



# What happens when the boundaries of your voting district change?



Sometimes the boundaries of a voting district have to change. When this happens, the registered voters in the affected areas have to register again. It is important that you register again so that you don't vote in the wrong district. You need to be in the correct voting district so that you vote for a ward councillor who will represent the ward in which you live. To help you do this:

- IEC staff visit affected voters at their homes to register them in the correct voting district.
- IEC staff will also explain to voters about why their voting stations have changed.

## Why would the boundaries of a voting district change?

Sometimes it is necessary to re-draw the boundaries of a voting district. This might happen so that:

- Voters can get to their voting station more easily.
- The Electoral Commission can set up more voting stations in areas where voters might otherwise have to stand in long queues to vote.
- The voting district is inside the municipal ward boundary in cases where the boundaries of the local municipality have been adjusted.

*The Electoral Commission uses the voting districts to plan for elections:*

- Voters are registered on the national voters' roll against a voting district.
  - Knowing which voters are in which voting district improves planning. For example, it helps to plan for the number of ballot papers that each voting station needs.
  - Knowing which voter is in which voting district helps to make sure that all voting is legal.
- You are not allowed to register in a voting district in which you are not ordinarily resident.**

## What do affected voters need to do?

- You need to be aware that staff of the Electoral Commission in your area may have to visit your home.
- They will identify themselves as the staff of the Electoral Commission.



- You must show them your green bar-coded identity document (ID), smartcard ID or temporary ID certificate.
- You must complete the form they give you so they can register you again.
- The IEC official will scan your ID or smartcard ID. He or she will put a sticker into your ID book or, if you have a smartcard ID, stick it on a form. This is proof of application for registration. The official will give you a new voting station address.

**REMEMBER:** Do not give the official an address that is not your true address. **This is a crime and you could go to jail for up to 10 years.**

## When do affected voters need to register again?

- For the coming local government elections, you will be visited at your home at dates to be confirmed.
- The possible dates of visits will be in the local papers. Pamphlets will be delivered to your home.
- You can also re-register at your local IEC office or at your voting station during the general registration weekend ahead of the 2016 local government elections.

**REMEMBER:** You will not be able to register online or over the telephone. You must register **in person**.



## For more information contact the IEC

### National office

Tel: 012 622 5700 Fax: 012 622 5784

### IEC call centre

0800 11 8000 (during the election)

### Provincial offices

#### Eastern Cape

Tel: 043 709 4200  
Fax: 043 743 4784

#### Free State

Tel: 051 401 5000  
Fax: 051 430 4845

#### Gauteng

Tel: 011 644 7400  
Fax: 011 644 7448

#### KwaZulu-Natal

Tel: 031 279 2200  
Fax: 031 279 2226

#### Limpopo

Tel: 015 283 9100  
Fax: 015 297 2506

#### Mpumalanga

Tel: 013 754 0200  
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#### North West

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