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2022 NATIONAL ELECTION

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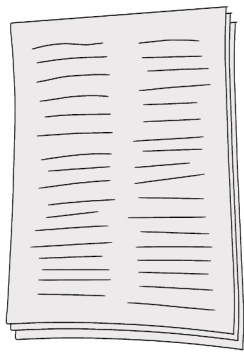
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WORDS TO KNOW



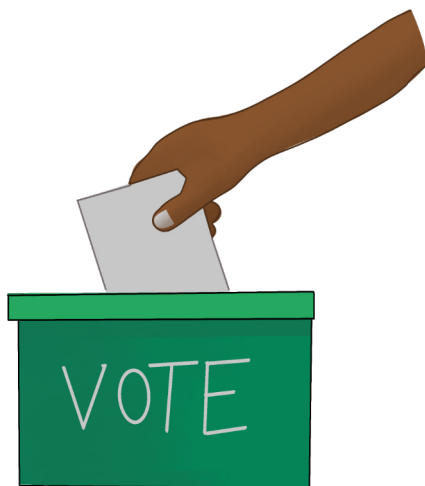
Citizen

A person who is given the rights and freedoms of the country where they live.



Electoral Roll

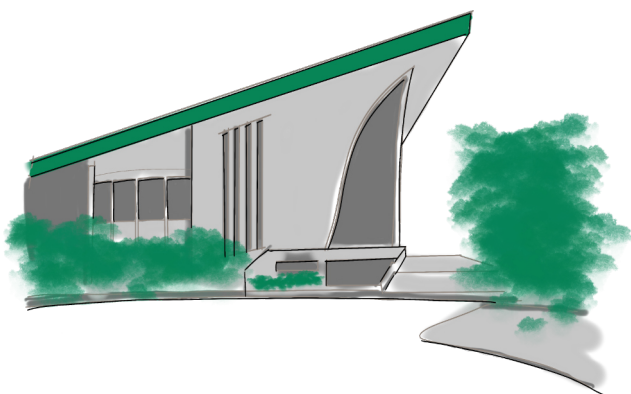
A list of voters.



Vote

Voting lets you have your say about who runs our country.

When you vote, you help to choose who is part of PNG's government.



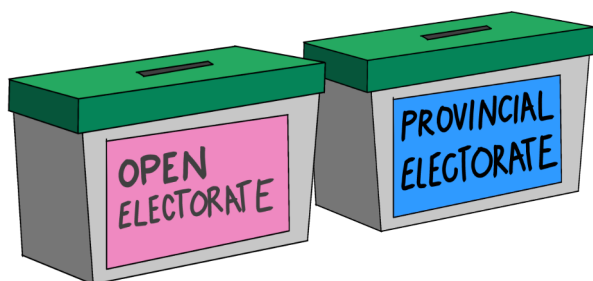
Election

A national election is for the whole country. It's how we choose PNG's government.



Voters

People who can vote.



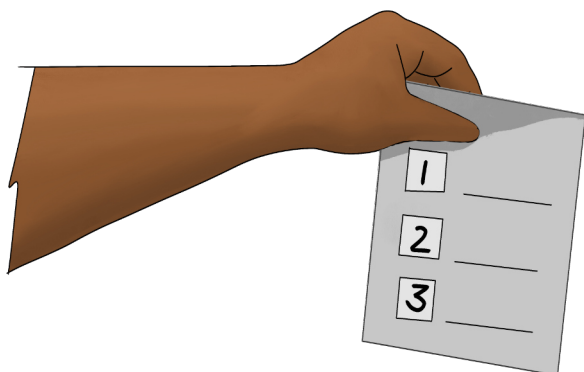
Ballot boxes

The box where you put your ballot paper after you have voted. There will be two ballot boxes.



Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer is in charge of polling team. Ask the Presiding Officer if you have any questions.



Ballot paper

The paper you mark to vote.

