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GENERAL ELECTION



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IT'S TIME TO VOTE



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POSTAL VOTING APPLICATIONS **NOW OPEN!**



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POSTAL VOTING APPLICATION FORM

Initial Instructions

- Use a tick (✓) where appropriate
- Use Black or Blue pen **ONLY**
- Use **BLOCK LETTERS** to complete form

FEO Date Stamp:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Form Complete Yes / No

Approved Yes / No

Rejected - Incomplete / Not legally compliant

Rejection letter sent Date:

Time

PVID #

1.0 Applicants Details: Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ *(Name as shown in your VoterCard)*

Surname:					
First Name(s):			Other Name(s):		
PL	Country	Mobile	Email		

To Apply:

Collect the Postal Voting Application Form from any of our offices, fill out all the necessary details and drop it with us **OR**

Submit the application online by going on to:
services.feo.org.fj/postal

Applications close at 5:00pm, on 23/11/22.

Once the application is approved, the FEO will send each Postal Voter one (1) Postal Voting Package.
All Postal Ballots must reach the FEO no later than 6:00pm on Election Day.



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2022 General Election Key Dates

Date	Event
31/10/22	Writ for the 2022 General Election Issued
31/10/22	Voter Registration Closes Political Party Registration Closes
01/11/22	Candidate Nominations Open at 8.00am
14/11/22	Candidate Nominations Close at 12 noon
15/11/22	Nomination Withdrawals by 12 noon
15/11/22	Objections and Appeals by 4.00pm
18/11/22	National Candidates Ball Draw (or earlier as determined by the Fijian Elections Office)
23/11/22	Postal Voting Applications Closes at 5.00pm
05/12/22	Pre-Poll Voting Begins
09/12/22	Pre-Poll Voting Ends
12/12/22	Media Blackout on Campaigning commences at 7.30am - 48 hours prior to Election Day
14/12/22	Election Day: Voting is between 7.30am to 6.00pm Postal Votes must be received by 6.00pm
14/12/22	Election Night: Provisional Results will be progressively released. Download the FEO Results App to get results.

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Voter Registration

will close at **6PM** on

31 October 2022



**Visit the nearest
Voter Registration Centre.
Bring a valid
Photo ID.**

**CHOOSE
TO
REGISTER**

**CORRECT YOUR
POLLING VENUE**

REPUBLIC OF FIJI
VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD

EVR No: 0007 194 00650

First Names: Charlie

Family Name: Brown

Date of Birth: 15/07/1980

Address: Gaji Rd, Jittu Estate
Samabula, Suva, Rewa

Division: C3502070, Samabula High School

Date of Issue: 13/02/2020 (N)

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Polling
Venue
details.



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2022 National Register of Voters Statistics

Total
Registered
Voters

692,918

CENTRAL
DIVISION

296,986

WESTERN
DIVISION

260,247

Voter
Demographics

2022

Total

347,800
345,118

Males

18,286
18,976

Females

77,456
78,671

18-20

21-30

31-40

41-50

51-60

61-70

71-80

81+

EASTERN
DIVISION

26,490

OVERSEAS
VOTERS

9,456

NORTHERN
DIVISION

99,739

Data as at 28 October, 2022

Statement by the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission

Announcement of 2022 General Election Date

The Supervisor of Elections,
Members of the media,
Ladies and gentlemen.
Bula Vinaka and a very warm welcome to you all.

The Prime Minister has announced that 14 December 2022 will be the date for the General Election.

The Electoral Commission, under Section 75 of the Constitution, is responsible for the conduct of Elections in Fiji; and I would like to assure all Fijians that we are ready. The Fijian Elections Office has concluded all its Election preparation activities.

On the day the Writ for the 2022 General Election is issued, the Fijian Elections Office will complete voter registration. The FEO is also on track in terms of staffing and resources.

Ladies and gentlemen, with the announcement of the 2022 General Election, I would like to inform all voters that Postal Voting Applications are now open.

Every registered Fijian who is overseas will be required to apply for a Postal Vote. Postal Voting Application forms can be accessed on services.feo.org.fj.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Writ for the 2022 General Election will be issued tomorrow, the 31st of October 2022. This means that Fijians need to know of a few very important requirements.

1. Any Fijian who will turn 18 years old before the Writ is issued can still register;
2. Voter registration will cease following the issue of the Writ, at the time prescribed by the Writ. So, if you still have not registered, this is your opportunity to do so;
3. Political Party registrations will also cease immediately after the Writ is issued.

Following the issue of the Writ, the Fijian Elections Office will publish a timeline of important dates for all Fijians to note.

As announced earlier, the 2022 General Election will take place on 14 December 2022 with Polling Stations open from 7.30am, and will close at 6.00pm after the last voter in the queue at 6pm has voted.

Following the issuance of the Writ, candidate nominations will open.

The last day for filing candidate nominations is 12pm on 14 November 2022. Any person who wishes to withdraw their nominations may do so by 12.00noon the next day.

