

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

#### *Non-voters at Punggol East 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 Punggol East by-election have been expunged from the register of electors of Punggol East 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 Punggol East constituency can be done from 5 February 2013 onwards via the eServices at Elections Department website (<http://www.eld.gov.sg>). Checking may also be done at Rivervale Community Centre (Blk 193 Rivervale Drive #01-787 Singapore 540193) and Elections Department, upon production of original NRIC or passport for identification purposes.

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

The restoration of non-voter names to the register of electors of a constituency is closed between the period when the Writ of Election for an election at that constituency is issued and Nomination Day or, if a poll is to be taken, Polling Day for that election.

Non-voters who failed to vote at the Punggol East 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 any community centre/club or Elections Department, 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 Elections Department at 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949, fax number 6336-2006 and email [contact@eld.gov.sg](mailto:contact@eld.gov.sg).

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

- a) Working overseas (including being on a business trip);
- b) Studying overseas;
- c) Living with spouse who is working or studying overseas;
- d) Overseas vacation; 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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