

**Parliamentary Elections (Registration of Overseas Electors) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2009**

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**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT  
(CHAPTER 218)**

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2009**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 102 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Prime Minister hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Registration of Overseas Electors) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and shall come into operation on 3rd March 2009

**Amendment of regulation 4**

2. Regulation 4 of the Parliamentary Elections (Registration of Overseas Electors) Regulations (Rg 4) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
  - “(a) be in Form 1 in the Schedule; and
  - (b) be made in accordance with regulations 5 and 8 —
    - (i) in person;
    - (ii) by post; or
    - (iii) using the electronic system provided by the Government for this purpose.”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2); and
- (c) by deleting the words “Part VI of the Form” in paragraph (2)(c) and substituting the words “Part V of Form 1”.

### **Amendment of regulation 5**

3. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “completed Form” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “completed Form 1”;
- (b) by deleting the words “not later than 21 days after the date of publication in the *Gazette* of that notice” in the penultimate and last lines of paragraph (1) and substituting the words “at any time before a writ of election is issued for any election in that electoral division”; and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:
  - “(2) To apply by post to be registered as an overseas elector for any electoral division, a person must —
    - (a) complete and sign Form 1 in the Schedule; and
    - (b) send it by registered post addressed to the office of the Registration Officer in Singapore, or an overseas registration centre, so that the Registration Officer or the overseas registration centre, as the case may be, receives it before a writ of election is issued for any election in that electoral division.
  - (2A) To apply to be registered as an overseas elector for any

electoral division using the electronic system provided by the Government for this purpose, a person must complete and submit a web-based form of Form 1 made available on the Registration Officer's Internet website at <http://www.elections.gov.sg>, in accordance with the instructions accompanying the form or of the electronic system so that the Registration Officer receives it before a writ of election is issued for any election in that electoral division.

(2B) No person whose application to be registered as an overseas elector for an electoral division is received after a writ of election is issued for an election in the electoral division shall be registered as an overseas elector for that electoral division until after nomination day or, if a poll is to be taken, until after polling day of that election.”.

#### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 7 and new regulation 8**

4. Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

##### **“Application to cancel registration or change overseas polling station**

7.—(1) An application by any person who is registered as an overseas elector in the register of electors for an electoral division —

- (a) to cancel his registration as an overseas elector;
- (b) to change the overseas polling station allotted to him under section 13A(3)(b) of the Act to another overseas polling station; or
- (c) to change the particulars of his overseas contact details, such as work telephone or facsimile numbers, and email or other addresses for correspondence,

shall be in Form 2 in the Schedule and be made in accordance with this regulation and regulation 8.

(2) An application referred to in paragraph (1) may be made at any time —

- (a) in person;
- (b) by post; or
- (c) by using the electronic system provided by the Government for this purpose.

(3) To apply in person, a person who is registered as an overseas elector in the register of electors for an electoral division must —

- (a) complete and sign Form 2 in the Schedule; and
- (b) lodge it at the office of the Registration Officer in Singapore, or at an overseas registration centre before a writ of election is issued for any election in that electoral division.

(4) To apply by post, a person who is registered as an overseas elector in the register of electors for an electoral division must —

- (a) complete and sign Form 2 in the Schedule; and
- (b) send it by registered post addressed to the office of the Registration Officer in Singapore, or an overseas registration centre, so that the Registration Officer or the overseas registration centre, as the case may be, receives it before a writ of election is issued for any election in that electoral division.

(5) To apply using the electronic system provided by the Government for this purpose, a person who is registered as an overseas elector in the register of electors for an electoral division must complete and submit a web-based form of Form 2 made available on the Registration Officer's Internet website at <http://www.elections.gov.sg>, in accordance with the instructions accompanying the form or of the electronic system so that the Registration Officer receives it before a writ of election is issued for any election in the electoral division.

(6) The Registration Officer may reject any application referred to in paragraph (1) if the application is incomplete or not made in accordance with these Regulations.

(7) No person whose application —

- (a) to cancel his registration as an overseas elector; or
- (b) to change the overseas polling station allotted to him under section 13A(3)(b) of the Act to another overseas polling station,

is received after the issue of a writ of election for an election in an electoral division shall have his registration cancelled or his overseas polling station changed for an election in that electoral division until after nomination day or, if a poll is to be taken, until after polling day of that election.

## Forms

8.—(1) The forms in the Schedule shall be —

- (a) provided by the Registration Officer from his office at the Elections Department at 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949 during such hours as his office is open for business;
- (b) provided by the officer in charge of the register at any overseas registration centre; and
- (c) set out on the Registration Officer’s Internet website at <http://www.elections.gov.sg>.

(2) The forms in the Schedule shall be completed in the English language and in accordance with such directions as accompany the respective form or by the Registration Officer.

(3) Where strict compliance with any form in the Schedule is not possible, the Registration Officer may allow for the necessary modifications to be made to that form, or for the requirements of that form to be complied with in such other manner as the Registration Officer thinks fit.”.

### **Amendment of Schedule**

5. The Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the Form and substituting the following Forms:

#### “THE SCHEDULE

Regulations 4(1) and 8

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#### APPLICATION TO BE OVERSEAS ELECTOR