



SINGAPORE ELECTIONS

INFORMATION ON
REGISTRATION
OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS



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Foreword

Overseas voting was first implemented in Singapore's elections in 2006. With the experience gained in conducting overseas voting at the 2006 General Election, the Singapore Government decided that the qualifying criteria and registration procedure for overseas electors could be reviewed to facilitate voting by more overseas Singaporeans.

Accordingly, the election law was amended in 2008, providing for a shorter residency period in Singapore for an overseas citizen to qualify as overseas elector and an extended period for registration which could be submitted online. It was also decided that an additional overseas polling station be set up at the Singapore Consulate in New York, making a total of nine overseas polling stations for the next Presidential Election and General Election.

In connection with the revision of the Registers of Electors, the Elections Department of Singapore has started to register overseas electors based on the revised qualifying criteria from 3 March 2009. If you are a Singapore citizen residing overseas who satisfies the revised qualifying criteria, you may apply to the Elections Department to be registered as an **overseas elector** to cast your vote at any one of the nine overseas polling stations.

This booklet is intended to provide you with useful information on the qualifying criteria and how you may register as an overseas elector. For further enquiries or clarifications, please call us at phone number: +65 6222 1808, or email us at: ELD_Feedback@eld.gov.sg

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
SINGAPORE





How can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector?

You may apply to be registered as an overseas elector by any of the following ways:

(a) Online

You may apply online via the Elections Department's eServices provided at its website (www.elections.gov.sg) using your NRIC number and SingPass.

*You will be able to complete your application form and submit it online **only** if you login to the Elections Department's eServices using your SingPass. If you do not have a SingPass, you may apply for it at the SingPass website (www.singpass.gov.sg).*

(b) By registered post

You may also login to the Elections Department's eServices using your Date of Issue of NRIC. However, using this mode of login will **not** allow you to submit your application online. You will have to print out the application form, affix your signature and send it by registered post to the Elections Department, or to any of the overseas registration centres.⁴

(c) In person

Alternatively, you may apply in person at the Elections Department or at any of the overseas registration centres, by submitting a duly completed and signed application form which may be downloaded from the Elections Department Website (www.elections.gov.sg) or obtained from the Elections Department or any of the overseas registration centres.

⁴The nine overseas registration centres are listed at the end of the booklet.



Am I qualified to be registered as an overseas elector?

You are qualified to be registered as an overseas elector if you are currently residing outside Singapore and, **as on 1 February 2009**, you:

- (a) are a Singapore citizen not less than 21 years of age;
- (b) have a Singapore residential address registered with the Commissioner of National Registration (*at the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority*) (ie. a valid local NRIC address), or

in the case where you have changed your NRIC address to a foreign address, have reported a contact address¹ in Singapore with the Commissioner of National Registration;

- (c) are not disqualified from being an elector under any prevailing law²; and

(The above will entitle you to have your name entered or retained in the Register of Electors of the constituency where your NRIC address or contact address in Singapore is located)

- (d) have resided in Singapore for **a total of 30 days during the three years immediately before 1 February 2009** (*i.e. between 1 February 2006 and 31 January 2009*).

When can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector?

You may apply to be registered as an overseas elector from 3 March 2009 onwards. Registration may be made at any time except during the election period.³

¹See Question 12 under the FAQs for the definition of “contact address” under the National Registration Act.

²However, if you are a non-voter (ie. your name was struck off from the Register of Electors because you failed to vote in a previous election), you may apply to Elections Department for your name to be restored to the Register of Electors. See Question 9 under the FAQs.

³Election period refers to the period from the day when the writ for an election is issued to the day when the election is completed.

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

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Why must I provide an overseas address in my application for registration as an overseas elector?

Your overseas address is required as proof that, you are truly residing overseas. It also enables the Elections Department to send notifications to you (eg. notification of your successful registration as overseas elector, poll-letter during an election, etc).

