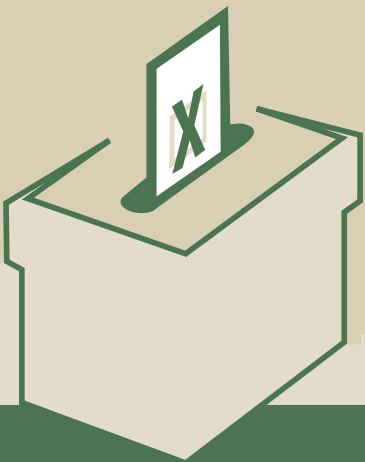




SINGAPORE ELECTIONS



Information on
Registration of Overseas Electors



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Foreword

The 2010 Registers of Electors have been revised. The revised Registers, known as the **2011 Registers of Electors**, list the names of all qualified electors¹ according to their NRIC addresses or “contact addresses”² as on **1 January 2011**. Singaporeans residing overseas may check their status in the Registers of Electors via the eServices available at the Elections Department website at: www.elections.gov.sg.

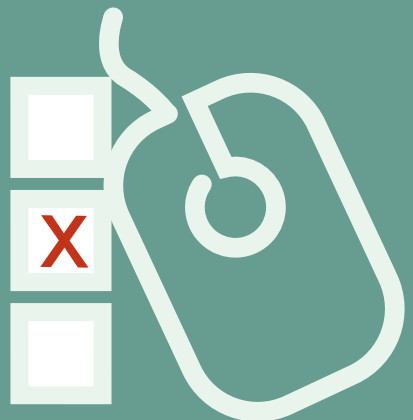
With the revision of the Registers of Electors, registered overseas electors in the 2010 Registers who wish to remain as an overseas elector in the 2011 Registers will have to submit a fresh application for registration. The registration of overseas electors for the 2011 Registers, which commences from 14 January 2011, will continue until such time when the 2011 Registers are revised or when the writ for an election is issued.

This booklet is intended to provide overseas Singaporeans with useful information on the qualifying criteria and how they can register as an overseas elector in the 2011 Registers of Electors. For further enquiries or clarifications, please call us at phone number: +65 6222 1808, or email us at: ELD_Feedback@eld.gov.sg.

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¹Except persons who are disqualified to be an elector under any prevailing law and non-voters who have not applied for their names to be restored to the Registers of Electors.

²A contact address is an address in Singapore which an overseas Singaporean has registered with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) under section 8(2) of the National Registration Act for voting purpose.





Am I qualified to be registered as an overseas elector?

You are qualified to be registered as an overseas elector³ if you are a Singapore Citizen currently residing outside Singapore and, **as on 1 January 2011**:

- (a) you are not less than 21 years of age;
- (b) your name is found on the current Register of Electors of any constituency^{4,5}; and
- (c) you have resided in Singapore for **a total of 30 days during the 3-year period immediately before 1 January 2011**
(i.e. between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2010)

When can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector?

You may apply for registration from 14 January 2011 onwards up to the time when the writ for an election is issued.⁶

³ Provided that you are not disqualified from being an elector under any prevailing law.

⁴ If your name was expunged from the Registers of Electors due to your failure to vote in a previous election (i.e., if you are a non-voter), you may apply to Elections Department for your name to be restored to the Registers of Electors.

⁵ For your name to be entered in the Register of Electors of a constituency, you must have a valid NRIC address or "contact address" registered with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) as on 1 January 2011.

⁶ Registration will be suspended once an election is called and will be resumed after the election.



How can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector?

You may apply by any of the following modes:

(a) Online

You may apply online via the eServices available at the Elections Department website (www.elections.gov.sg) using your NRIC number and SingPass.

You will be able to complete your application form and submit it online only if you login to the eServices using your NRIC number and SingPass. If you do not have a SingPass, you may apply for it at the SingPass website (www.singpass.gov.sg).

(b) By post

You may also login to the eServices available at the Elections Department website using your NRIC number and the "Date of Issue" of your NRIC. However, using this mode of login will not allow you to submit your application online. You will have to print out the application form after completion, sign it and mail it to the Elections Department, or to any of the overseas registration centres⁷.

(c) In person

Alternatively, you may apply in person at the Elections Department or at any of the overseas registration centres, by submitting a duly completed and signed application form which may be downloaded from the Elections Department website or obtained from the Elections Department or any of the overseas registration centres.

⁷The nine overseas registration centres are listed at the end of the booklet.

