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## The Road to 2022

On 24 September 2021, the Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Mohammed Saneem, conducted a comprehensive online Facebook live presentation on the Fijian Elections Office's [FEO] plans for the preparation of the 2022 General Election.

The presentation was open to all members of the public, Political Parties, Civil Society, media and other interested stakeholders.

"We are working on enhancing the transparency of the conduct of elections in Fiji and this live update on Facebook is designed to give voters, political parties, donor agencies and various other stakeholders first-hand information from the election management body on the plans and processes leading up to the FEO's election ready date" explained Mr. Saneem.

The presentation on Facebook was part of a series of presentations that the FEO intends to conduct in the buildup to the next general election.

"The FEO is targeting to be election ready by 20 May 2022," announced Mr. Saneem.

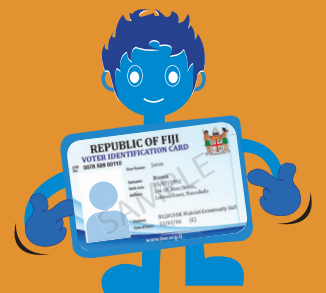
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The Supervisor of Elections Mr. Mohammed Saneem gave a live update for the 2022 General Election via Facebook on 24 September 2021.

# Recruitment Drive:

## Phase 1 of Election Officials Recruitment Commences

The FEO commenced Phase 1 of the recruitment of election officials for the 2022 General Election at the beginning of the month.

“The first phase is the online re-registration process for those staff that had worked for the FEO in the 2018 General Election and are still interested in working with us to deliver the 2022 General Election” announced the Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Mohammed Saneem.

“The recruitment of election officials will be done in three (3) phases, Phase 1 being for returning election officials, Phase 2 is for those who are interested in working for the FEO in 2022 but have not worked for us before and the final phase is targeted recruitment drives in areas of low application rates” continued Mr. Saneem.

The Phase 1 of the recruitment drive will take place from 01 September 2021 to 15 October 2021.

Interested individuals can apply online via [jobs.feo.org.fj](https://jobs.feo.org.fj)



Training of Election Officials before deployment.

## IDD QUIZ

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## FEO's International Day of Democracy Quiz attracts 644 teams

A total of 644 teams took part in this year's International Day of Democracy (IDD) Quiz hosted by the FEO as part of its commemoration of the event.

The online quiz marathon went live at 7pm and all the teams were given one (1) hour to attempt 30 quiz questions ranging from elections in Fiji, the Constitutional provisions governing elections, the Parliament and international principles on election management.

“The participation rate for the quiz, which was only marketed on Facebook by the SoE, was impressive and at the same time very encouraging as well” were the remarks of Neelam Prasad, Manager Public Relations who had conceived the idea of online quiz marathons as a means to reach out to voters.

The FEO offered \$300 cash as prize money to the winning team, \$200 for the 2nd place, \$150 to the 3rd place, \$100 to the 4th place and \$50 to the 5th place winners.

“All the top 10 teams scored from 120 to 145 out of 150 points which shows that they did extensive research prior to participating in the quiz” said Ms. Prasad.

“Aside from correctly answering all the questions, the online quiz marathon required the teams to complete the quiz in the shortest amount of time so that they could be the winners.”

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QuizMe	90%	135/150	00:32:44	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm
Medicine	90%	135/150	00:56:25	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm
Team Duff	86.7%	130/150	00:35:29	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:08pm
Team All	83.3%	125/150	00:34:42	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm
Blue Democracy	83.3%	125/150	00:59:55	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:03pm
Hunters	83.3%	125/150	01:00:02	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm
Team Ravuci	80%	120/150	00:23:34	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:01pm
Kumars2	80%	120/150	00:32:23	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm
Shershaah	80%	120/150	00:57:16	Wed 15 Sep '21 7:00pm

The top 10 teams for the IDD Quiz 2021.

