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# 2022 NATIONAL ELECTION

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## CODE OF CONDUCT



## PURPOSE

Security for the elections will be provided by the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, the Defence Force, and the Correctional Services. Collectively they are referred to as the **Joint Security Forces**



**The Joint Security Forces are required to perform their tasks in accordance with their orders and the training given in; electoral laws, regulations, polling procedures and guidelines - as provided in Commission's General Order, 21 October 2021.**

**This guide is an aid for Joint Security Forces providing reminders on "Do" and "Do Not".**



# Through out the electoral period Joint Security Forces will:

Wear uniform and carry ID when fulfilling their Duties

Comply with their training and legal orders of their chain of command

Exercise their duties in accordance with electoral laws, regulations and guidelines

Maintain a safe voting environment for voters, polling staff, observers and scrutineers

Provide security for election staff and materials during activity, movement and storage

# Through out the electoral period Joint Security Forces will:

Respect the authority of the Presiding Officer as the person in charge of the election at the polling booth

**Only** enter Polling Booths to support the Presiding Officer **when requested**

Assist the Presiding Officer in removing and/or arresting those committing electoral and/or public order offenses

Report incidents and escalate critical events to your chain of command

Refrain from any inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Ensure voters are able to exercise their democratic rights

# Through out the electoral period Joint Security Forces WILL NOT:

Take over any election duty assigned to the Polling Booth Team

Enter a Polling Booth **unless**

Invited/requested/ordered to do so by the Presiding Officer

Requested to provide support to assist a voter

Discriminate against any voter based on; race, ethnicity, language, gender, religion, political outlook, social background, age, or economic status.

Facilitate unequal or discriminatory enforcement of the law

# Through out the electoral period Joint Security Forces WILL NOT:

Ask for any additional; payment, fiscal support, food or drink

Use excessive force

Express a political opinion

Communicate with; Press, Party Agents, Observers, unless authorised

Use investigatory powers as a tool for intimidation

Carry out arbitrary arrests or detentions