FAQs

Frequently-Asked-Questions

1

Why do I have to provide an overseas address in my application for registration as an overseas elector?

Your overseas address is required as proof that, you are truly residing abroad. It also enables the Elections Department to mail polling-related notifications and documents to you.

2

How will I know whether my application for registration as an overseas elector is successful?

Applications for registration will be processed by the Elections Department only upon receipt of the duly completed application form submitted by you either online, by post or in person.

Elections Department will notify you whether or not your application is successful after your application is processed. If your application is successful, the name of the overseas polling station allotted to you for voting will be indicated in the notification letter.



3

How long will my registration as an overseas elector remain valid?

Your registration as an overseas elector, if successful, will remain valid until such time when the Registers of Electors are next revised, or when you cancel your registration. If you wish to continue to be an overseas elector after the Registers of Electors are revised, you will have to submit a fresh application for registration.

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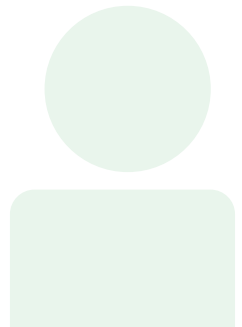
I was registered as an overseas elector just before 1 January 2011, do I have to submit a fresh application for registration now that the Registers of Electors have been revised?


Yes, you have to apply for registration again as the cut-off date that determines a person's qualification to be an overseas elector has changed.

5

Being an overseas elector, which type of election can I vote in?

Your registration as an overseas elector is valid for both Presidential Elections and Parliamentary Elections.





6 Can I change the overseas polling station that was allotted to me for voting?

You are allowed to change your allotted overseas polling station by the following ways:

- (a) Online via the Elections Department's eServices provided at its website (www.elections.gov.sg) using your NRIC number and SingPass; or
- (b) By post using the application form downloaded from the Elections Department website.

7 How can I update my overseas address / contact particulars with the Elections Department?

You may update your overseas address and contact particulars with the Elections Department by the following ways:

- (a) Online via the Elections Department's eServices provided at its website (www.elections.gov.sg) using your NRIC number and SingPass; or
- (b) By post stating your name, Singapore NRIC number and new overseas address/contact particulars.



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Can I cancel my registration as an overseas elector?

You may cancel your registration as an overseas elector via the Elections Department's eServices at www.elections.gov.sg.

Similar to the registration procedure, you may also perform an online cancellation of your registration if you login to the eServices using your NRIC number and SingPass.

9

As a registered overseas elector, how would I know when I am to cast my vote?

The date and hours of the poll for overseas voting will be published in the Singapore Government Gazette and will be announced through the Singapore mass media and the Elections Department website.

You will also receive a poll-letter which will be mailed to your overseas address registered with the Elections Department. The poll-letter will state, amongst other things, the name of your constituency, the location of your allotted overseas polling station, as well as the polling date and hours for that overseas polling station.

A poll card informing you of your allotted polling station in Singapore will also be sent to your latest NRIC address/contact address in Singapore.



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How do I know which constituency I belong to for voting purpose?

If you are a qualified elector with a valid NRIC address or local contact address registered with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority as on 1 January 2011, your name would have been entered in (or updated to, if it is affected by any subsequent electoral boundary change) the Register of Electors of the constituency where that address is located. That would be the constituency you belong to for voting purpose.

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If I happen to be back in Singapore on polling day, can I vote in Singapore?

Yes, a poll card informing you of your allotted polling station in Singapore will also be mailed to your latest NRIC address/contact address in Singapore.

As an elector, you are allowed to vote only once during an election at either the overseas polling station or the local polling station that has been allotted to you.

If you happen to be back in Singapore and go to vote at the local polling station, you will be required to take a declaration that you have not voted elsewhere for the same election before you can be issued with a ballot paper.

Q12: Information for Non-Voters

12

Can I apply to be registered as an overseas elector if I had failed to vote in a previous election?

If you had failed to vote at a contested election previously, your name would have been expunged from the relevant Register of Electors. You may apply for your name to be restored to the Register of Electors of the constituency where your current NRIC address (*or contact address in Singapore, as the case may be*) is located. You may also apply to be registered as an overseas elector of that constituency concurrently.

However, your registration as an overseas elector will be processed only if your application for restoration of your name to the Registers of Electors is successful.

If you have changed your NRIC address to a foreign address, you may report a contact address in Singapore⁸ to ICA at the same time when you apply for your name to be restored to the Register of Electors of any constituency.