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How will I know whether my application to be registered as an overseas elector is successful?

Applications for registration will be processed by the Elections Department only on receipt of the duly completed application form submitted by you either online, by registered post or in person. You will be notified whether or not your application is successful. If your application is successful, the name of the overseas polling station allotted to you for voting will be indicated in the reply.



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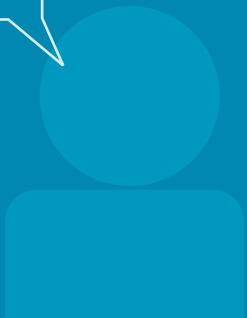
How long will my registration as an overseas elector remain valid?

Once you are successfully registered, your status as an overseas elector will remain valid until such time when the Registers of Electors are next revised, or when you cancel your registration. If you wish to continue to be an overseas elector after the Registers of Electors are next revised, you will have to submit a fresh application for registration then.

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Being an overseas elector, which type of election can I vote in?

Your registration as an overseas elector is valid for both Presidential elections and Parliamentary elections.





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Can I change the overseas polling station that was allotted to me for voting?

You are allowed to change your allotted overseas polling station by the following ways:

- (a) Online via the Elections Department's eServices provided at its website (www.elections.gov.sg) using your NRIC number and SingPass;
- (b) By post using the application form downloaded from the Elections Department website.



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How can I update my overseas address / contact particulars with the Elections Department?

You may update your overseas address and contact particulars with the Elections Department by the following ways:

- (a) Online via the Elections Department's eServices provided at its website (www.elections.gov.sg); or
- (b) Write to Elections Department at 11 Prinsep Link Singapore 187949, or e-mail to the Elections Department at ELD_Feedback@eld.gov.sg stating your name, Singapore NRIC number and new overseas address/contact particulars.

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Can I cancel my registration as an overseas elector?

You may cancel your registration as an overseas elector via the Elections Department's eServices at www.elections.gov.sg. Similar to the registration procedure, you may also perform an online cancellation of your registration if you login to the eServices using your NRIC number and SingPass.



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As a registered overseas elector, how would I know when I am to cast my vote?

The date and hours of poll for overseas voting will be published in the Singapore Government Gazette and will be announced through the Singapore media and the Elections Department website.

You will also receive a poll-letter sent to your overseas address as registered with the Elections Department. The poll-letter will state, amongst other things, the names of your assigned constituency and allotted overseas polling station, as well as the polling date and hours for that overseas polling station.

A poll card informing you of your allotted polling station in Singapore will also be sent to your latest NRIC address/contact address.

Q9: Information for Non-Voters

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Can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector if I had failed to vote in a previous election?

If your name had been removed from the Register of Electors due to your failure to vote at a contested election previously, you may apply for it to be restored to the Register of Electors of the constituency where your current NRIC address (*or contact address in Singapore, as the case may be*) is located.

You may also apply to be registered as an overseas elector of that constituency concurrently. However, your registration as an overseas elector will be processed only if your application for restoration of your name to the Register of Electors is successful.

If you have changed your NRIC address to a foreign address, you may report a contact address in Singapore⁵ to the Commissioner of National Registration at the same time when you apply for your name to be restored to the Register of Electors.

In which case, your application for restoration of name to the Register of Electors and for registration as overseas elector will be processed only after your reported contact address has been accepted by the Commissioner for National Registration.

⁵The contact address reported by you will be forwarded to the office of the Commissioner of National Registration for processing.

Q10 to 12: Questions related to Contact Address

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Why must I have a valid NRIC address or contact address in Singapore as on 1 February 2009 for my name to be entered or retained in any of the Registers of Electors?

1 February 2009 is the date prescribed by the Parliamentary Elections Act for determination of a person's qualification as an elector and the constituency he/she belongs to for the Register of Electors revised in 2009.

