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DO YOU HAVE A SOUTH AFRICAN (BARCODED) IDENTITY DOCUMENT?

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## The importance of registration in voting?

- Registration is the only way that will give you access to elect the government that you want.
- The process of voting starts with registering for voting.
- You will only vote if you are a registered voter.
- You may have an Identity Document and be above the age of 18 but that does not guarantee you the right to vote; registration is the voting guarantee.
- You only vote in an area where you have registered to vote
- This allows IEC to know the number of voters in that particular year and area.
- This will eliminate suspicions of vote rigging.
- This becomes another mechanism to ensure that voters cast their votes only once.

NB: You will vote in an election only if your name appears on the Voters' Roll.

#### The Voters' Roll

For elections to be free and fair, the Voters' Roll must be as accurate and inclusive as possible. Voters' details must be captured correctly and completely. A voter's particulars will appear only once on the Voters' Roll, and only on that segment of the roll where the voter was last registered. At election time the roll is divided into segments for use at individual voting stations.

#### **Requirements for registration**

To be entered on voter's roll you must:

- (I) Apply for registration in person
- (II) Be a South African citizen
- (III) Possess and show a valid barcoded identity document or valid temporary identity certificate (TIC)

#### NOTE WELL / IMPORTANT

Check if your name appears on the voter's roll at your nearest Local municipality where you will be voting. IEC offices are opened any other day for you to check your name in the voters' roll. There will also be registration weekends where all registration points will be opened and that will be announced in the media.

### "Your vote is your secret"

You are not compelled to divulge what party you will be voting for. No one will know, your vote remains your secret.

**NB**: A date for voting will be announced by the President of the country, and that is the only date for voting and there will be no other date, do not get confused. Cast your vote on the date and make your vote work for you.

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