**After Registration**

**Q:** How do I know if I am already considered a registered voter?

**A:** You may visit your local COMELEC office and see the printed list of voters or you may check on the internet COMELEC’s Precinct Finder. Aside from your registration status, you will also see your precinct number and polling center. However, your application for registration should be approved by the Election Registration Board before it appears in the Precinct Finder. The local COMELEC office will also send a notification to you about the status of your registration. Checking the status of your registration should be done after the proper ERB hearing date which can be seen in the COMELEC website.

**Q:** What is the Voter ID?

**A:** It is a valid ID recognized by all government offices and banks. Free-of-charge, it is issued only to registered voters with validated records.

**Q:** What if I lost or damaged my Voter ID?

**A:** You can fill-up the form for “Request for Replacement of Voter ID”. An affidavit of loss will be attached if the ID was lost. This will cost the registered voter one hundred pesos (Php 100) for reprinting and forwarding to EO.

**To locate your appropriate COMELEC Office:**
http://www.comelec.gov.ph/?r=AboutCOMELEC/Organization allInfo/ContactInformation/NCROffices

**For the use of Precinct Finder:**
http://www.comelec.gov.ph/?r=VoterRegistration/Registration StatusVerification/precinct_finder

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**Mandatory Biometrics Voters’ Registration**

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**Registration Period:**
May 6, 2014 – October 31, 2015
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Voters’ Registration

What: Registration of Qualified Voters
Where: Local COMELEC office near your city/municipal hall
When: May 6, 2014 – October 31, 2015
Why: To be able to vote
Who: Filipino citizens, 18 years old or older living in the Philippines for at least 1 year from the election day and living in the city or municipality where he/she will vote for at least 6 months from the election day

Q: When can I register if I will turn 18 years old between now and election day (May 9, 2016)?
A: You can only register starting from May 9, 2015 up to October 31, 2015.

Q: If I am already registered, do I have to register again?
A: No, registration needs to be done only once. However:
1. If you transferred residence, you have to apply for transfer of record.
2. If your record got ‘deactivated, you should apply for reactivation.
3. If your biometrics data has not yet been captured, you need to go to the registration center for ‘validation’.

Q: How do I know if my record is ‘deactivated’?
A: You are deactivated if you:
• lost your Filipino citizenship,
• failed to vote in two consecutive elections except Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections,
• failed to have your biometrics taken (validation).

Q: What is validation?
A: It is a process of adding your biometrics data (digital images of photograph, fingerprints and signature) to your registration record. This is a requirement for the release of your Voter ID and for voting in the 2016 elections. (Mandatory Biometrics Voters Registration - RA no. 10367)

Q: Can I print the application form and fill it up on my own?
A: Yes, print blank application forms of the appropriate type downloadable from the COMELEC website. Print it on a long bond paper (preferably substance 20/70 gsm). Fill-up the three copies of the form. You should only affix your thumb mark in the presence of COMELEC officers in your local COMELEC office.

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What are considered as Valid IDs?

• Current employees ID, with the signature of the employer or authorized representative;
• Postal ID;
• PWD Discount ID;
• Student’s ID or library card, signed by the school authority;
• Senior Citizen’s ID;
• Driver’s license;
• NBI/PNP clearance;
• Passport;
• SSS/GSIS ID;

NOTE: Bring a back-to-back photocopy of your valid ID in case requested by your local COMELEC office.

Application Process

Q: What do I need in applying for transfer of record?
A: 1. If you transferred from another city or municipality, remember that you have to be a resident of your new address at least six (6) months before Election Day.
2. You need to present a COMELEC ID or a Certification from the EO of former place of registration if your name or record is not found in the National List of Registered/Deactivated Voters (NLRDV). If you don’t have such proofs, you have to fill-up a new registration form and a certification stating that you intended to apply for transfer but was instead advised to apply for original registration.

Q: What do I need in applying for correction of entries?
A: 1. For birth date, you will need to present a court order.
2. For change of name, an order of the Civil Registrar is needed.
3. If the change of name is due to change in marital status, a certification by the marriage solemnizing officer (for Muslims) or a certified true copy of the marriage contract or court order, or order by the Civil Registrar or Consul General must be presented. A certified true copy of the court’s final order is needed if there was annulment or nullity of marriage.

Q: What if the person who wants to apply for registration is illiterate or with disability?
A: The applicant may have an assistor which may be the EO, any member of an accredited Citizens arm, a relative within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity (i.e. siblings, parents, and first cousins), or any person of his confidence who belongs to the same household. All assistors must be of voting age. The assistor will have to fill-up three copies of the “Certification/Attestation” found in the Supplementary Data Form which will be attached to the application.

Q: Am I already a registered voter after I receive the acknowledgement receipt?
A: No. The application must still be approved by the Election Registration Board (ERB) and your name should be included in the Book of Voters of your voting place before you are considered a registered voter.