



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE OVERSEAS REGISTRATION PROCESS



## 1. What is voter registration?

Registration refers to the act of accomplishing and filing of a sworn application by a qualified voter before the Overseas Voting Officer of the Embassy or Consulate General, where the applicant resides. It is the manner by which an Overseas Filipino can qualify to vote abroad in a national election and plebiscite in his/her place of residence.

## 2. Why should I register myself as a voter?

If a person is not a registered voter, he cannot vote in an election. This means that you cannot participate in choosing who your next public officials will be.

## 3. What are the requirements for registration?

The basic requirements for any Filipino citizen to register as a voter are simple: he must be at least 18 years old, and a resident of the Post which has jurisdiction over his/her residence wherein he/she intends to vote for the upcoming overseas voters.

## 4. Where and when should I go to register?

The filing of applications for registration shall be conducted at the Philippine Embassy, Phnom Penh, 15z Rue 422, Sangkat Tonle Bassac Chamkarmon, Kingdom of Cambodia, from **Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm** (Open for lunch from 12:00nn-1:00pm) , and other mobile registration sites to be announced by the Philippine Embassy.

## 5. When is the registration?

For the May 2016 Elections, overseas voters registration is from **06 May 2014 to 31 October 2015**.

## 6. How often do I need to register?

Under the present system of continuing registration, a qualified person needs to register only once. This registration is permanent, unless declared otherwise by law. Registering more than once constitutes an election offense.

However, in cases when a voter transfers residence, he needs to apply for the transfer of his registration record.

There are also instances when a registration record may become deactivated due to some reasons stated by law, the most common of which is the failure to vote in two successive regular elections. When this happens, the concerned voter needs to apply for the reactivation of his registration record.

## 7. I am already a registered voter. I voted in the last 2013 Elections. Do I need to register again in order to vote in the 2016 Elections?

No. As stated, registration needs to be done only once. Your registration is good for further elections as long as you keep it active by participating in the elections by voting.

## 8. How can I change my civil status in my registration record?

Voters who have gotten married after registering as a single person, or married voters whose marriage has been annulled or declared a nullity by a competent court, including those married voters whose spouses have died, may apply for a correction of entry in their registration voters. Concerned female voters whose family name may have been affected by such events may also file for a change of their name in their registration record.

**9. My registration record/voter ID has typographical or clerical errors. How do I go about having the incorrect information corrected?**

A registered voter whose registration record contains incorrect entries, including wrong or misspelled name, birth date, birth place or typographical errors, may request for its correction during the registration period at our Overseas Voters Desk at the Embassy.

**10. I have already moved residence from another country and intend to vote in Phnom Penh or vice versa?**

During the scheduled registration period, an application for the transfer of the concerned registration record may be filed with the Philippine Embassy in Phnom Penh or the nearest Embassy/Consulate in your new place of residence.

**11. If my record was deactivated, how can a voter have it reactivated again?**

During the registration period, a voter with a deactivated registration record may file for the reactivation of his (or her) registration record with the Philippine Embassy in Phnom Penh.