In which case, your application for restoration of name to the Registers of Electors and for registration as overseas elector will be processed only after your reported contact address has been accepted by the ICA.

⁸The contact address reported by you will be forwarded to ICA for processing.

Q13 to 15: Questions related to Contact Address

13 Why must I have a valid NRIC address or contact address in Singapore as on 1 January 2011 for my name to be entered in a 2011 Register of Electors?

The 2011 Registers of Electors are compiled according to constituencies (ie. one Register for each constituency), based on the electors' NRIC addresses/contact addresses in Singapore as on 1 January 2011.

Even if a person qualifies as an elector, without a valid NRIC address/contact address in Singapore as on 1 January 2011, the Elections Department would not be able to enter his/her name in the 2011 Register of Electors of any constituency.

14 I did not have a valid NRIC address/contact address in Singapore as on 1 January 2011. If I report a contact address to the ICA now, can I be registered as an overseas elector?

If your contact address in Singapore is reported after 1 January 2011, your name will be inserted in the Register of Electors of the constituency where the contact address is located **only** at the time when the 2011 Registers of Electors are next revised. You may apply for registration as an overseas elector only thereafter.



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How can I report a contact address in Singapore to ICA?

Under section 8(2) of the National Registration Act (Cap. 201), you are allowed to report a contact address in Singapore to the Commissioner of National Registration (at ICA), which must be either the address of any residential property which you still own an estate or interest in, or the residential address of any of your family members.

"Family member", as defined in the said section of the National Registration Act, includes:

- (a) your spouse, grandparent, parent, sibling, child or grandchild;
- (b) any grandparent, parent or sibling of your spouse; or
- (c) any sibling of any of your parents or your spouse's parents or any child of any of your siblings or spouse's siblings.

You may report a contact address by one of the following ways:

(a) **Online**

You may report your contact address online via the ICA's eService provided at the Elections Department website.

However, do note that if you are reporting the residential address of a family member as your contact address, ICA will be writing to the family member concerned for confirmation of his/her relationship with you, and his/her concurrence on his/her address being used by you as your contact address. Do request the family member to reply promptly to ICA if you want to speed up the process.

(b) **By Post or Fax**

Registration may also be made by the submission of a duly completed and signed "Declaration Form A" (which may be downloaded from the Elections Department's website) to be faxed (Fax No. (65) 62936991) or sent to:

Manager (Identity Card),
Citizen Services Centre, ICA Building,
10 Kallang Road #03-00,
Singapore 208718,
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

(c) **In Person**

If you happen to be back in Singapore, you may register your contact address at any of the Neighbourhood Police Posts.



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT
(CHAPTER 218)
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
(REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS)
REGULATIONS

APPLICATION TO BE OVERSEAS ELECTOR

SAMPLE FORM

This form is to be completed by Singaporeans residing overseas who wish to apply to be registered as an overseas elector. It may take you not more than 5 minutes to complete if you have the required information ready with you, such as your corresponding particulars and the periods of your stay in Singapore within the 3 years prior to the cut-off-date for the latest registers of electors.

FORM 1

Regulations 4(1) and 8

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT
(CHAPTER 218)
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
(REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS)
REGULATIONS

APPLICATION TO BE OVERSEAS ELECTOR

To: Registration Officer
Elections Department
11 Prinsep Link
Singapore 187949
SINGAPORE
<http://www.elections.gov.sg>

From:

AMY LEONG WAI PENG

Name of Applicant

12C, Broadview Terrace

49, Cloud View Road,

North Point, Hong Kong

Overseas Address

PART I

1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS

NAME: **AMY LEONG WAI PENG**

DATE OF BIRTH

0	7	0	3	1	9	5	9
Day		Month		Year			

NRIC NO.

S	7	4	3	5	2	2	5	E
S or T								Ref

2. CORRESPONDENCE PARTICULARS

Handphone No.: **91234567**

Fax No.: **001-61-3316-9888**

Telephone No.: **001-61-6123-4567**

E-mail : **amyleong@yahoo.com**

PART II

3. APPLICATION TO BE AN OVERSEAS ELECTOR

I wish to apply to be registered as an overseas elector. I am currently not residing in Singapore but have resided in Singapore for an aggregate of 30 days during the period of 3 years immediately preceding **1 January 2011** viz. the prescribed date referred to in section 5 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218). The periods I resided in Singapore are –

from **12-01-2008** to **10-03-2008**

from **18-12-2009** to **09-01-2010**

from **01-10-2010** to **15-11-2010**

from _____ to _____

from _____ to _____

from _____ to _____

(if space is insufficient, complete by attaching additional paper)

