

When and Where can one Registers?

The exercise of Revision of Electoral Registers is an annual exercise that begins from the 1st of January and close on the 13th day of April every year.

During this exercise, names of those who satisfy age and residence are added into the register while those of deceased; persons whose names have been ordered to be struck off the register by competent authority; persons who were found to have been wrongly registered etc, are expunged from the Register.

Because the commission charged with voters' registration has no permanent office, they usually make known to the public, the itinerary for registration during which time, the term move around the different quarters and pooling stations carrying out the registration.

In case one misses the registration in his own quarter, he/she will not be wrong to go to the Divisional or District office or again to the municipal Mayor for further information.

Any Deadline for Registration?

According to the law governing elections in Cameroon, registration stops on the convening of the Electoral College. Like many other laws, this is subject however to some exceptions;

- Public servants and employees who have either been transferred or placed on retirement after the closing date for registration as well as any

members of their families living with them on the date of such transfer or retirement;

- Service men who have been demobilised after the end of the period for registration.
- Private employees who have been transferred or placed on retirement.

*** Application for registration shall be supported by all relevant information and filed with the sub divisional office and shall be admissible only up to the tenth day before the election.(s.47 Law No 97/020 9th September 1997)

Which Official Documents do you Need?

To register to vote, one must be in possession and present to the commission charged with registration, either of the following;

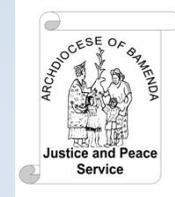
- Copy of Birth Certificate necessary to establish the birth of the elector and issued for that purpose.
- Copy of the National Identity Card.

*** Note that the deadline for the acquisition of the computerised National Identity Card is the 30th June 2004.

Every Cameroonian of voting age who is not affected by any of the electoral disqualifications must know that to vote is a human right and so nobody should prevent him/her from registering and voting. It is therefore our DUTY, so lets go!

ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! GO O OOOO!

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2011 VOTERS' SENSITISATION

- To vote is a right as well as a duty
- To actually vote is to exercise fraternal charity
- To wilfully refuse to vote is a display of egoism and a breach of fraternal charity
- So get registered on voters registers;
Students,

Officers,

Farmers,

Unemployed,

Carpenters,

Truck pushers,

Truck drivers, etc



The general principles of Human Rights and democracy stipulate that everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country directly or through freely chosen representatives (cf Article 21 of the universal declaration of human rights (u.d.h.r.) 1948, Art. 25 of the international covenant of civil and political rights (i.c.c.r.) and also Art.13 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights.

S.2(2) of Law No96/06 of 18th January 1996 to revise the Constitution of the Republic of Cameroon state:

“The authorisation responsible for the management of the state shall derive their powers from the people through elections by direct or indirect universal suffrage.....” (cf. also Art.21(3) UNDHR)

S.4 further states:

“State power shall be exercised by

- The president of the Republic,
- The Parliament. “

With the upcoming Presidential elections and with these in mind, it is worth noting, that it is the Right and Duty of every Cameroonian to choose the person who will serve as President of the Republic for the next seven years. (cf S.1 Law No 97/020 of 9th September 1997 laying down the conditions governing the vacancy of and election to the Presidency of the Republic, and also S.6(2) of the Constitution.

To transform this Right to take part in the government of our country into a meaningful and practical reality, we must fully exercise it by registering massively on electoral lists and vote when the Electoral College is finally convened.

To Vote, what is it?

To vote is to express an opinion during an electoral consultation. Voting therefore is participating in making the choice of those who will govern our country. As Cameroonians, we must be convinced that, to vote is a duty of solidarity. If you were living alone, there would not be need for any elections. We vote because we belong to a community which chooses its leaders, its officials who seek to provide for the common good. To wilfully refuse to vote is a display of selfishness and a breach of that fraternal charity we owe each other as Cameroonians.

Who Can Vote?

Following the provisions of S.2 of the Law on Presidential Elections, persons can vote if;

- They are of Cameroonian nationality either by birth or acquired.
- They are 20 years at the time of registration or will be 20 years on the day of voting.
- They are in possession of their civic and political rights.
- They do not fall under any of the disqualification prescribed by the law.
- They have been registered into electoral lists.
- They have their Voters Registration Cards.
- They have been resident in the constituency for at least six months.
- Members of the Armed Forces and other military services must not satisfy this residence condition.
- They can prove that their names appear on the income tax assessment list for a given administrative unit for at least five consecutive years.

- They are Cameroonians of voting age resident abroad and so desire.

Who Cannot Vote?

(SS. 6&7 of Law No 96/020 of 9th September 1997.)
The Cameroon Electoral Code disqualifies from voting, any person;

- Who has been convicted of a FELONY (an offence punishable with death or with loss of liberty for up to 10 years. S.21(a) Cameroon Penal Code (C.P.C)).
- Who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment without suspension for a term of more than 3 months.
- Who has been sentenced to a prison term accompanied by suspension of sentence or probation for more than six months.
- Who is subject of a warrant of arrest.
- Who is an undercharged bankrupt so declared by a Cameroonian court or a court of a country whose decision is enforceable in Cameroon.
- Is insane or of unsound mind.
- Also, any person who had been convicted of an offence against the security of the state and who had not been rehabilitated or granted amnesty, cannot have his name entered on any electoral register.