

Electoral (Voter Registration) Regulations, 2017

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SCHEDULE: FORMS.

IT is hereby notified that the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, in terms of section 192 of the Electoral Act [*Chapter 2:13*], has, with the approval of the Minister, made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Voter Registration) Regulations, 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

- “biometric features” means such distinct biological traits that the Commission may determine from time to time;
- “claimant” means a person who presents himself or herself for registration as a voter;
- “form” means the appropriate form set out in the Schedule;
- “polling station” means the polling station for which a polling station voters’ roll has been prepared;
- “registration office” means an office at which a claimant may lodge a claim for registration as a voter or for the transfer of his or her or registration to another constituency;
- “residence affidavit” means an affidavit referred to in form VR.7;
- “residence document” means any of the documents referred to in section 5(1).

Forms

3. (1) The claim form for registration as a voter in terms of section 24 of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.1.
- (2) The claim form for registration in a constituency in which a prospective candidate is not resident in terms of the proviso to section 24(1) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.2.
- (3) The claim form for the transfer of registration in terms of section 25(1) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.3.
- (4) The claim form for transfer to a constituency in which a prospective candidate is not resident in terms of the proviso to section 25(1) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.4.
- (5) The voter’s registration certificate to be issued in terms of section 26 of the Electoral Act will appear as a slip in Forms VR.1, VR.2, VR.3 and VR. 4.
- (6) The notice of objection in terms of section 27(1) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.5.
- (7) The notice of objection in terms of section 28(1) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.6.

(8) The notice of alteration of a voters roll in terms of section 35(2) of the Electoral Act will be in Form VR.7.

(9) The complaint to the Commission against the Chief Elections Officer or Registration Officer in terms of section 190 of the Electoral Act shall be in Form V.8;

(10) A residence affidavit may be in Form VR.9.

Proof of identity and citizenship

4. For the purposes of registering as a voter any one of the following documents which legibly show that the claimant is a citizen of Zimbabwe of or over the age of eighteen years shall constitute proof of identity and citizenship—

- (a) a national identity document, that is to say, an identity document in terms of section 7(2) of the National Registration Act [*Chapter 10:17*]; or
- (b) a “waiting pass”, that is to say, a notice in writing in terms of section 7(1) of the National Registration Act [*Chapter 10:17*], which includes a photograph of the bearer; or
- (c) a valid Zimbabwean passport.

Proof of residence

5. (1) For the purposes of registering as a voter the following documents shall constitute proof of residence—

- (a) title deeds or a certificate of occupation;
- (b) a lodgers permit issued by the relevant local authority;
- (c) rates, water, electricity, telephone or credit store statements on which is shown the claimant’s name and physical address;
- (d) a statement from the landlord, parent or friend of the claimant confirming that the claimant resides at the stated place of residence accompanied by any of the documents in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) in the name of the landlord, parent, friend or such other person at whose residence the claimant resides;

- (e) a statement confirming that the claimant resides at the stated place of residence made by the head of a school, hospital or other public institution where the claimant resides;
 - (f) a statement confirming that the claimant resides at the stated place of residence made by or on behalf of the person in whose name a mining location is registered in the area where the claimant resides;
 - (g) a statement by the claimant's employer confirming his or her address;
 - (h) a confirmation letter by the relevant councillor, village head, headman or Chief confirming that the claimant resides in the ward he or she claims to reside in;
 - (i) a confirmation letter by farm owner or resettlement officer confirming that the claimant resides in the ward he or she claims to reside in;
 - (j) an offer letter proving that the claimant is in lawful occupation of the land to which the offer letter relates;
 - (k) a hospital bill or a clinic or hospital card or an envelope with post office markings reflecting the claimant's address.
- (2) A voter registration officer shall—
- (a) require a claimant to swear/affirm a residence affidavit if the residence document produced to the officer is illegible or if there is any reasonable doubt as to the document's authenticity or validity;
 - (b) in the case of a claimant who says that he or she is unable to obtain any residence document, accept from the claimant a residence affidavit.
- (3) Any person who makes a false statement in a residence affidavit shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level ten or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding a year or to both.