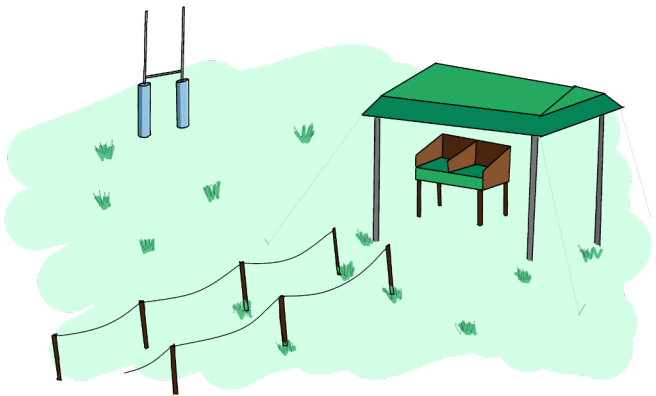


Province

The smaller areas within PNG where you live.

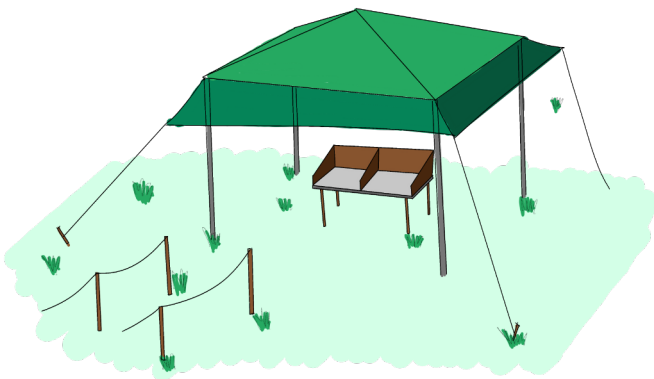
Electorate

The voting area where you live. There are Open Electorates (Districts) and Provincial Electorates.



Polling place

The place you go to vote. It is usually somewhere like a school or in an open field clearly marked for polling.



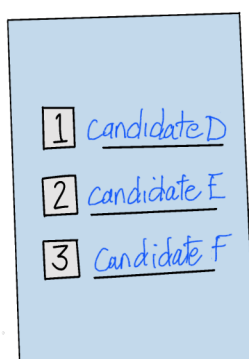
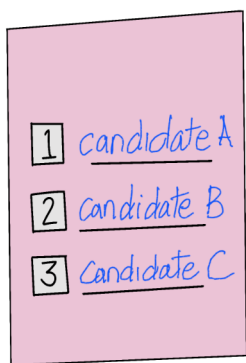
Polling booth

The designated area, within a polling place, where a polling team establishes a perimeter (control lines) and sets up the equipment required for voting.

VOTING IN AN ELECTION

EVERY
5
years

In PNG, we have a National Election every 5 years.



A National Election is for the whole country. Open Electorate ballots are

PINK

Provincial Electorate ballots are **BLUE**

Each ballot goes in a separate ballot box.



In the National Election, we vote for members of Parliament.

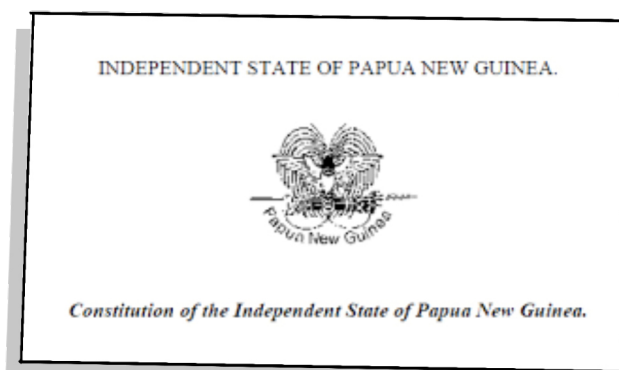


In the 2022 National Election, the polling period begins on 2 July. Polling start dates differ across the Provinces. The polling schedule tells you where and when you can go to the polling booth to vote.



In 2022, the election will end after the votes are counted and the election writs are returned (on or before 29 July 2022).

You can vote at your assigned polling place which will operate as per the polling schedule. Each polling team will have the ward roll – so you need to be on the roll for the ward in which the polling team is operating. A person cannot turn up on any day to vote. No polling will be scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays.



