



Local Government Elections



YOUR GUIDE TO SPECIAL VOTES

To make sure that everyone's vote counts, if you are a registered voter and you cannot vote at your voting station on election day, you can apply for a special vote. This allows you to cast your vote on specific days before everyone else does on election day.

CAN ANYONE GET A SPECIAL VOTE?

If you are a registered voter, you can apply for a special vote if you:

Home Visit

Can't travel to your voting station because you are physically infirm or disabled. In this case, you can apply to vote at your home or place of residence where you applied on specific days before the general voting day.

Voting Station Visit

Can't vote at your voting station on Election Day. In this case, you will be allowed to **cast a special vote at a voting station in the voting district** where you are registered before the general voting day.

To apply for a special vote, you need to be a registered voter and have a green bar-coded ID book, smart ID card or a valid temporary identity certificate.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SPECIAL VOTE?

Voters with physical infirmity or disability and thus unable to reach their voting station, and those who will not be in their voting districts on election day may apply for a special vote as follows:



By visiting www.elections.org.za to complete your application online for voting station visit or home visit.



To complete your application manually, you can download the special votes application form at www.elections.org.za or visit local IEC offices during office hours.



If you have completed your application manually, the special vote application form needs to be hand delivered to your IEC office. If you cannot deliver the form, someone else can deliver it for you.



For special vote at a voting station only sms your identity number to 32249 (R1.50 per SMS).
VOTING STATION VISIT ONLY.

After submitting your application, we'll send you an SMS regarding its approval. To check your application status, SMS 32711 (R1.50) or visit www.elections.org.za.

IF MY SPECIAL VOTE APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL...



WHERE DO I VOTE?



Home Visit

If your application has been approved to be visited at your home or place of residence where you have applied to cast a special vote, election officials will visit you where you are stay and allow you to vote.



Voting Station Visit

For approved voting station visit, vote at the voting station where you are registered to vote.

What happens when I vote?



1 Hand your ID, Temporary Identification Certificate (TIC) or Smart ID card to the official.



Home Visit
Your name will be marked off the list of approved special voters.

or

Voting Station
Your name will be marked off both the approved list and the voter's roll with 'SV' to indicate that you have cast a special vote.



3 Your thumbnail will be marked with ink.



4 a If you are in a Metro you will receive two stamped ballots.
b If you are in a Local Municipality you will receive three stamped ballots.



5 a You will mark the ballots with [X] in secret.
b Envelopes will be used to make sure that your vote is kept secret.



6 You will place and seal the ballots in the smaller unmarked envelope.



7 The smaller unmarked envelope is placed in the bigger envelope that is then marked with your name, ID number and voting district number.



Home Visit
Election officials take the envelope and place it in a secure box file so that special votes cannot be tampered with.

Voting Station
Place the envelope with your ballots in the ballot box.



9 Your vote will be counted with all other votes once counting begins.

Contact the Electoral Commission

www.elections.org.za | info@elections.org.za | 0800 11 8000

WhatsApp "Hi" to 060 088 0000 for more information

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SMS your ID number to 32810 to check if and where you are registered (R1.00 per SMS)