Registration offices and centres

6. (1) For the purposes of voter registration, every provincial and district office of the Commission shall be a registration office.

(2) The Commission may set up mobile registration centres.

Procedure for registration

7. (1) If a voter registration officer to whom a claim has been made determines that the claimant is qualified for registration as a voter he or she shall register the claimant by—

- (a) filing a completed VR Form; and
- (b) taking a passport size photograph of the claimant; and
- (c) taking the fingerprints of the claimant (except in cases where by reason of physical injury or illness this is not possible); and
- (d) capturing such other additional biometric features of the claimant as the Commission may, from time to time, determine by notice in the *Gazette*.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the names of an applicant to be entered on the VR Form and subsequently on the voters' roll shall be identical to the names on the document tendered by the claimant as proof of identity.

Control of persons in premises used for registration of voters

8. (1) A voter registration officer shall maintain order in the premises used for the purpose of registering persons as voters and shall regulate the number of persons to be admitted at a time to such premises.

(2) Any person who disobeys an instruction of a voter registration officer given for the purpose of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level ten or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding a year or to both.

(3) The powers conferred by this section shall not be exercised so as to prevent any person from having an opportunity to make a claim to be registered as a voter.

Voters' rolls

9. The Chief Elections Officer shall compile a voters' roll for each polling area showing, in relation to each voter—

- (a) the voter's first and last names, date of birth, sex and national registration number; and
- (b) the place where the voter ordinarily resides; and
- (c) the voter's photograph.

Inspection of voters' rolls

10. (1) In terms of section 21(1) of the Act, the voters rolls shall be open to inspection by the public, free of charge during ordinary office hours of the Commission at any of the Commission's District and Provincial Offices where such rolls are kept.

(2) The Commission may also establish mobile and static inspection centres during an election period where the public may inspect the voters' rolls, and in so doing may determine the period within which the voters' rolls may be inspected at these centres.

Certification of voters' rolls

11. (1) The Chief Elections Officer shall, where the preparation of any voters' roll for any polling station is completed and closed for the purposes of any election, certify the voters' roll as the voters' roll for that polling station.

(2) Certification of a voters' roll for the purposes of this section shall be evidenced by a dated stamp, watermark or seal containing the signature of the Chief Elections Officer that is clearly legible on the face of the roll.

(3) A voters' roll prepared for any polling station under this section shall, upon certification thereof, replace any voters' rolls previously prepared and certified for the same polling station.

Provision and cost of copies of voters' rolls and maps

12. (1) Any interested person may apply to the Chief Elections Officer for a copy of the voters' rolls listed in subsection (2), and

the Chief Elections Officer shall, upon payment by such person of the prescribed fee, supply such copy to such person.

(2) The cost of—

(a) an electronic copy of the voters' roll shall be as follows—

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|---------------------|------------|
| (i) polling station | US\$1,00 |
| (ii) ward | US\$2,00 |
| (iii) constituency | US\$10,00 |
| (iv) National | US\$20,00; |

(b) a hard monochrome copy of the voters' roll shall be ten cents per page of the national voters' roll, a polling station voters' roll, a ward voters' roll or a constituency voters' roll, whichever one is sought.

(3) Any interested person may apply to the Chief Elections Officer for a copy of any polling area, ward and constituency map and the Chief Elections Officer shall, if such copy is available and upon payment by such person of the prescribed fee, supply such copy to such person.

(4) The cost of an electronic copy of a map shall be as follows—

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|------------------|-----------|
| (a) polling area | US\$1,00 |
| (b) ward | US\$2,00 |
| (c) constituency | US\$10,00 |

Repeals

13. (1) The Electoral (Voter Registration) Regulations, 2013, published in Statutory Instrument 69 of 2013, are repealed.