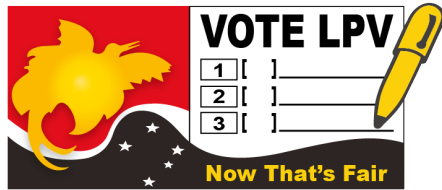
The Constitution of PNG gives you the right to vote.



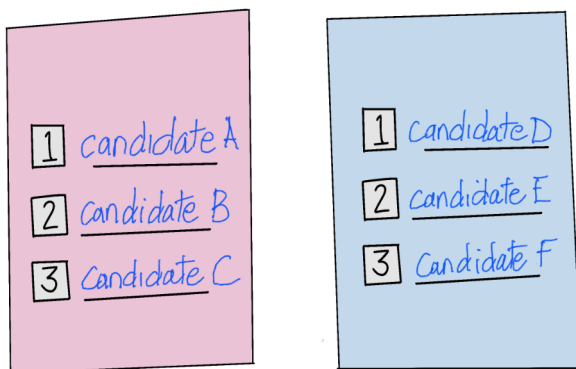
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The **PNG Electoral Commission** is in charge of the election.

LIMITED PREFERENTIAL VOTING



In PNG, we use **limited preferential voting**, or LPV.



On each ballot paper, you will choose three candidates to vote for. Voters will put 3 preferences on the open ballot and 3 preferences on the provincial ballot.

You will rank your three favorite candidates.



You will choose your first choice candidate.



You will choose your second choice candidate.



You will choose your third choice candidate.

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1 candidate A
2 candidate B
3 candidate C

1 candidate D
2 candidate E
3 candidate F

You must choose 6 candidates on election day. 3 for the open ballot and 3 for the provincial ballot.

1 candidate A
2 ?
3 ?

If you do not choose three candidates, your ballot might not be counted.

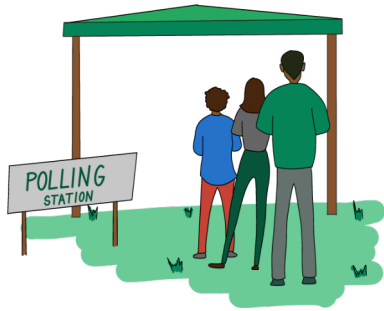
1 candidate A
2 32
3 candidate B

You will write the candidate's name or identification number on your ballot.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

Each ballot will have space for three candidate names or identification numbers.

GOING TO THE POLLING PLACE



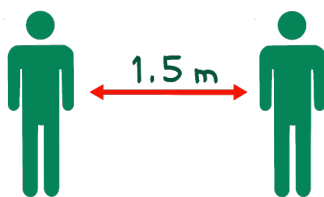
During the general election, you vote at the polling place.



You may wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you go to the polling place.



The **Door Keeper** manages the queues at the polling place.



The **COVID-19 Warden** ensures that voters follow social distancing.



Men and women line up to vote separately at the polling place.

Men and woman have separate queues at the polling place.



People who need assistance are given priority in the queues.

Persons with disabilities are given priority in the queues.



Older people are given priority in the queues.



Pregnant women are given priority in the queues.



People who have children with them are given priorities in the queues.

Wearing a mask, is recommended a to enter the polling place.



You must sanitize your hands before you enter the polling place.

INSIDE THE POLLING BOOTH



The **Poll Clerk** helps you inside the polling booth.



Men and women are helped by different Poll Clerks.

If you are a man, the Poll Clerk near the Presiding Officer will help you.

If you are a woman, the Poll Clerk near the Assistant Presiding Officer will help you.

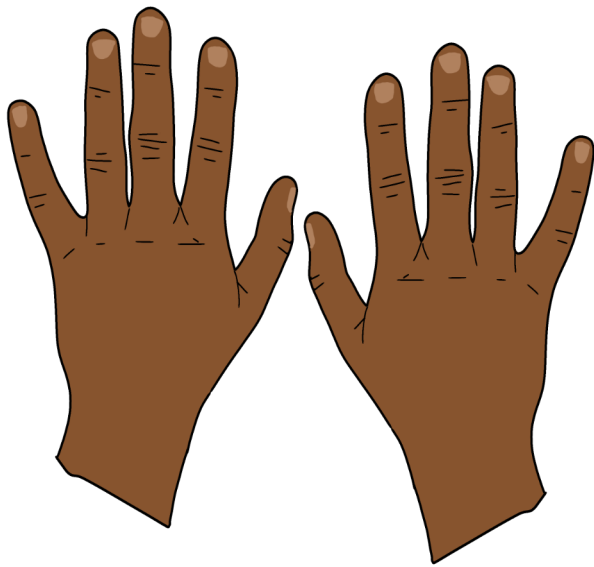


You will tell your name to the Poll Clerk.

