

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RESTORATION OF NON-VOTERS' NAMES TO REGISTERS OF ELECTORS**

#### *Non-voters at Hougang by-election*

In accordance with Section 43 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the names of those eligible voters who failed to cast their votes (i.e. non-voters) at the Hougang by-election have been expunged from the Register of Electors of Hougang Constituency. Non-voters will lose their eligibility to vote or stand as a candidate at future elections if their names are not restored to the Registers of Electors.

Checking of non-voter names that have been expunged from the Register of Electors of Hougang Constituency can be done from 1 June 2012 onwards via the eServices at [www.eld.gov.sg](http://www.eld.gov.sg), or at Hougang Community Club and Elections Department (original NRIC or passport should be produced for identification purposes).

#### *Restoration of non-voter names*

The restoration of non-voter names to the Register of Electors of a constituency will close once the Writ of Election for an election at that constituency is issued. Non-voters who failed to vote at the Hougang by-election or any previous parliamentary or presidential election, are encouraged to apply to have their names restored to the Registers of Electors now.

Non-voters may apply to have their names restored to the Registers of Electors using one of the following methods:-

- a) Online application at Elections Department website (<http://www.eld.gov.sg>).
- b) Submission of hard copy application form. The hardcopy form can be obtained from the Elections Department or any community centre/club during normal business hours, or downloaded from the Elections Department website (<http://www.eld.gov.sg>). The duly completed forms should be submitted (by post, fax, hand or email) to the Registration Officer, Elections Department at 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949, fax number 63362006 and email [contact@eld.gov.sg](mailto:contact@eld.gov.sg).

When making the application, non-voters are to state their reasons for failing to cast their votes. Valid reasons for not voting are:-

- a) Working overseas (including being on a business trip) at the time of the poll;
- b) Studying overseas at the time of the poll;

- c) Living with your spouse who is working or studying overseas;
- d) Overseas vacation which was planned before the poll; and
- e) Illness or delivering a baby.

Applicants whose names have been successfully restored to the Registers will receive notification from Elections Department within a month. Applicants who do not receive any notification within a month are advised to check their application status via the Elections Department's eServices or contact the Elections Department [email [contact@eld.gov.sg](mailto:contact@eld.gov.sg) or telephone 1800-CALL-ELD (1800-225-5353)].

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