As elections in Singapore are conducted on constituency basis, the Register of Electors are compiled according to constituencies (ie. one Register for each constituency), based on the electors' NRIC addresses/contact addresses in Singapore. Even if a person qualifies as an elector, without a valid NRIC address/contact address in Singapore as on 1 February 2009, the Elections Department would not be able to enter his/her name in the Register of Electors of any constituency.

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I did not have a valid NRIC address/contact address in Singapore as on 1 February 2009. If I report a contact address to the Commissioner of National Registration now, can I be registered as an overseas elector?

If your contact address in Singapore is reported after 1 February 2009, your name will be inserted in the Register of Electors of the constituency where the contact address is located **only** at the time when the Register of Electors are next revised. You may apply for registration as an overseas elector at any time thereafter.



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How can I report a contact address in Singapore to the Commissioner of National Registration?

Under section 8(2) of the National Registration Act (Cap. 201), you are allowed to report a contact address in Singapore to the Commissioner of National Registration, which must be either the address of any residential property which you still own an estate or interest in, or the residential address of any of your family members.

"Family member", as defined in the said section of the National Registration Act, includes:

- (a) your spouse, grandparent, parent, sibling, child or grandchild;
- (b) any grandparent, parent or sibling of your spouse; or
- (c) any sibling of any of your parents or your spouse's parents or any child of any of your siblings or spouse's siblings.

Registration must be made by the submission of a duly completed and signed "**Declaration Form A**" to be faxed (Fax No. (65) 62936991) or sent to:

Manager (Identity Card),
Citizen Services Centre, ICA Building,
10 Kallang Road #03-00,
Singapore 208718,
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SAMPLE FORM

This form is to be completed by Singaporeans residing overseas who wish to apply to be registered as an overseas elector. It may take you not more than 5 minutes to complete if you have the required information ready with you, such as your corresponding particulars and the periods of your stay in Singapore within the 3 years prior to the cut-off-date for the latest registers of electors.

FORM 1

Regulations 4(1) and 8

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT
(CHAPTER 218)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
(REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS)
REGULATIONS

APPLICATION TO BE OVERSEAS ELECTOR

To: Registration Officer
Elections Department
11 Prinsep Link
Singapore 187949
SINGAPORE
<http://www.elections.gov.sg>

From:

CHEW PENG HONG

Name of Applicant

29, Lexia Place

Mulgrave 3174

Victoria, Australia

Overseas Address

PART I

1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS

NAME: **CHEW PENG HONG**

DATE OF BIRTH

2 0 0 3 1 9 7 9

Day Month Year

NRIC NO.

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Ref

2. CORRESPONDENCE PARTICULARS

Hamphone No.: **91234567**

Fax No.: **001-61-3216-9876**

Telephone No.: **001-61-6123-4567**

E-mail: **penghong@net.au**

PART II

3. APPLICATION TO BE AN OVERSEAS ELECTOR

I wish to apply to be registered as an overseas elector. I am currently not residing in Singapore but have resided in Singapore for an aggregate of 30 days during the period of 3 years immediately preceding

1 February 2008 viz, the prescribed date referred to in section 5 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218). The periods I resided in Singapore are –

from **23-01-2007** to **10-05-2008**

from **14-10-2008** to **30-12-2008**

from _____ to _____

from _____ to _____

from _____ to _____

from _____ to _____

(if space is insufficient, complete by attaching additional paper)

PART III

4. OVERSEAS POLLING STATION

If my application is approved, I wish to vote at

High Commission of the Republic of Singapore - Australia

(Select from the list of overseas polling stations which is available on request)

