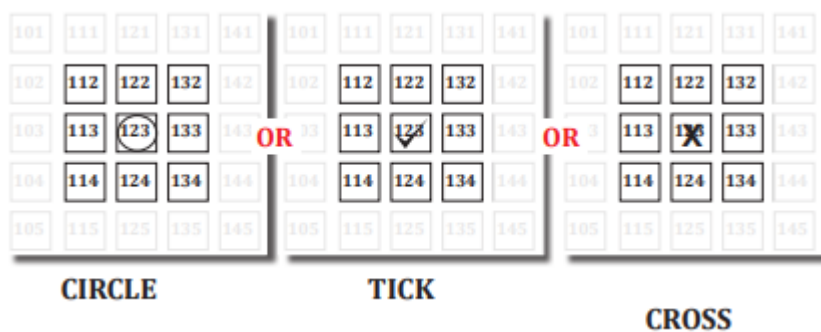


HOW TO VOTE

METHODS OF VOTING

Voting is done in three (3) different ways in Fiji. A large majority of voters will be voting on Election Day. Voters in the maritime and in the highlands as well as the disciplined forces will be voting in Pre-Poll. Postal Voting option is also available to voters.

In order to vote in the General Election, you will have to circle or tick or cross the number of the candidate you wish to vote for.



You must follow the rules below:

- (i) Vote in person in the Polling Station where your name appears on the Voter List.
- (ii) Mark your Ballot Paper in secret at the Cardboard Voting Booth
- (iii) While at the Polling Station you must not announce openly the candidate you have voted for.
- (iv) Family or group voting at the Cardboard Voting Booth is not allowed.
- (v) Voting on behalf of another voter is prohibited.
- (vi) Once you have put your Ballot Paper in the Ballot Box, you must leave the Polling Station immediately.
- (vii) Give priority to the elderly, people with disabilities and pregnant women.
- (viii) Adhere strictly to Covid-19 safety protocols.

The Voter Instruction Booklet

Every voter, as they enter the Polling Station, will be given a copy of the Voter Instruction Booklet. The Voter Instruction Booklet will contain the number, name, photo and party symbol of all the candidates contesting the General Election.

Voting on Election Day

Voting starts at 7:30am and must immediately close at 6:00pm or after the last voter in the queue at 6:00pm has voted. The FEO will setup Polling Stations at all locations as per the voter registration.

The following is a standard Polling Station setup:



Election Day Voting Steps

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STEP 1: Inside Queue Control

Please ensure that you are wearing your mask properly. Your fingers will be checked for ink marking and then you will be asked to sanitize your hands. The Inside Queue Controller will remind you to have your VoterCard or valid photo ID ready before issuing you with a Voter Instruction Booklet.



STEP 2: Identification

You will need to show your VoterCard or valid photo ID to the ID Officer/ Ballot Paper Issuer who will confirm your name on the Voter List.



STEP 3: Signature

Please sign the Voter List in the 'Signature' column using the Voter List Stencil.



STEP 4: Issuing the Ballot Paper

You will then be issued with **1** Ballot Paper and instructed on how to mark the Ballot Paper.

**STEP 5: Marking the Ballot Paper**

Proceed to the Cardboard Voting Booth, look through the Voter Instruction Booklet to identify the number of the candidate you would like to vote for and either **Circle** or **Tick** or **Cross** the number on the Ballot Paper. Once you are done, fold the Ballot Paper into 2.

**STEP 6: Inking**

The Inking Officer will then mark your index finger or little finger on the left hand.

**STEP 7: Placing Ballot Paper in the Ballot Box**

You will now put the folded Ballot Paper in the Ballot Box.

**STEP 8: Leaving Polling Station and Polling Venue**

You will receive an 'I VOTED' sticker before leaving the Polling Station and Polling Venue.

**Pre- Poll Voting**

The EC has approved that the following people will be voting in advance of Election Day.

- (i) People living in very remote places.
- (ii) Residents of nursing homes or health care facilities.
- (iii) Members of the Disciplined Forces.
- (iv) Those under pre-trial detention or sentence of imprisonment.

