

De-registration

Q1 I am leaving Hong Kong for good. How do I de-register as an elector?

A1 There is no specified form for de-registration. An elector may make an application for de-registration in person at the office of Voter Registration Division of the REO (29/F, Standard Chartered Tower, Millennium City 1, 388 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon). If he/she would like to make the application in writing instead, he/she may inform the REO by letter signed by him/her. Personal particulars including name, HKID number, contact number(s) and registered address must be provided in the letter. The letter can be sent to us by mail (29/F, Standard Chartered Tower, Millennium City 1, 388 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon), by fax (2574 7441) or by email (reoenq@reo.gov.hk).

Upon receiving the above written request, the REO will contact the concerned elector by phone and/or letter, and request the elector to provide a written confirmation. If a valid reply is not being received by the prescribed deadline, the application for de-registration will not be further processed.

Q2 Is there any deadline for de-registration?

A2 Registered electors may submit a request for de-registration at any time of the year. However, should they wish to have their names removed in the register of electors to be published in the same cycle, they should submit the application to this Office on or before the statutory deadline of 2 June.

Q3 Am I removed from the register of electors immediately after I submit an application for de-registration? Am I ineligible to vote immediately after I submit an application for de-registration?

A3 All applications for de-registration will not take immediate effect. For a written application, upon receipt of the notice, the REO will contact the elector concerned to verify his/her application via telephone and/or letter. The REO will only include the elector's name in the Omissions List of the relevant voter registration cycle after such request has been duly verified. If the REO is unable to complete the verification of the application for deregistration within a particular voter registration cycle, the name of the elector will remain on the Provisional Register

of the respective cycle. If the elector's registration is not being removed in that cycle, he/she may decide by himself/herself whether to vote on the polling day.

In accordance with the current legislation, the Final Register of Electors is updated once a year. If there is any election / by-election for District Council or Legislative Council before the publication of the next Final Register, the Registration and Electoral Office will assign constituencies and polling stations according to the information of the prevailing Final Register. Therefore, electors who are listed on the prevailing Final Register of Electors and have applied for de-registration on or before the statutory deadline, they are still eligible to vote in such an election before the lapse of the prevailing Final Register of Electors.

Q4 I have applied for de-registration several years ago, can I register as an elector again?

A4 If you are a Hong Kong permanent resident aged 18 or above, and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong, you are eligible to sign up as a geographical constituency elector. For details, please refer to [here](#). _

Q5 A relative of mine passed away recently. Do I need to arrange for de-registration for him/her?

A5 The Registration and Electoral Office collaborates with the Immigration Department to collect regularly the information of issued death certificates for updating the electoral records. Deceased electors will be included in the Omissions List and be removed from the Final Register of Electors published thereafter.

If you would like to delete the registration of a deceased elector, please provide us the following information by mail (29/F, Standard Chartered Tower, Millennium City 1, 388 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon), by fax (2572 4050) or by email (reoenq@reo.gov.hk) for our follow-up action:

- Name and Hong Kong Identity Card number of the deceased elector
- Copy of Death Certificate issued by the Births and Deaths Registry, Hong Kong
- Name, telephone number and correspondence address of the contact person