The Supervisor of Elections in thanking all the participants remarked that “The impressive part about this competition was the high rate of participation by groups of youths as teams, family members as teams, as well as work colleagues as teams, all of which means the level of awareness on elections and democracy spreads through these networks”.

This year's quiz competition was won by the father and daughter team from Nadi who called their team Quizpicable Me 2. Congratulations once again Nisad and Saleha.



## E-Vuli :

### Train the Trainer Sessions with the Supervisor of Elections

Over 150 Year 10 Social Science Teachers from across the country heard first hand from the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem, on the processes and activities that go into the preparation and conduct of a general election.

These teachers were participants of the Training of Trainers Program on the Year 10 Introduction to Elections Module which is designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills for the effective delivery of the Module to students.

Discussions with the SoE ranged from the vote counting process and allocation of seats to the challenges faced in the conduct of general elections in Fiji. Teachers also expressed their interest to work as Election Officials in 2022.

The Introduction to Elections Module which was implemented by the FEO in 2018, was the first ever substantive voter education curriculum for Year 10 students in Fiji.

A total of 334 teachers participated in the one (1) month training program.



Training of Trainers Zoom session with the Supervisor of Elections

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## Election Plans Finalized



FEO team members during their 2022 General Election Planning Workshop in September.



### Two Day Election Planning Workshop for FEO Core Team

As the FEO heads into full election mode, the core team met for a two (2) day workshop in September to finalize the strategies for the delivery of the next general election.

In addressing the team, Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem emphasized the FEO needed to be election ready by 20 May 2022.

FEO's Director Operations, Anaseini Senimoli presented a breakdown of

election activities that would need to be undertaken by the FEO in the next eight (8) months in order to be ready for a possible Writ Day in May of 2022.

The two (2) days of intense planning saw the different departments discuss their activities and the strategies for their implementation.

The outcome was a Master Plan of all key activities and its corresponding timelines which various departments

would now execute in the coming months.

"26 May 2022 is the first possible date on which the Writ for the next general election can be issued," Ms Senimoli said.

"With only eight (8) months left to go, preparations for the 2022 General Election have commenced in full force at the FEO," Director Corporate Services, Mr Sanjeshwar Ram said.



## GREEN VOTER CARD



## UPGRADED VOTER CARD

# Fijians Urged to Upgrade to the Blue VoterCard

The green coloured VoterCard or VoterCard 1.0 has expired and voters who are still holding on to it are urged to upgrade to the blue coloured VoterCard.

The blue coloured VoterCard has more security features, more details of the voter in terms of the polling venue and it also shows when the card was issued.

Members of the public can go to the nearest VSC to upgrade their VoterCard and the service is offered free of cost.

To help facilitate the transition to VoterCard 2.0, the FEO will also be opening more VSC's around the country in the coming months.



## PHOTO GALLERY



High Commissioner H.E.P.S. Karthigeyan (left) made a courtesy visit to the Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem on 8 September 2021, at FEO in Toorak.



High Commissioner H.E.P.S. Karthigeyan (right) with Mr Saifullah Khan, Head of Chancery (left) during their visit to the Electoral Commission Chairperson - Mr Suresh Chandra (center) on 17 September 2021, at FEO in Toorak.

## Opening of Voter Services Centres



### VSC'S OPENING SOON

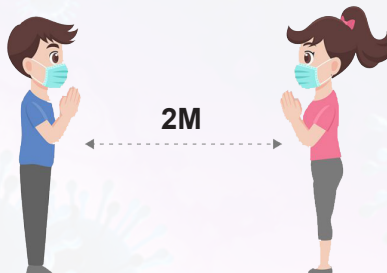
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Nadi, Rakiraki	01-Nov-2021
Taveuni, Levuka, Korovou	15-Nov-2021
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Nausori, Nasinu	10-Jan-2022
Savusavu	10-Jan-2022



# COVID PREVENTION TIPS



**WASH YOUR HANDS WITH  
SOAP AND WATER**



**MAINTAIN DISTANCE**



**WEAR MASK**



**GET VACCINATED**

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