bodies who have not yet registered as geographical constituency and/or functional constituency (FC) electors to submit new registration applications by the current statutory deadline of May 2, so that their registration particulars can be included in the 2021 final registers, and they will be able to vote in the public elections to be held this year.

The specified application forms for voter registration (VR) can be obtained from the REO, the District Offices and the management offices of public housing estates. They can also be downloaded from the VR website (www.voterregistration.gov.hk). When submitting their VR application forms, applicants should also provide their telephone numbers and email addresses, so that the REO can contact them more promptly and efficiently when needed.

Completed application forms may be submitted no later than the statutory deadline of May 2 via the following channels:

- By post to 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade and Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay – If submitting by post, the REO reminds members of the public to send out their application forms early in order not to miss the statutory deadline;
- By email to (form@reo.gov.hk) – If submitting by email, members of the public should avoid attaching a large number of VR application forms to a single email and sending it to the REO's email account, as it may cause a delivery failure because of the large file size. Also, after sending their VR applications through email, applicants are advised to check if they receive a confirmation email (see attached) which is automatically sent by the REO email server. If they do not receive such a confirmation email, applicants are advised to resend their applications by email or via the other submission channels; or
- Through the REO e-Form Upload Platform (www.reo-form.gov.hk) – If submitting via this channel, please take note of the application number generated by the system so that the status of the application may be checked afterwards when needed.

The REO will make special arrangements for its office on 13/F of Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, to remain open until 11.59pm on May 2 to receive VR application forms from members of the public who wish to submit the forms in person.

In addition, the REO again urges registered electors who received inquiry letters issued by the REO to, as per the instructions of the letter, reply as soon as possible by the statutory deadline of May 2 this year via

post, fax or email, so as to maintain their voter registration status.

On the other hand, the Legislative Council (LegCo) is now scrutinising the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 (the Bill) introduced by the Government on April 14, in which major changes in composition of the Election Committee (EC) Subsectors and FCs will be made. Subject to the passage of the Bill by the LegCo, the REO plans to make special arrangements in June to conduct a VR exercise for all EC Subsector voters, and to allow newly eligible and affected electors in FCs to handle their VR matters. Relevant details and arrangements, such as the applicable VR forms, will be announced in due course. Members of the public may refer to the Improve Electoral System thematic website at (www.cmab.gov.hk/improvement/en/home/index.html) for the relevant details.

For enquiries on VR matters, please call the REO hotline at 2891 1001. Members of the public may also check their own registration status and particulars at any time by logging into the Online Voter Information Enquiry System (www.voterinfo.gov.hk).