

GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

EXTENSION OF CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has extended the ongoing Claims and Objections Exercise regarding entries on the Preliminary List, to produce an Official List of Electors (OLE). In this regard, relevant extracts from the Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) have been posted at prominent locations in all of the Registration Divisions/Sub-Divisions and at all of the GECOM permanent and temporary Registration Offices across Guyana.

Criteria FOR Inclusion in the OLE

Anyone who will be 18 years old or over by October 31, 2022, and is a Guyanese citizen by birth, descent, or naturalization or is a citizen from a Commonwealth country living in Guyana for one year or more is eligible for inclusion in the OLE.

Making Claims

Any person who would be eligible for inclusion in the OLE is required to check the relevant Divisional/Sub-Divisional List and: -

- **Make a claim to entry on the Official List of Electors (OLE), if his/her name is not on the list, by applying for registration.**
- **apply for a transfer if he/she is listed at an address where he/she no longer lives.**
- **apply for a change of name if he/she has changed his/her name since he/she was registered.**
- **apply for corrections if there is incorrect information in the PLE.**

Source Documents:

Eligible persons must be in possession of the following source documents, as may be applicable, to conduct any of the above transactions: -

1. **Original Birth Certificate** or a valid **Guyana Passport for persons applying for registration.**
2. **Original Marriage Certificate** and original **Birth Certificate** – in the case of a name change by marriage. A married woman in possession of valid Guyana Passports with her husband's surname do not need to provide her Marriage Certificate.
3. **Original Deed Poll and original Birth Certificate** – in the case of a name change by Deed Poll.
4. **Original Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Registration** issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and **original Birth Certificate/valid Passport** – in the case of persons seeking to become registered by virtue of having acquired Guyanese citizenship via naturalization/registration.
5. **Original Birth Certificate/Valid Passport and the Birth Certificate of one Parent for Citizens by Descent.**
6. **Original Birth Certificate/valid Passport/Marriage Certificate/Deed Poll/Naturalization Certificate/Certificate of Registration** to substantiate claims for corrections.

Baptismal Certificates, expired passports, photocopies of relevant documents or letters from Priests, Elders, Head Masters, Village Captains/Toshao and Justices of the Peace and old ID Cards WILL NOT be accepted as source documents for registration.

- If you have changed your address since you were registered, you are required to visit the Registration Office responsible for your new area of residence to apply for transfer i.e. to get your address changed in the List.
- Your failure to apply for transfers will result in you having to go back to the area where you previously lived to vote at any future election.
- Avoid any such inconvenience by applying for a transfer.

The **CLAIMS** aspect of the **Claims and Objections** exercise regarding entries on the PLE for the Elections **WILL END ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.**

MAKING OBJECTIONS

Persons who do not meet the above listed criteria are not eligible for inclusion in the OLE and therefore could be objected to if they are listed in the PLE.

Objections to the inclusion of the name of anyone who is suspected not to have met the eligibility requirements for inclusion on the OLE could be made only by (i) accredited Scrutineers of Political Parties, providing they have monitoring responsibilities for the Division/Sub- Division in which the person being objected to is listed, and (ii) an elector who is listed on the same Division/Sub- Division list on which the person being objected to is listed.

The **OBJECTIONS** aspect of the **Claims and Objections** exercise regarding entries on the PLE **WILL END ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022.**

Persons who are desirous of making Claims and/or Objections are required to visit the GECOM Registration Office or Sub-Office responsible for their respective areas of residence to so do.

OFFICIAL OPENING HOURS

All Registration Offices will be open: -

Mondays to Fridays from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours.

Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 hours to 14:00 hours.

For further information, contact GECOM on the following numbers

225-0277-9, 226-6557/8/9, 223-9650

or visit the GECOM Website at www.gecom.org.gy