The Poll Clerk will confirm that your name is on the **Certified List of Voters**, the Voter Roll.

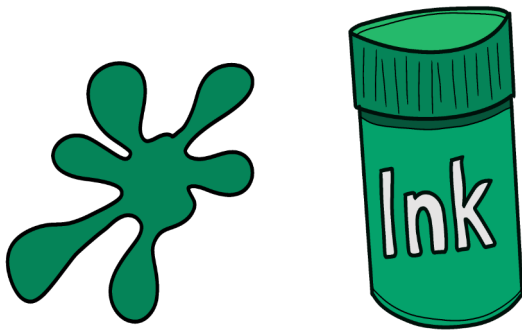
You will tell the Poll Clerk that you have not yet voted in the 2022 general election.

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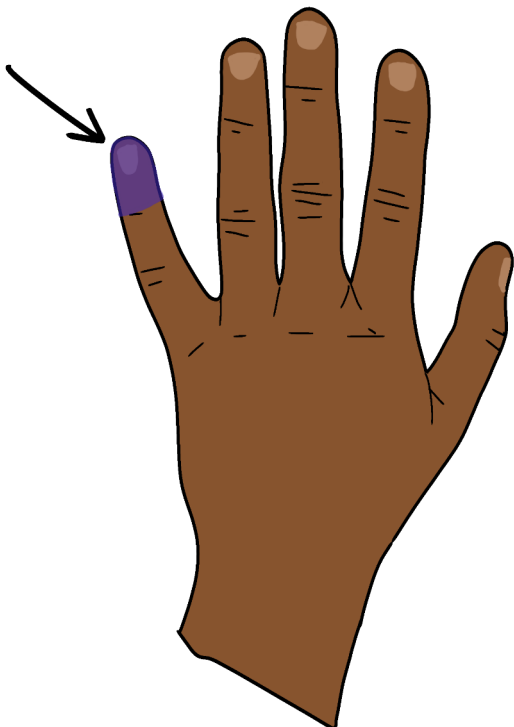
The Poll Clerk will ask you to show them your hands.

The Poll Clerk will check your hands for **indelible ink**.



The Poll Clerk will make sure there is nothing on your hands.

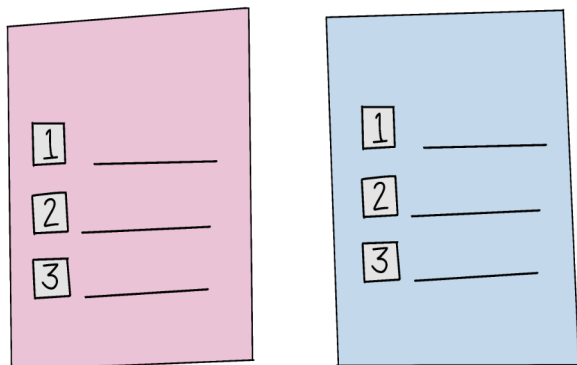
The Poll Clerk will ask you to wipe your left little finger.



The Poll Clerk will apply indelible ink to your left little finger.