PART III

4. OVERSEAS POLLING STATION

If my application is approved, I wish to vote at

Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore in the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong SAR)

(Select from the list of overseas polling stations which is available on request)



SAMPLE FORM

PART IV

5. NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM REGISTRATION

I confirmed that –

(a) I have not done any of the following:

- (i) acquired or applied to acquire by registration, naturalisation or other voluntary and formal act (other than marriage) the citizenship of any country outside Singapore;
 - (ii) voluntarily claimed and exercised any rights available to me under the law of any country outside Singapore being rights accorded exclusively to the citizens or nationals of that country, such as voting at any national, state or provincial election, or at any election for the local government of any metropolitan or urban area, of a foreign State or territory;
 - (iii) taken any oath or made any declaration or acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience or adherence to any foreign power or State; or
 - (iv) applied to the authorities of a place outside Singapore for the issue or renewal of a passport or used a passport issued by such authorities as a travel document;
- (b) I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) imposed by any court in or outside Singapore for an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months, or under sentence of death imposed by any such court or serving a sentence of imprisonment awarded in lieu of execution of any such sentence;
- (c) I have not been found or declared to be of unsound mind under any written law;
- (d) I am not incapable of being registered by reason of a conviction of a corrupt or illegal practice under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) or the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) or by reason of the report of an Election Judge in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Acts or by reason of a conviction under section 55 of the Parliamentary Elections Act or section 37 of the Presidential Elections Act;
- (e) I am not a serving member on full pay of any naval, military or air force not maintained out of moneys provided by Parliament of Singapore unless I possess a domicile in Singapore;
- (f) My name has not been expunged from the register of electors under sections 13 (3) and 43 (5) of the Parliamentary Elections Act or under section 26(5) of the Presidential Elections Act. If my name has been expunged from the register, I have applied to restore my name to the register under section 43(8) or 8(A) of the Parliamentary Elections Act or section 26(8) of the Presidential Elections Act;
- (g) I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) in any prison, jail or other place of detention outside Singapore;
- (h) I am not accused of an offence against any written law of Singapore punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months and there is no warrant of arrest by a court in Singapore authorizing my apprehension in relation to that offence in force; and
- (i) I have not been convicted by any court in Singapore of any offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months and there is no warrant of arrest by a court in Singapore authorising my apprehension in relation to that offence in force.

PART V

6. DECLARATION

I, AMY LEONG WAI PENG, NRIC No. S7435225E hereby declare that –

- (a) I am the applicant for registration as an overseas elector;
- (b) I am a citizen of Singapore and not less than 21 years of age; and
- (c) the particulars set out in Parts I, II and IV of this application are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

28 January 2011

Date

AmyLeong

Signature

**List of Singapore Missions designated as
Overseas Registration Centres
and Overseas Polling Stations:**

**Embassy,
Washington D.C**

3501 International Place, NW
Washington DC 20008
Tel: 1-(202) 537-3100

**Consulate General,
San Francisco**

595 Market Street, Suite 2450
San Francisco, CA 94105
United States of America
Tel: (415) 543-4775

**High Commission,
Canberra**

17 Forster Crescent
Yarralumla
ACT 2600
Australia
Tel: (+61) 2-6271-2000

**Embassy,
Beijing**

No. 1 Xiu Shui Bei Jie
Jian Guo Men Wai,
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100600
People's Republic of China
Tel: 86 (10)-6532-1115

**Consulate-General,
Hong Kong SAR**

Unit 901, 9th floor,
Admiralty Centre Tower I
18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2527-2212

**Consulate,
New York**

231 East 51st Street
(Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
New York NY 10022
United States of America
Tel: 1-(212) 223-3331

**High Commission,
London**

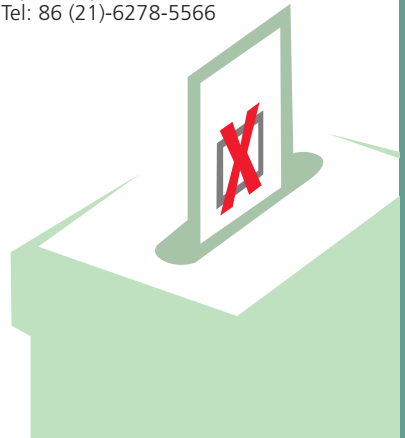
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