The FEO has already published the list of venues on which Pre-Poll will take place.

Voters listed to vote in these locations cannot vote on Election Day. For the General Election, the FEO will also put Pre-Poll Road signs in each of these locations.



NOTE: Pre-Poll Ballot Papers will be counted at the National Count Centre on Election Night.

Pre-Poll Voting Steps

STEP 1: Inside Queue Control

Voter must wear a proper mask at the Polling Station. Fingers are checked for ink marking, before being hand sanitized. Also, voter is reminded to have their VoterCard or valid photo ID ready before being issued with a Voter Instruction Booklet by the Inside Queue Controller.



STEP 2: Identification

Voter shows VoterCard or valid photo ID to ID Officer/ Ballot Paper Issuer who will confirm the Voter's name before drawing a line through the Voter's name on the Voter List using the Voter List Stencil.



STEP 3: Signature

Voter signs the Voter List in the 'Signature' column using the Voter List Stencil.



STEP 4: Issuing the Ballot Paper & Secret Envelope

The Voter will be issued 1 Ballot Paper and 1 Secret Envelope before instructions on marking and folding of the Ballot Paper into 2 is explained by the ID Officer/ Ballot Paper Issuer.



STEP 5: Marking the Ballot Paper

Voter goes to the Cardboard Voting Booth, looks through the Voter Instruction Booklet to identify the number of the candidate they would like to vote for and either **Circle** or **Tick** or **Cross** the number on the Ballot Paper before folding it into 2.



STEP 6: Placing of Ballot Paper into the Secret Envelope

Voter will fold the Ballot Paper into 2 and put it inside the Secret Envelope before sealing it. Voter will now proceed to the Inking Officer.



STEP 7: Inking

Voter has their index finger or little finger on the left hand marked by the Inking Officer.



STEP 8: Placing Secret Envelope in the Ballot Box

Voter puts the Secret Envelope in the Ballot Box.



STEP 8: Leaving the Polling Venue

Voter receives "I VOTED" sticker before leaving the Polling Station and Polling Venue.



6.3 Postal Voting

Who can apply for Postal Voting?

- (i) A registered voter who is living outside of Fiji or will be outside of Fiji on Polling Day.
- (ii) A registered voter who is unable to travel to a Polling Station due to serious illness, religious beliefs or work commitments.
- (iii) A registered voter who is under pre-trial detention or sentence of imprisonment.

To apply as a Postal Voter, you can either:

- (i) Collect the Postal Voting Application form from any FEO, VSC, Division Office or Area Office fill out all the necessary details and drop your application form at any of our offices; or
- (ii) Download the Postal Voting Application form from <https://services.feo.org.fj/postal>, fill out all the necessary details and upload the form together with a copy of your VoterCard to the link <https://services.feo.org.fj/postal>

FEO will start receiving Postal Voting Applications once the date of Election is announced and applications will close no later than 5:00pm, on the 23rd Day after the issue of Writ. All voters who are registered overseas are entitled to vote via Postal Ballot.

Once the application is approved the FEO will send each Postal Voter one

- (1) Postal Voting Package.



All Postal Ballots must reach the FEO Headquarters no later than 6:00pm
on Election Day.

Voting Steps - Postal Voting

You will receive a Postal Voting Package from the FEO.



Inside the Postal Voting Package you will receive a Voter Instruction Booklet, 1 Ballot Paper, a Secret Envelope, a Transmission Envelope, a Return Envelope and a Postal Voting Process Brochure.



Use the Voter Instruction Booklet to identify the number of the candidate you would like to vote for.



You must **CIRCLE** or **TICK** or **CROSS** the number of the candidate of your choice.



After voting, fold the ballot paper and place it inside the Secret Envelope.



Seal the Secret Envelope and place it inside the Transmission Envelope.



Complete and sign the Declaration Form
at the back of the Transmission Envelope.



Place the Transmission Envelope into the
Return Envelope and send it by courier to
the address printed on the front of the Re-
turn Envelope.