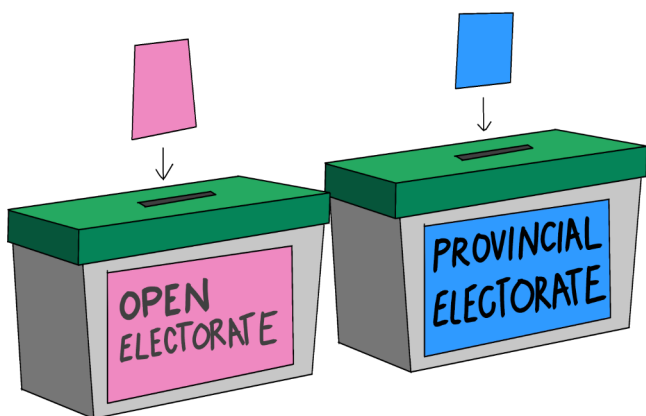
If it is not possible to apply ink to a left little finger due to disability or injury, they will use the next finger and so on.

GETTING YOUR BALLOT PAPERS



After your finger is inked, you will receive your ballot papers.

You will receive two ballot papers.



You will receive a pink ballot for the open electorate.

You will receive a blue ballot for the provincial electorate.

Each ballot goes in a separate ballot box.

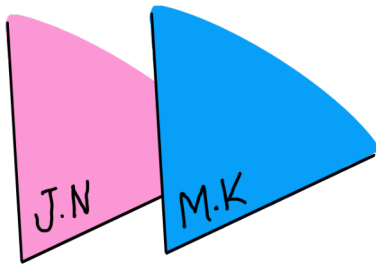


A polling official will give you your ballot papers.

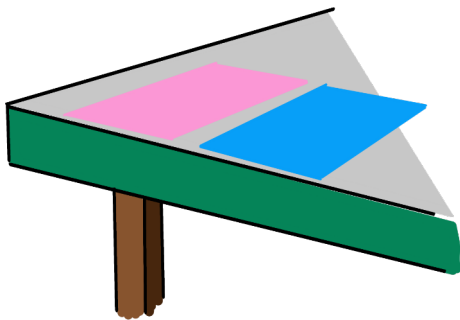
If you are a man, the Presiding Officer will give you your ballot papers.



If you are a woman, the Assistant Presiding Officer will give you your ballot papers.

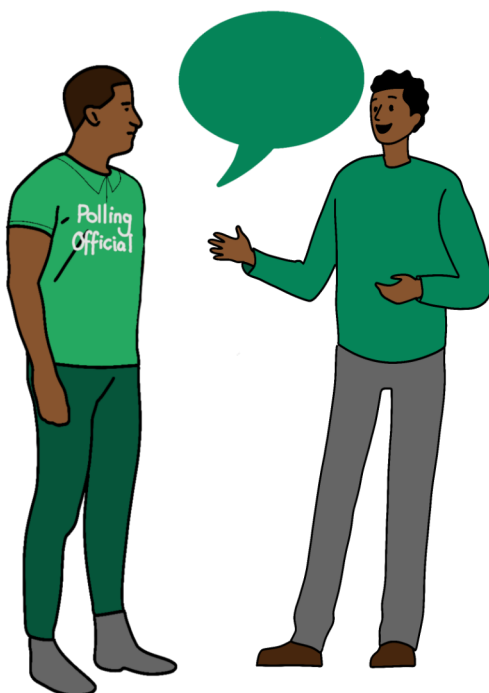


The polling official will write their initials on the back of your ballot papers.



The polling official will remove your ballot papers from the ballot paper booklet.

The polling official will place your ballot papers on the edge of the table.

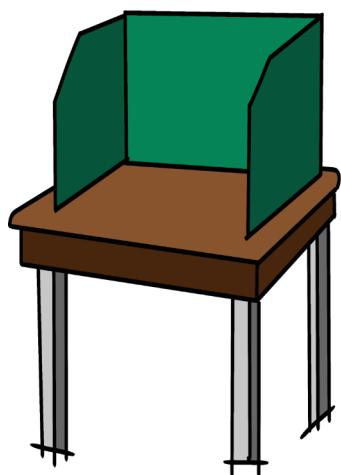


You will take your ballot papers from the edge of the table.