(2) Section 15 of the Electoral Regulations, 2005, published in Statutory Instrument 21 of 2005, is repealed.

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SCHEDULE (Section 2)

FORMS FORM VR. 1



Section 24(1) of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

INITIAL VOTER REGISTRATION (Form VR.1)

PART A (TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS)

ΔIt is an offence to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to ZEC

I am a Zimbabwean citizen aged over 18 years and hereby apply to be registered as a voter:

I.D. NUMBER - - -

SURNAME (as per ID)

FORENAME(S) (as per ID)

DATE OF BIRTH Day Month Year

SEX M F (Tick Applicable)

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (Circle the Appropriate and Attach proof of residence)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/ AREA/MINE/

CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

PHONE/CELL NUMBER email address (If any):

TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS.

HEARING VISUAL AMPUTEE OTHER (Please specify)

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE DATE

PART B (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A VOTER HERE 	VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICER'S DETAILS IN BLOCK LETTERS FULL NAME: I.D. NUMBER: SIGNATURE:
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FORM VR. 2



Proviso to section 24(1) of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

INITIAL VOTER REGISTRATION FOR A PERSON NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN A CONSTITUENCY (Form VR2)

(TO BE COMPLETED BY A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE CONSTITUENCY)

PART A (TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS IN DUPLICATE)

△It is an offence to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to ZEC

I am a Zimbabwean citizen aged over 18 years and hereby apply to be registered as a voter in a Constituency where I am not ordinarily resident:

I.D. NUMBER - -

SURNAME (as per ID)

FORENAME(S) (as per ID)

DATE OF BIRTH Day Month Year

SEX M F (Tick Applicable)

I ORDINARILY RESIDE AT: (Circle the Appropriate and Attach proof of residence)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/AREA/MINE/

CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

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I WOULD LIKE TO BE REGISTERED USING THE ADDRESS BELOW BECAUSE I INTEND TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN THAT CONSTITUENCY: (Provide address where you shall be deemed to be resident)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/AREA/MINE/

CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

PHONE/CELL NUMBER email address (If any)

TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS.

HEARING VISUAL AMPUTEE OTHER (Please specify).....

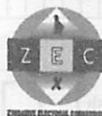
I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE..... DATE

PART B (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

<p>ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A VOTER HERE</p>	<p>VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICER'S DETAILS IN BLOCK LETTERS</p> <p>FULL NAME:</p> <p>I.D. NUMBER:</p> <p>SIGNATURE:</p>
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FORM VR. 3



Section 25(1)(a) of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

VOTER TRANSFER (Form VR.3)

PART A (TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS)

△It is an offence to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to ZEC

I am a registered voter and hereby apply for the transfer of my registration to another polling station where I am now resident:

I.D. NUMBER - - -

SURNAME (as per ID)

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FORENAME(S) (as per ID)

DATE OF BIRTH Day Month Year

SEX M F (Tick Applicable)

I was registered as a voter for POLLING STATION in DISTRICT and I am now resident at:

(Circle the Appropriate and Attach proof of residence)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/AREA/MINE/

CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

PHONE/CELL NUMBER email address (if any).....

TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS.

HEARING VISUAL AMPUTEE OTHER (Please specify)

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE DATE

PART B (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

<p>ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A VOTER HERE</p>	<p>VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICER'S DETAILS IN BLOCK LETTERS</p> <p>FULL NAME:</p> <p>I.D. NUMBER:</p> <p>SIGNATURE:</p>
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FORM VR. 4



Proviso to section 25(1)(b) of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

TRANSFER TO A CONSTITUENCY WHERE ONE IS NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT (Form VR-4)
(TO BE COMPLETED BY A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE CONSTITUENCY)

PART A (TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS IN DUPLICATE)

It is an offence to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to ZEC

I am a registered voter and hereby apply for the transfer of my registration to a Constituency where I am not ordinarily resident:

I.D. NUMBER - - -

SURNAME (as per ID)

