



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Subject: Frequently Asked Questions about the 2022 National Elections

When is election 2022 at the Philippine Permanent Mission/Philippine Consulate General in Geneva (Geneva PM/PCG)?

- The voting period at the Geneva PM/PCG will run from 10 April (8:00 AM-6:00 PM) to 9 May 2022 (09:00 AM-2:00 PM). Except for the first day and the last day, voting will primarily be open during weekdays from 9:00 AM-05:00 PM. It will also be open on the last two weekends of the election period, on 30 April-01 May and on 7-8 May 2022, from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. In observance of the Holy Week, Geneva PM/PCG will be closed on 14-18 April 2022. Our *kababayans* are highly encouraged to vote early to avoid inconvenience.

What do I need to be able to vote in the 2022 National Elections?

- During election period, voters will be required to bring **their original valid Philippine passport** or seafarers' book (for seafarers). Dual citizens will also be required to bring their Identification Certificate/Order of Approval. A Voters ID is NOT required to be able to cast a vote.

How will voting under the jurisdiction of Geneva PM/PCG be conducted?

- Based on COMELEC Rules, voting will be primarily by mail where the ballots will be mailed to the voters and mailed back to Geneva PM/PCG. In some cases, voters could claim their ballots at the Geneva PM/PCG, but they need to inform Geneva PM/PCG ahead of time about the ballot pick up via sending an email to oavgenevapm@gmail.com. Alternatively, they could claim, vote and submit their ballots while inside the Philippine Chancery. Voters should ensure that their ballots are mailed to Geneva PM/PCG on or before 5 May 2022. They are also encouraged to contact Geneva PM/PCG through the above email address to update their contact details, including postal address.

How do I know if I am a registered voter under the jurisdiction of Geneva PM/PCG?

- The Certified List of Overseas Voters (CLOV) under the jurisdiction of Geneva PM/PCG (https://genevapcg.dfa.gov.ph/images/pdf/GENEVAPMPCG_SWITZERLAND_LANDBASEDn.pdf) and the CLOV of Seafarers (https://genevapcg.dfa.gov.ph/images/SEAFARERS_CLOV.pdf) are already available on the website of the Commission on Elections or COMELEC (<https://comelec.gov.ph/index.html?r=OverseasVoting/NROVCLOV2022NLE>). Only registered voters included in the CLOV will be allowed to vote for the 2022 Philippine National Elections.

Is proxy voting allowed?

- Since voting is a personal right and to safeguard the voting process, proxy voting is not allowed.

When is the counting of ballots in Geneva/Vaud?

- Right after polls on 9 May 2022

What are the requirements for poll watchers in Geneva PM/PCG?

- Poll watchers of candidates or accredited groups, non-government organizations, and others, will be requested to present to Geneva PM/PCG on or before counting begins authority/accreditation from the COMELEC.

When was the registration period for the 2022 National Elections?

- 16 December 2019 to 14 October 2021

How does COMELEC decide on which voter records to deactivate?

- COMELEC deactivates the records of registered voters who failed to vote in at least two election cycles.

When can applicants collect their Voter's ID?

- The printing and distribution of the Voter's ID has been suspended by the Commission on Elections in view of the implementation of the National ID System pursuant to RA 11055 (An Act Establishing the Philippine Identification System), which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 06 August 2018.
- The issuance of National ID by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is currently being rolled out in the Philippines. The PSA hopes to roll-out the National ID in Foreign Service Posts by 2022.

Where may inquiries, comments, suggestions and recommendations on the overseas voting be directed to?

- Inquiries may be sent via e-mail to: overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph.

Where can I find important information and updates on overseas voting?

- Filipinos under the jurisdiction of Geneva PM/PCG (Geneva and Vaud) are highly encouraged to follow the Geneva PM's/PCG's Facebook Account (<https://www.facebook.com/PHinGeneva>) and/or visit the Geneva PM's/PCG's website (genevapcg.dfa.gov.ph) for important announcements related to elections 2022.