VOTING ABROAD IN THE 2019 NATIONAL ELECTION

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On 26 February 2019 the President of the Republic of South Africa and the provincial Premiers proclaimed the 8 May 2019 as the elections date by way of notices in the Government Gazette.

Please note that voting day abroad will not occur on the same date as voting inside of the Republic of South Africa on 8 May 2019.

Voting abroad is scheduled for Saturday 27 April 2019.

Now that the President and Premiers have proclaimed the 8 May 2019 as the date of the 2019 National and Provincial Elections, registered voters who intend to vote abroad are required to notify the CEO of the IEC of their intention to vote abroad, and at which mission they intend to vote abroad. This notification template is available on www.elections.org.za and will be available until 13 March 2019.

Importantly, voter registration for the 2019 elections closes on the day of proclamation. No further applications to register to vote for the 2019 elections may be received after proclamation.

In summary, to vote abroad in the 2019 National Election, the following is required:

1. A person needs to be registered to vote, and
2. Registered voters need to complete an online VEC10 template on www.elections.org.za which will be available until 13 March 2019.
3. On voting day abroad, voters will need to take their South African identity document (ID) – either a green barcoded ID book, smart ID card or valid temporary ID certificate AND their valid South African passport to the same mission mentioned in their online VEC10 template. Voting hours are from 7:00 to 21:00.