FORENAME(S) (as per ID)

DATE OF BIRTH Day Month Year

SEX M F (Tick Applicable)

I was registered as a voter for POLLING STATION in DISTRICT

I ORDINARILY RESIDE AT: (Circle the Appropriate and Attach proof of residence)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/AREA/MINE/
CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

I WOULD LIKE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW BECAUSE I INTEND TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN THAT CONSTITUENCY: (Provide address where you shall be deemed to be resident)

HOUSE/STAND/PLOT/VILLAGE NAME

STREET/FARM/HEADMAN

SUBURB/FARMING/AREA/MINE/
CHIEF

TOWN/DISTRICT

S.I. 85 of 2017

PHONE/CELL NUMBER email address (If any).....

TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS.

HEARING VISUAL AMPUTEE OTHER (Please specify).....

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE DATE

PART B (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

<p>ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A VOTER HERE</p>	<p>VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICER'S DETAILS IN BLOCK LETTERS</p> <p>FULL NAME:</p> <p>I.D. NUMBER:</p> <p>SIGNATURE:</p>
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FORM VR.5



Section 27 of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF VOTER BY VOTER
REGISTRATION OFFICER (Form VR.5)

To:

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You are hereby notified that I have reason to believe—

- (a) that you are not entitled to be registered as a voter in the constituency of
- (b) that you are not qualified for registration as a voter in the constituency of
on the grounds that.....
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and that, unless you give notice of appeal on the form annexed hereto before the expiration of days from the date of this notice, or unless on representations made by you, I withdraw this objection—

- (a) your claim to be registered as a voter shall be rejected;
- (b) your name shall be struck off the roll.

If you give due notice of appeal, the matter shall be set down for hearing before a magistrate of the province in which you reside and the day and place appointed for such hearing shall be notified to you in due course.

Dated at this day of, 20.....

.....
Chief Elections Officer/Voter Registration Officer

FORM VR.6



Section 28 of the ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]
NOTICE OF OBJECTION BY A REGISTERED VOTER (Form VR.6)

To the Voter Registration Officer,
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I (full name in block capitals),

being a registered voter in theconstituency, do hereby
object to the name of (*full name in block capitals*).....

being on the roll of voters of theconstituency
in which I am registered, on the ground that

In terms of section 28 of the Electoral Act [*Chapter 2:13*], I submit this objection
in duplicate.

Signature:

Full postal address:

Email address:

Telephone:

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FORM VR.7



Section 35(2) of ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

NOTICE OF ALTERATION OF A VOTERS ROLL (Form VR.7)

The persons listed below are hereby notified that I have received proof of an error/omission/change in their registration as voters in the constituency ofand that such error/omission/change has accordingly been corrected as set out below.

Name of person	Constituency	Correction made in roll

Dated at this day of, 20

Chief Elections Officer/Voter Registration Officer

FORM VR.9



AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE
VOTER REGISTRATION

I,

(Full names)

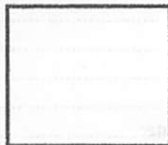
do hereby swear/affirm to this affidavit for the purpose of my application to register as a voter.

1. My national registration number is:
2. I have been informed and I realise that in terms of section 10 of the Justices and Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act [Chapter 7:09], it is an offence to declare false information in this document and that if I give false information I will be liable for prosecution and imprisonment for the offence of perjury.
3. I reside at: (Select and complete only one of the four subparagraphs 3(a), (b), (c) or (d))
 - (a) Village name/Resettlement area:
Name of village head: Headman:
Chief: District:
 - (b) House No./Stand No.: Street:
Suburb: Town:
 - (c) Name of school/ hospital/mine or other institution:
Name of head or manager of the school/hospital/mine or other institution:
 - (d) Other (Deponent to give full details):

I make the above statement sincerely and knowing the same to be true.

Signed: Thumbprint

DEPONENT



Sworn before me at on this day of 20.....

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(full names)

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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

