



What happens when the boundaries of your voting district change?



Sometimes it is necessary to re-draw the boundaries of a voting district.

Why would the boundaries of a voting district change?

This might happen so that:

- Voters can get to their voting station more easily.
- The Electoral Commission can set up more voting stations in areas where voters might otherwise have to stand in long queues to vote.
- The voting district is inside the municipal ward boundary in cases where the boundaries of the local municipality have been adjusted.

The Electoral Commission uses the voting districts to plan for elections:

- Voters are registered on the national voters' roll against a voting district.
- Knowing which voters are in which voting district improves planning. For example, it helps to plan for the number of ballot papers that each voting station needs.
- Knowing which voter is in which voting district helps to make sure that all voting is legal.

You are not allowed to register in a voting district in which you are not ordinarily resident.

What do affected voters need to do?

- You need to be aware that staff of the Electoral Commission in your area may have to visit your home.
- They will identify themselves as the staff of the Electoral Commission.
- You must complete a form. If you give false address information, it is a crime. You could go to jail for up to 10 years.
- The IEC official will scan your ID or smartcard ID. The official will give you a new voting station address.
- You can also re-register at your local IEC office or at your voting station during the general registration weekend ahead of the 2014 elections.



For more information contact the IEC

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