



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHY ARE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?

In the Municipal Elections, we choose representatives and political parties who represent us in a municipal council. Elected councillors are responsible for improving community amenities and delivering services to everyone living in the area. They also oversee the implementation of municipal by-laws, and the provision of the following basic services:



Electricity



Water



Sanitation



Public Health



Waste Management



Local Roads and Infrastructure

Locally elected councillors know their communities and their needs.

They understand the functions of municipal departments and are able to monitor the status of service delivery.

HOW DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK?

Local government is made up of three different types of municipalities, which are run by councils.

Metropolitan Council Municipalities (Metros)

Metros are in cities and areas where a lot of people live. There are eight Metros: City of Ekurhuleni, City of Joburg, City of Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, eThekweni Metro, City of Cape Town, Buffalo City and Mangaung Metro.

Local Council Municipalities

Local municipalities consist of cities, towns, and rural communities, and are responsible for delivering local services and fostering economic growth.

District Council Municipalities

District municipalities in South Africa are governmental structures (Category C) that manage broad areas consisting of multiple local municipalities. They oversee shared local government functions and provide essential infrastructure, such as water and electricity, for the entire district.

WHO CAN VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

To vote in Municipal Elections you must:

1. Be a South African citizen;
2. Be 18 or older on voting day;
3. Have a green, bar-coded South African ID, a valid temporary ID certificate (TIC), or a smart identity card;
4. Be registered on the voters' roll; for that Ward and Municipality.

You need to register where you live and vote where you are registered to vote.