FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. HOW DO I CHECK MY VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS?

Text your 13-digit NIC (without dashes or spaces) to 8300 and you will get instant reply showing electoral area, census block code and address at which your vote is registered and incase vote is not registered, reply will guide you how to get registered as voter.

2. WHERE CAN I GET VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS?

Download from www.ecp.gov.pk or,
Visit your nearest District Election Commissioner (DEC) office.

3. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE TO REGISTER AS A VOTER?

You must be 18 years or older and have a valid NIC.

4. WHICH FORM DO I NEED?

Form 21: Register or transfer your vote.
Form 22: Remove a name (e.g., deceased voter) or raise an objection on voter.
Form 23: Correct your particulars in the voters list.

5. WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY REGISTRATION, DELETION OR OBJECTION FORM?

Submit duly filled forms with concerned Registration officer in District Election Commissioner (DEC) office in your district.

6. CAN SOMEONE ELSE SUBMIT MY FORM?

Yes! An immediate family member (father, mother, spouse, son or daughter) can submit your form on your behalf along with a copy of his or her NIC.

7. HOW DO I REMOVE A DECEASED PERSON FROM THE VOTER LIST?

Submit Form 22 with concerned Registration officer in District Election Commissioner office in your district .

8. HOW LONG DOES PROCESSING TAKE?

Usually it takes 3-5 working days. It may take longer if objection is filed against any voter because the Registration officer is required to issue notice to concerned voter.

9. WHO HANDLES VOTER REGISTRATION?

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) manages voter registration through registration officers who are generally District Election Commissioners and Assistant Election Commissioners of each district.

10. SHOULD I VISIT NADRA OR ECP FOR VOTER SERVICES?

Visit your District Election Commissioner office of your district for voter registration, deletion, or transfer of vote. However, when you apply for fresh NIC at NADRA center, make sure to fill in the relevant field for voter enrollment at your permanent or temporary address mentioned in your NIC.

11. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION?

Generally, Registration process is open all the times and Registration officers entertain the applications (forms). However, electoral rolls are frozen 30 days before the term of assembly ends and remain so until the announcement of results of general elections. Whereas for bye-elections to a general seat in an assembly, the rolls are frozen from the date the constituency is called upon to elect its representative and before such representative is elected.

12. CAN I TRANSFER MY VOTE TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN THE ADDRESS MENTIONED ON MY NIC?

No. You are eligible for registration of vote in accordance with permanent or temporary address mentioned on your NIC. However, if you are a government servant on official posting or your spouse/children living with you then you and your said family members are eligible for registration of vote on the address (other than the address mentioned on NIC).

13. WHAT ARE ELECTORAL ROLLS (VOTER LISTS)?

Official lists of registered voters, who are entitled to cast their vote at an election. Electoral rolls reflect the following details:

- Serial No.
- Gharana No.
- Name
- Father’s/Husband’s name
- Age
- NIC No.
- Address

14. I TEXTED MY CNIC TO 8300 BUT DIDN’T GET A REPLY. WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

Ensure your CNIC has 13 digits (no dashes/spaces).
Confirm you have at least Rs. 2.50 balance against your mobile sim.
Still stuck? Contact your District Election Commissioner’s office.

15. HOW DO I FIND MY VOTING AREA AND POLLING STATION?

Text your 13 digits NIC no. to 8300 or visit your District Election Commissioner office.

16. IS THERE A FEE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, TRANSFER OR DELETION?

No fee!
All services are rendered by ECP free of cost.

17. WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE VOTER LIST?

You can obtain extract of electoral rolls from the Office of the District Election Commissioner by submitting an application, by affixing a court fee stamp of Rs. 10 (ten only) or you can buy a hard copy from District Election Commissioner of your district (Rs. 2 per page + photocopying cost).

18. HOW DO I CONTACT THE DISTRICT ELECTION COMMISSIONER?

Visit www.ecp.gov.pk for contact details.

19. WHAT DOES THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN (ECP) DO, AND WHAT ARE ITS KEY RESPONSIBILITIES?

Election Commission of Pakistan is a constitutional body having mandate for:
Conducting all elections.
Preparing electoral rolls.
Carrying out delimitation of constituencies of Assemblies and Local Governments.

20. WHAT TYPES OF ELECTIONS DOES ECP HOLD?

Presidential, Senate and National/Provincial Assembly elections.
Local Government & Cantonment Board Elections.

21. HOW LONG DO NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES SERVE?

5 years.

22. CAN I CHANGE MY POLLING STATION ONLINE?

No, you have to approach either the Returning Officer concerned and submit an application to this effect within timelines fixed for the purpose under section 59 of the Elections Act 2017.

23. NEED HELP?

Call the ECP Helpline: +92 (51) 111 327 000.

24. DOES ECP RUN VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAMS?

Yes, ECP carries out voter awareness programs through school visits, media campaigns and District Voter Education Committees. You can watch videos and related content on ECP’s YouTube channel, Twitter handle, and the 'Voter Awareness' tab on the ECP website.

25. WHAT IS THE DEC OFFICE?

It is office of the District Election Commissioner who is representative of Election Commission of Pakistan in each district and is the main point for voter services in your area.

26. HOW CAN I FILE A COMPLAINT?

Download ECP’s **Complaint Management System (CMS) App** from the Play Store.

27. WHERE CAN I FOLLOW ECP ONLINE?

Website: https://www.ecp.gov.pk
Twitter: twitter.com/ECP_Pakistan
YouTube: youtube.com/ElectionCommissionofPakistan

28. I LOST MY CNIC. CAN I REGISTER/VOTE WITH A DUPLICATE OR RECEIPT?

You must have a physical NIC to register and casting of vote. NADRA's token receipt is not accepted at polling stations.

29. CAN I REGISTER IF I'VE MOVED CITIES?

Yes! Submit Form 21 at the DEC office in your new district. Your vote will be transferred once the application is processed, provided that either the permanent or current address on your NIC matches the area where you intend to transfer your vote in new district.

30. WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO BRING TO CAST MY VOTE?

Only your original NIC. No photocopies, tokens or other IDs are accepted.

31. WHAT IF I'M DISABLED/ELDERLY? CAN I GET ASSISTANCE?

Yes! Inform the polling staff for priority access. If you are physically impaired, you may bring one helper. If you are physically disabled, you can also apply for a postal ballot within the given timeline.

32. CAN I VOTE IF I'M TRAVELING ON ELECTION DAY?

No. You must vote physically and only at your assigned polling station. Plan ahead!

33. I'M A TRANSGENDER PERSON. ANY SPECIAL REGISTRATION PROCESS?

Use the same forms as all voters. Contact ECP's Gender and Social Inclusion Wing (+92 51 920 5612) for support.

34. CAN I TAKE A PHOTO OF MY BALLOT?

No, photography inside the polling station booth is not allowed under the law. Furthermore, it is illegal and you will commit electoral offence.