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ELECTORAL OFFICE ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION OF VOTER REGISTRATION, EFFECTIVE MARCH 9, 2026

The Electoral Office is pleased to inform the general public that effective March 9, 2026, the registration of voters will resume in accordance with the provisions of the Registration of Electors Act, 2025.

The temporary pause in voter registration followed the enactment of the Registration of Electors Act, 2025, which made necessary the implementation of a new computerized voter registration system, as well as revised requirements for electors. The Act further mandates that all existing voters confirm their registration and required the Electoral Commission to publicly announce the voter confirmation period within one month of the approval of the legislation.

As a result, Voter Confirmation and voter registration had to be developed and implemented as two independent programmes. In order to comply with the legal timeline, the Electoral Office prioritized the confirmation of voters, which was launched in October 2025; this marked the first phase in the implementation of the new law.

It is important to note that during this period, the Electoral Office could not lawfully process voter registrations using the old forms or the previous registration system. Additionally, the new system to generate voter identification numbers in accordance with the new legislation had to be developed. Under the Registration of Electors Act, 2025, the confirmation of voters and the registration of voters had to be developed and implemented as two independent programmes.

In order to comply with the legal timeline, the Electoral Office prioritized the confirmation of voters, which was launched in October 2025 as the first phase in the implementation of the new law.

The general public is informed that the Electoral Office is now fully able to begin the second phase, which is the Registration of Voters under this modernized system in compliance with the Registration of Electors Act, 2025. This modernized system includes software development, a highly technological registration system and specialized training for a cadre of skilled and computer-savvy personnel registering officers and assistant registering officers. Registering officers will now conduct registration using computerized devices capable of entering data, scanning required documents, and capturing photographs of applicants.

Between March 2026 and the end of the confirmation period, voter registration will be conducted at the Confirmation Centers throughout the State.

The following Requirements are mandated for Voter Registration

(1) Dominican Citizens must present:

- (i) A valid passport; or
- (ii) A valid Social Security card and a birth certificate; or
- (iii) A valid driver's licence and a birth certificate; and
- (iv) A witness from the same polling district

(2) Commonwealth Citizens must present:

- (i) A valid passport from their country of origin and a birth certificate; or
- (ii) A government-issued identification and a birth certificate from their country of origin; and
- (iii) A sworn affidavit of identity .

Qualifications for Registration

A person qualified to be registered as an elector must be either :

- (i) A Dominican citizen, eighteen (18) years or older, who has resided in the polling district for a continuous period of at least three (3) months immediately preceding the qualifying date; or
- (ii) A Commonwealth citizen who has resided in Dominica for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding the qualifying date.

Persons interested in applying for registration are encouraged to ensure that all required documents are in place in preparation for March 1, 2026 commencement of the Voter Registration process.

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