SAMPLE FORM

PART IV

5. NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM REGISTRATION

I confirmed that –

- (a) I have not done any of the following:
- (i) acquired or applied to acquire by registration, naturalisation or other voluntary and formal act (other than marriage) the citizenship of any country outside Singapore;
 - (ii) voluntarily claimed and exercised any rights available to me under the law of any country outside Singapore being rights accorded exclusively to the citizens or nationals of that country, such as voting at any national, state or provincial election, or at any election for the local government of any metropolitan or urban area, of a foreign State or territory;
 - (iii) taken any oath or made any declaration or acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience or adherence to any foreign power or State; or
 - (iv) applied to the authorities of a place outside Singapore for the issue or renewal of a passport or used a passport issued by such authorities as a travel document;
- (b) I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) imposed by any court in or outside Singapore for an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months, or under sentence of death imposed by any such court or serving a sentence of imprisonment awarded in lieu of execution of any such sentence;
- (c) I have not been found or declared to be of unsound mind under any written law;
- (d) I am not incapable of being registered by reason of a conviction of a corrupt or illegal practice under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) or the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) or by reason of the report of an Election Judge in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Acts or by reason of a conviction under section 55 of the Parliamentary Elections Act or section 37 of the Presidential Elections Act;
- (e) I am not a serving member on full pay of any naval, military or air force not maintained out of moneys provided by Parliament of Singapore unless I possess a domicile in Singapore;
- (f) My name has not been expunged from the register of electors under sections 13 (3) and 43 (5) of the Parliamentary Elections Act or under section 26(5) of the Presidential Elections Act. If my name has been expunged from the register, I have applied to restore my name to the register under section 43(8) or 8(A) of the Parliamentary Elections Act or section 26(8) of the Presidential Elections Act;
- (g) I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) in any prison, jail or other place of detention outside Singapore;
- (h) I am not accused of an offence against any written law of Singapore punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months and there is no warrant of arrest by a court in Singapore authorizing my apprehension in relation to that offence in force; and
- (i) I have not been convicted by any court in Singapore of any offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months and there is no warrant of arrest by a court in Singapore authorising my apprehension in relation to that offence in force.

PART V

6. DECLARATION

I, CHEW PENG HONG , NRIC No. S7960054Z hereby declare that –

- (a) I am the applicant for registration as an overseas elector;
- (b) I am a citizen of Singapore and not less than 21 years of age; and
- (c) the particulars set out in Parts I, II and IV of this application are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

 6 March 2009

Date

 CHEW PENG HONG

Signature

List of Singapore Missions designated as Overseas Registration Centres and Overseas Polling Stations:

Embassy, Washington D.C

3501 International Place, NW
Washington DC 20008
Tel: 1-(202) 537-3100

Consulate General, San Francisco

595 Market Street, Suite 2450
San Francisco, CA 94105
United States of America
Tel: (415) 543-4775

High Commission, Canberra

17 Forster Crescent
Yarralumla
ACT 2600
Australia
Tel: (+61) 2-6271-2000

Embassy, Beijing, PRC

No. 1 Xiu Shui Bei Jie
Jian Guo Men Wai,
Chaoyang District
Beijing 1006
People Republic of China
Tel: 86 (10)-6532-1115

Consulate-General, Hong Kong SAR

Units 901, 9th floor,
Admiralty Centre Tower I
18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2527-2212

Consulate, New York

231 East 51st Street
(Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
New York NY 10022
United States of America
Tel: 1-(212) 223-3331

High Commission, London

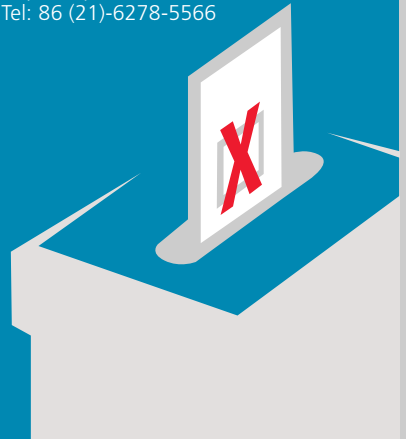
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Belgravia
London SW1X 8SP
United Kingdom
Tel: 44 (20) 7235-8315

Embassy, Tokyo, Japan

5-12-3, Roppongi
Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032
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Consulate-General, Shanghai

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Shanghai 200336
People Republic of China
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