As of today, ladies and gentlemen, the Fijian Elections Office expects to operate 855 Election Day Polling Venues and 613 Pre-Poll Venues around the country by employing 7,541 staff.

We have successfully completed the training of Election Officials, Media and Political Parties, and have concluded the “Know Your Election” Voter Awareness Drive.

The Fijian Elections Office has also opened the 1500 toll free helpline where voters can call in to make basic enquiries such as the location of a voter’s Polling Venue.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, the Electoral Commission would like to ask you all to complete a checklist:

1. Do you know where your Polling Venue is? If yes, help a friend find theirs by texting their Voter Number to 1500.
2. Do you have a VoterCard or any other valid photo ID card? If yes, help another voter keep their card intact.
3. Do you know how to vote? If yes, help another voter. If not, visit www.feo.org.fj for the latest information on how to vote.

We are optimistic that this year’s Election will set new benchmarks. This can only be possible if all voters exercise their democratic right and come out to vote.

The Fijian Elections Office has conducted a comprehensive voter education and awareness exercise to ensure that voters know what to expect at their Polling Venue and how to mark their Ballot Paper.

It is incumbent on us to ensure that every effort has been made to make the 2022 General Election simple, easy and convenient.

With these words, ladies and gentlemen I once again urge all eligible Fijians to familiarize themselves with the voting processes and, come out to vote.

Thank you and vinaka vakalevu.



The EC Chairperson, Mr Mukesh Nand announces the Election Date

Free Transportation on Election Day

The Fijian Elections Office [‘FEO’] will be providing free transport for Fijians to vote in the 2022 General Election.

While making the announcement, the Electoral Commission Chairperson, Mr Mukesh Nand said that during the 2014 and 2018 General Election, the Electoral Commission had engaged voluntary transportation to Fijians.

“There are many locations (such as inner city and town roads and the distant rural locations) where bus services are not available. It was also noted that despite the availability of services in some areas, the turnout was lower than expected,” said Mr Nand.

“Therefore, the FEO will organize transportation services that are best suited to the needs of each polling location.”

The FEO will work closely with the Advisory Councilors and Turaga-ni-Koros to establish practical transportation in different areas.

“The other important expectation is that the transportation services will start as early as 7am and continue in higher frequency in the morning half of the day,” said the Chairperson.

The FEO will work in conjunction with the Land Transport Authority, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, and Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport in providing free transportation services to 101 election hubs in Fiji.



The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with FEO and relevant stakeholders



The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem showcases the Free Public Transportation on Election Day Manual during the MOU Signing



The signing of the MOU between FEO and relevant stakeholders

5,500 bottles of Indelible Ink for the 2022 General Election

The Electoral Commission received 5,500 bottles of indelible ink from the High Commission of India this month to be utilized in the upcoming general election.

Speaking at the official handover ceremony, Chairperson of the Commission, Mr Mukesh Nand said the indelible ink was a critical element of Fiji's voting process because it served as a confirmation of a vote.

"The indelible ink used in the process ensures that a person is able to only vote once therefore promoting fairness and helping safeguard the principle of 'One person, One vote, One value,'" Mr Nand said.

This marks the third election in which India has assisted Fiji by providing Indelible Ink amounting

to approximately \$320,000.

The Electoral Commission and the FEO thank the High Commission of India in Fiji as well as the Government of India for their generous assistance towards this election.

"It is your job and mine to carry the indelible ink-marked on our finger with national pride as it symbolizes loyalty and patriotism," Mr Nand added.

"We must take ownership and work towards a fair general election."



The Electoral Commission receives indelible ink from the High Commission of India

FEO Appoints new DSoE

Mr Robin Boyd was appointed as the Deputy Supervisor of Elections [**'DSoE'**] at the FEO for the 2022 General Election.

In announcing the appointment of the new DSoE, the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said:

"Considering that the election can be announced any time, and since Craig had to return for medical attention, it was imperative that the DSOE position is duly filled.

"Mr Boyd has over 40 years of election experience from the Australian Electoral Commission and holds expertise in the areas of electoral administration, management of major electoral events, capacity building as well as staff mentoring."

Mr Boyd served as the Director of Operations during the 2014 General Election in Fiji and has remained as a Senior Election Advisor to FEO since 2015. Apart from Australia, Mr Boyd has experience working in elections in countries such as, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia and Namibia.

"The FEO team is pleased to have Mr Boyd on board and we look forward to his contribution to the 2022 General Election," Mr Saneem said.

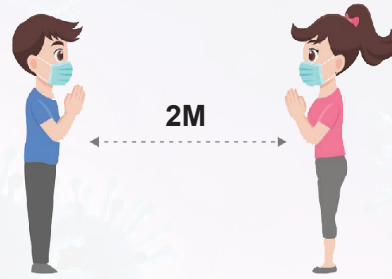


The Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Mr Robin Boyd

COVID PREVENTION TIPS



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER



MAINTAIN DISTANCE



WEAR MASK



GET VACCINATED

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