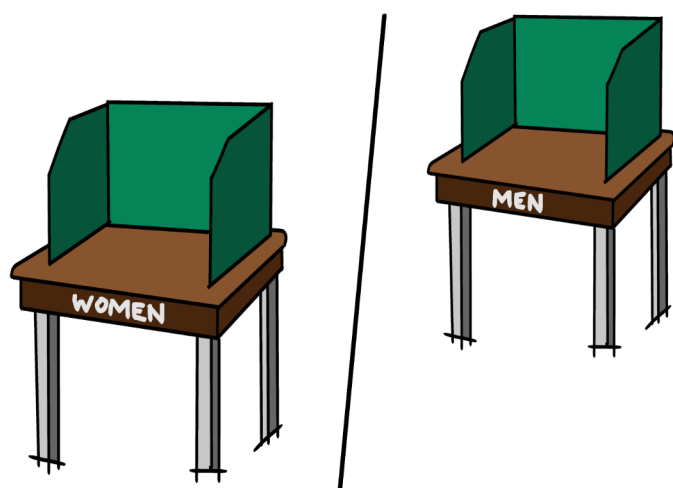
The polling official will explain the voting process.

The polling official will direct you to an empty voting compartment.

MARKING YOUR BALLOT PAPERS

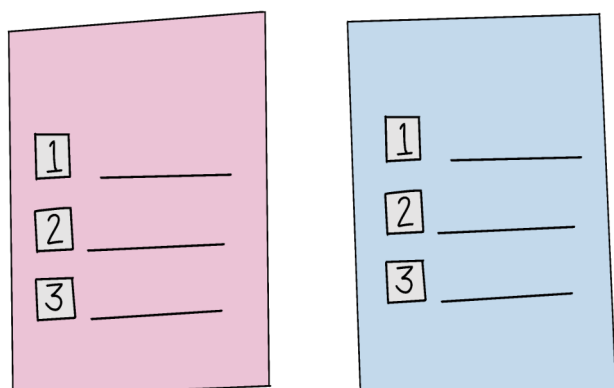


After the polling official explains how to vote, you will go to the voting compartment.



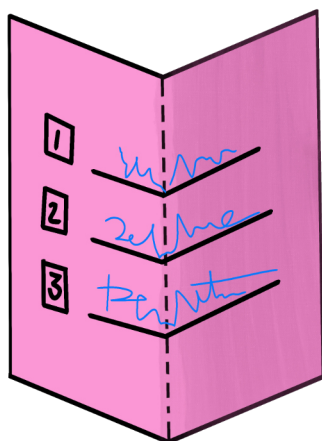
There are separate voting compartments for men and for women.

You will use the pen in the voting compartment to mark your ballots.

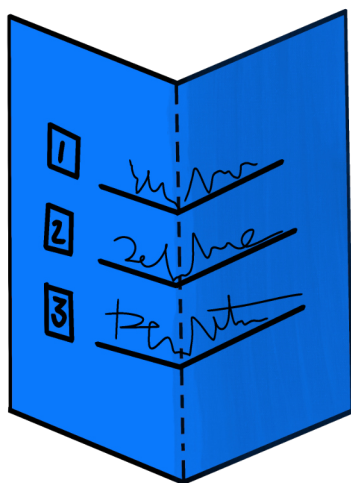


You will mark two ballots in the voting compartment.

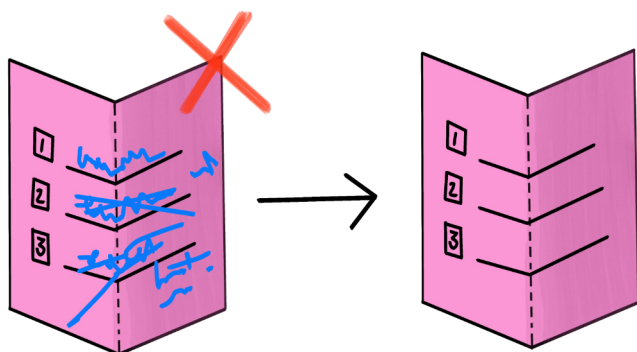
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You will fold each ballot after you have marked the ballot.



