

YOUR GUIDE TO SPECIAL VOTES

2024 National & Provincial Elections

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?

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



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.



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 29 May 2024 may apply for a special vote during this period **15 April 2024 to 03 May 2024** as follows:



During this period visit www.elections.org.za to complete your application online for voting station visit or home visit.

SMS your ID to 32249 (R1.00 per SMS) for voting stations only not home visits.



To complete your application manually, you can download the special votes application form (VEC1) at www.elections.org.za or collect an application form from your local IEC office.



If you have completed your application manually, the special vote application form needs to be hand delivered to your local IEC office.

If you cannot deliver the form, someone else can deliver it for you.

Once we have your application, we will send you an SMS to let you know if your special vote application has been approved or not. To check the status of your application, you can send an SMS to 32711 (R1.00 per SMS) or visit www.elections.org.za.

Contact the Electoral Commission

www.elections.org.za | info@elections.org.za | 0800 11 8000 (during elections)

WhatsApp 'Hi' to 060 088 0000 to find election information

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IF MY SPECIAL VOTE APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL...



WHEN DO I VOTE?

1. Special Votes in-Country (South Africa)

Special voting for home visits & voting station visits will take place on **27 and 28 May 2024** from **9am to 5pm**.

2. Special Votes Out-of-country

Special voting for those who intend to vote outside the country at the diplomatic mission of registration will happen on **17 and 18 May 2024**.



WHERE DO I VOTE?

1. 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 living and allow you to vote.

2. 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.



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

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

or



3. Your thumbnail will be marked with ink.



4. a. If registered in the province where you are voting, you will receive three ballot papers.
b. If the voter intends to vote outside of the province where registered, the voter will receive only the National ballot.



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.



8. 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.

or



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

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