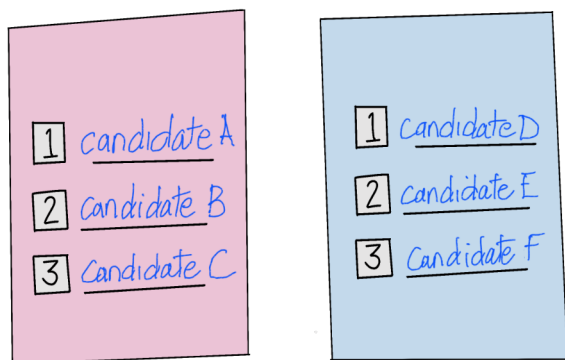
Take your ballots with you when you leave the voting compartment.



If you make a mistake on your ballot, tell the polling official.

The polling official can give you a new ballot.

BALLOT BOXES

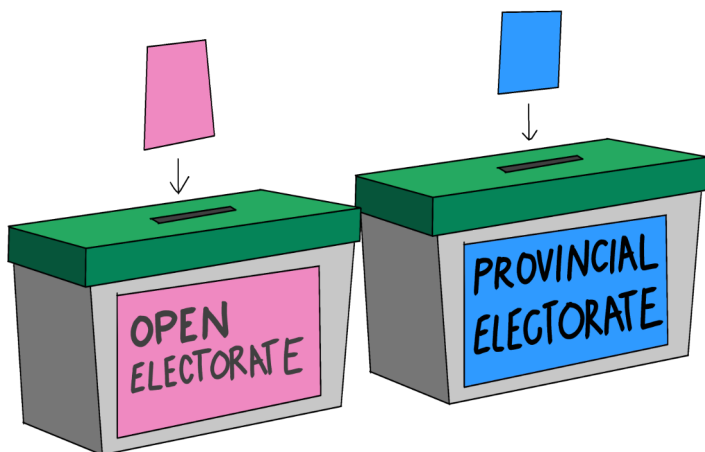


After you leave the voting compartment, you will put your ballots in the ballot boxes.

The **Ballot Box Guard** will show you the right ballot box.

The pink ballot goes in the pink box.

The blue ballot goes in the blue box.



Remember not to touch the ballot box.



The Ballot Box Guard will remind you to use hand sanitizer.



After you put your ballots in the ballot boxes, you will leave the polling booth.



Congratulations! You voted in the 2022 National Election!

HOW CAN I GET HELP VOTING?



The polling officials can help you to vote.

People who need help are given priority in the polling queues.

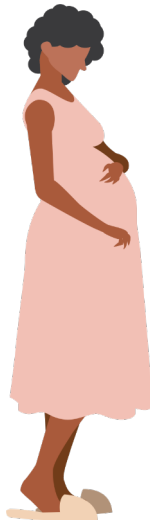
Persons with disabilities are given priority in the polling queues.



Older persons are given priority in the polling queues.



Pregnant women are given priority in the polling queues.



People who have children with them are given priority in the polling queues.



The Door Keeper will help you when you arrive at the polling queue.



If you are a man who needs priority, you can go to the front of the men's queue.

If you are a woman who needs priority, you can go to the front of the women's queue.

Persons with disabilities can use assistive devices to help them vote.

Persons with disabilities can use magnifying glasses to help them vote.



Persons with disabilities can have assistance from another person when voting and allowed to bring a person of their choice.



GENDER EQUITY DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GEDSI)

GEDSI will form a significant consideration, particularly with respect to the gender-split voting streams in each polling booth based on various trials during the 2017 National Election, 2019 LLG Elections, and recent by-elections.

Inclusion for persons with disabilities will also be factored into polling planning with respect to the accessibility of polling booths and the needs of assisted voters.

Persons with disabilities, elderly, pregnant women, and voters with children will be given priority in the queues. With the introduction of gender-split voting lanes, male voters requiring priority, will come to the front of the male queue, while female voters requiring priority, will come to the front of the female queue. The Door Keeper is responsible for ensuring that male and female voters requiring priority are supported to come to the front of their respective gender-split queues.

The Presiding Officer is the decision maker for the basic functions of the polling team.

If there are incidents of violence toward women, report them to the **Kaunselin Helpim Lain 7150 8000** available 24/7 if you need help or to find out what services are in your community. Any election incidents against women can be reported to the polling place police officer or the Family Sexual Violence Unit in the Province.

Election-related violence must be reported to the family sexual violence unit at the police.



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